

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 9th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor, Bill Fluty.

Bill Fluty: Welcome to the County Council 2008 meeting. Madam Secretary, may I have a roll call?

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Abell	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	

Bill Fluty: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>ELECTION OF PRESIDENT</b>
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Bill Fluty: The chair would now entertain a motion for President.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Marsha Abell to be president for 2008.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

Bill Fluty: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

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

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Marsha, I'll turn it over to you. Congratulations.

<b>ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT</b>
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President Abell: Thank you and welcome, everyone, to the January 9th, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We need to have the appointment of our County Attorney – I'm sorry, we have to have the nomination for Vice President.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I'm going to move that we select Lloyd Winnecke as Vice President.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes, and congratulations.

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

**COUNTY ATTORNEY, PERSONNEL CHAIRMAN AND  
FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENTS**

President Abell: Now we'll have the appointment of the County Attorney. Mr. Ahlers has agreed to serve another year for us. Mr. Ahlers is with the firm Kahn, Dees, Donovan and Kahn, one of the large law firms here in Evansville, and we're pleased to have him, and we look forward to another year with you, Mr. Ahlers. The appointment of the Personnel Chairman, Mr. Shetler, I understand that you've agreed to chair the Personnel Committee for next year.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm not sure that was the word that I'd use.

Councilmember Sutton: Your arm will be okay, or wrist, whatever it was, sooner or later.

President Abell: Well, we appreciate you're chairing that for us. And Mr. Raben, I understand that you have agreed to be our Finance Chairman for next year. For those of you that don't know the joke, that's probably one of the hardest jobs on Council and I think Mr. Raben is getting a little worn out with it, but we appreciate you doing it. Mr. Raben, you do a fine job. He is good at it. He's very good at it.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2007**

President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5th meeting.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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President Abell: And now for the appropriation ordinance. I will turn the meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

**SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. Thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda under Sheriff, 1050-1130-0199, the request was for 12,162. Is there any questions of the Sheriff on this one? Okay. I'm going to move that this be set in at \$7,690, that's at a rate of \$10.50 per hour.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1050-1130-0199	Part-time Clerk	12,162.00	7,690.00
Total		12,162.00	7,690.00

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

**PROSECUTOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Prosecutor, in the amount of 5,314, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

<b>PROSECUTOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1080-1380-1080	Deputy	4,624.00	4,624.00
1080-1900	FICA	354.00	354.00
1080-1910	PERF	336.00	336.00
Total		5,314.00	5,314.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)**

**PROSECUTOR IV-D**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Prosecutor IV-D, this is the child support division. If everyone remembers, we discussed this quite a bit back in August during budget session. The request is for 33,709 for an Enforcement Officer. This position is reimbursed two-thirds, so with that being said, I'll move approval in the amount of \$33,709.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

<b>PROSECUTOR IV-D</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1081-1300-1081	Enforcement Officer	29,337.00	29,337.00
1081-1900	FICA	2,245.00	2,245.00
1081-1910	PERF	2,127.00	2,127.00
Total		33,709.00	33,709.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)**

**CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Center Township Assessor, in the amount of 6,123, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

<b>CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1110-1160-1110	Deputy Assessor	2,604.00	2,604.00
1110-1190-1110	Asst. Real Estate Deputy	2,724.00	2,724.00
1110-1900	FICA	408.00	408.00
1110-1910	PERF	387.00	387.00
Total		6,123.00	6,123.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)**

### **GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: German Township Assessor in the amount of \$1,150, this is for the Level II Certification for the Township Assessor. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1120-1972	Level II Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00
1120-1900	FICA	77.00	77.00
1120-1910	PERF	73.00	73.00
Total		1,150.00	1,150.00

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

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Councilmember Raben: Area Plan Commission, Executive Director in the amount of \$874. This was just the three percent salary increase left out of the budget, so I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?



Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>AREA PLAN COMMISSION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1240-1110-1240	Executive Director	759.00	759.00
1240-1900	FICA	59.00	59.00
1240-1910	PERF	56.00	56.00
Total		874.00	874.00

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

### **SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court in the amount of 6,491, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1370-1370-1370	Bailiff	5,648.00	5,648.00
1370-1900	FICA	433.00	433.00
1370-1910	PERF	410.00	410.00
Total		6,491.00	6,491.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, folks, that completes the General Fund and now we'll move into Reassessment. Under Knight Township Assessor, the request for an Office Coordinator in the amount of 31,205. I move this be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	22,288.00	0.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	1,706.00	0.00
2490-1130-1910	PERF	1,616.00	0.00
2490-1130-1920	Insurance	5,595.00	0.00
Total		31,205.00	0.00

**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Shetler & Winnecke opposed)**

**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Under Pigeon Township Assessor, Maintenance Contract in the amount of 4,398, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, you said 4,398 on that total?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, the correct amount is 4,398, excuse me.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-3540	Maintenance Contract	5,170.00	4,398.00
Total		5,170.00	4,398.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
RECORDER (LATE)  
COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)  
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last under transfers, I'm going to move that we approve Pigeon as requested, Tourism Capital Improvement Fund as requested, we have late transfers for the Recorder, and Convention & Visitors Bureau, I need to set in some new figures for you, on the first one 3570-1200-3570, the correct amount is \$8,882, just below that, 3570-1130-3570, the correct amount is 4,903. Next on 3570-1160-3570, the correct amount is 3,979. And then we also have a late transfer under County Council and I will move approval, Madam President.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1150-1120-1150	Chief Deputy	3,300.00	3,300.00
To: 1150-1190-1150	Real Estate Deputy	3,300.00	3,300.00

**TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 3600-4073	Sports Complex	575,000.00	575,000.00
To: 3600-4074	Mesker Park Zoo	575,000.00	575,000.00

**LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS**

**RECORDER** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1040-1910	PERF	10,765.00	10,765.00
To: 1040-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
1040-1900	FICA	765.00	765.00

**COUNTY COUNCIL** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1480-1920	Insurance	1,104.00	1,104.00
To: 1480-1971	Accrued Payments	960.00	960.00
1480-1900	FICA	74.00	74.00
1480-1910	PERF	70.00	70.00

**CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 3570-1200-3570	Sales Executive III	8,882.00	8,882.00
To: 3570-1130-3570	Serv/Leisure Sales Mgr.	4,903.00	4,903.00
3570-1160-3570	Office Assistant	3,979.00	3,979.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to move into the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Before I begin that, everyone should have a copy from the Vanderburgh County Day Reporting Drug Enforcement division. And it's a request from Judge Trockman for two employees that have been in the program for three years that were at the, what I guess is the initiation part-time pay at \$8.00 per hour. His request is to move these two people after three years to 9.50 per hour and he does have the

funds in his budget. So those adjustments will be made in the amendments. So I will move to the Salary Ordinance amendments first under Sheriff, amend salary line 1050-0199 Part-Time Clerk as previously approved. The Part-Time Clerk to be paid at the rate of 10.50 per hour, effective pay will begin on January the 14th. Prosecutor, amend salary line 1080-1380 Deputy as previously approved. The current employee's salary would be at 60,851 as recommended by the Job Study committee. The salary in the amount of 60,851 is an Executive II, Step 3. The effective pay period on that will also be January 14th. Prosecutor IV-D, amend salary line 1081-1300 Enforcement Officer. This Officer is a COMOT V with an initiation salary of 28,003. Step 1 after six months would be \$29,337. Center Township, amend salary line 1110-1160 Deputy Assessor as previously approved. The classification and salary for the current employee is a COMOT V, Step 3 with an annual salary of 32,202. This upgrade was also recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee. Again, the effective pay period or pay rate will be January 14th. Amend salary line 1110-1190 Deputy Assessor/Deeds & Real Estate Transfer as previously approved. This classification and salary for the current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 4 with an annual salary of \$31,011. Again, this upgrade was approved by the Job Study and the effective pay will begin January 14th. German Township, amend salary line 1120-1972 Level II Certification as previously approved. The Level II is in the amount of \$1,000. This is for Tim Schaefer, the German Township Assessor. The total amount of line 1120-1972 for 2008 will be \$1,500. Under Area Plan, move that we amend salary line 1240-1110 Executive Director as previously approved with setting the annual salary in at 13,208. Superior Court, amend salary line 1370-1370 Bailiff as previously approved. The current employee is a COMOT V, Step 6 with an annual salary of \$36,382. This employee was transferred into this position. Pigeon Township Assessor, amend salary line 1150-1190 Real Estate Deputy, setting the 2008 annual salary in at \$35,366. This employee is a COMOT V, Step 5. Again, this employee was transferred into another position within this office. Recorder, amend salary line 1040-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Everyone recalls these funds are reimbursed by the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. County Council, amend salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. These funds are to buy out a former Voter Registration employee that had two weeks vacation coming. Health Department, amend salary lines 213.4 WIC Public Health Nurse at the rate of \$18.29 per hour. This is an existing employee. In fact, this person has a work contract; the amount was just set in wrong at our budget. 213.4 WIC Clerk at \$12.9759 per hour. Again, this employee is a 25 year employee, but same situation, the incorrect figure was set in at budget time. And Day Reporting, amend salary ordinance line, day reporting employees to be paid at the rate of 9.50 per hour. These wages are paid out of the 136Y grant. That concludes the amendments and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Is that all you have, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHERIFF ERIC WILLIAMS</b> <b>SEX &amp; VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRY/NEW WEAPONS DELIVERED</b></p>
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President Abell: Is there any old business to come before the Council? The Sheriff would like to approach us. Mr. Williams?

Eric Williams: As I promised with the passage of the ordinance for the sex offender registry, I just wanted to give you a real brief update. On the average, we're running about 400 average on our registry. We're having about 250 changes of addresses to give you some idea of the volume. Since 2003, we've had just over 700 registered. But in the first eight days of the year, we've registered 80 and we've taken in almost \$4,000 now from the registry. We're getting very little resistance, so it seems to be going very well, so I appreciate that. That should help fund the appropriation you made earlier today. I appreciate that. The other thing that I wanted to mention is that I brought up with me, I didn't want to leave it in my seat, we took delivery of the new weapons that you purchased. So I won't pass it around in here, but if anybody wants to see it, I'll stick around so you can see what you bought for the Sheriff's deputies and we're very appreciative. And we hope to have those in service by March 1st. So, thank you.

President Abell: And is the offer still open for all of us to come out and shoot one?

Eric Williams: Yes, once we – absolutely. Once we get the training dates set, I will let you know and we'd love for you to come out and at least sit through one of the classes or participate on the firing line once just to get an idea of what it's like.

President Abell: Thank you. I hope they're as nice as your officers seem to think they are. They sent us a nice thank you note for that. Thank you, Sheriff.

Eric Williams: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MESKER PARK ZOO &amp; BOTANIC GARDENS</b> <b>TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND \$575,000</b></p>
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President Abell: Mr. Winnecke does not want me to learn to shoot a gun. He's having a strong objection over here. Is there any other old business? Well, I think under new business, I think maybe Mr. Vezzoso and Mr. McGinn would like to give us a presentation regarding the Mesker Park Zoo.

Joe Vezzoso: Joe Vezzoso with the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. Happy New Year to all of you and it's a pleasure to be here. Madam President, congratulations to you on your re-election. It's always fun to come before you as part of the Evansville Convention Bureau because all the things that we do and request from you are for the benefit of our community. And today it's our pleasure to be here with Dan from Mesker Park Zoo. I hope all of you have had an opportunity to go out and see the new Amazonia complex out there. Unfortunately, when he opened bids for the final phase of that, which was a welcome center, they were a little under budget and instead of down-sizing the project, we requested that Dan come before the Convention Bureau and request some assistance through the Tourism Capital Development Fund. Earlier today you have already approved the transfer of some funds that we had allocated in the 2008 budget for our sports complex, so that we can assist him. So at this time, I'd like for Dan to make a presentation on his request and then we'd seek your approval for the continuation of that project. Dan?

Dan McGinn: Thank you, Joe. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be here. I know I spoke a couple of weeks ago so I'll try not to repeat some of the things that I did, though it's difficult not to repeat myself because some of the numbers are so impressive and the project is so exciting that I can hardly contain myself when I talk about it. But kind of a brief summary, we're building the coolest thing that's ever happened in this county, in my opinion. I want you to see it, then when it's opened you will agree with me. But it's 19,500 square feet of exhibit space and holding space and it's called Amazonia. It's a section of the South American rainforest located in Vanderburgh County. It contains a 16 foot waterfall, 70 feet of river, it's going to have 55 species of animals from tiny frogs to jaguar. It is – I decided which word to use to keep it simple – it's magnificent. That says it all. The zoos in North America, AZA accredited zoos, accounted for 144,000,000 visitors in 2006. I'm sure that 2007 was better. That's 213 facilities. One hundred and forty-four million people is more than the combined totals of all major league sports including hockey, basketball, baseball and football. So that will give you an idea of the amount of money, the amount of interest and the amount of tourists that visited AZA zoos and aquariums just in one year alone. We are fortunate enough to maintain the high standard to be an AZA accredited zoo. We were accredited for a five year in March of last year at the Denver Regional, the AZA. We have the exhibit, we can afford the exhibit, but we do not have, without the help from this body and the Evansville Visitors and Convention Bureau, is a way for people to spend their tourism dollars to increase their visitor's experience and to be happy and pleased and have reasons to tell their friends, relatives and neighbors, in I hope a three to a five state area, about Mesker Park Zoo and some of the great things that are in Vanderburgh County. The plans and the construction is underway for our entry complex. It is a beautiful, beautiful facility. There is capabilities for catering, which gives this county something that is unique in North America. We now have the opportunity to host parties, weddings, after hours events where people can stroll through the South American rainforest, dine in front of a jaguar, dine in front of a 16 foot waterfall, watch a tapir dive into a river, while our concessionaire is collecting funds. We also have a gift shop, it's about 1,100 square feet of gift shop space, the city of Evansville



and zoo employees will be running that. It's the first time we've done that, its not been contracted out, so that's going to be very interesting, but we're dedicated and we're determined to make it a success. This also will allow us to present and prepare a beautiful entry plaza, the orientation plaza. So, you know, I've always believed from day one that the entry plaza and the entry complex should be as magnificent as the exhibit itself. And so this will enable us to do that. Also, one thing that I hope is not overlooked, Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Gardens is supported by tax dollars that are hard earned by all of us. Every dollar that is made through the gate, every dollar that is profited in the gift shop, every dollar that is made from a concession sale, every dollar that is made from a catered event, is one less tax dollar that is needed to maintain this magnificent facility. I believe in the potential that we've been talking about for this zoo for the last 20 or 30 years, we've made the first major step toward realizing that goal, which is a regional tourist attraction for this facility to regain the prominence that it had in the 50's when Mesker Park Zoo and Vanderburgh County were the envy of the zoo world in the entire country. We are on our way there again with Amazonia. Again, I hope this is the first major step. I hope that the public and political bodies such as this, the Evansville Visitors Convention Bureau, all of our customers continue to support the zoo. Becky Kasha, the president of the support group, Friends of Mesker Park Zoo, she and her group are on the cusp, I love cusp, of a long-term fund raising campaign to raise enough money so we can do lions in the African area as magnificently as we can Amazonia. So the potential is there. We need your help to realize it, we need your help to realize the economic possibilities, the tourism possibilities, and again, to help this county and this facility regain its prominence. We have taken a major leap forward and we want to allow our customers to have the opportunity to rent the facility, to use the restrooms inside the building, to be able to have a snack, to be able to drop some money in the gift shop, be able to relax at a beautiful fountain in the plaza, and I'm asking for your help so that this can be achieved, it can be realized.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions or comments for Mr. McGinn? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Dan, I have one quick question. How large a group will the new facility be able to host for special events?

Dan McGinn: Well, we have tried to lay – there's not a big, huge area where you can have five or six hundred people sit down. But with the decks and with the plaza, we're estimating that up to 1,500 people can mingle and have standup cocktails if you use the outside areas. Everything in this is designed to handle evening events. There are flat areas on our winding pathways. We have water and electric hooked up everywhere, tables can be set up from the entry plaza all the way to the exit of Amazonia, which is about 1,500 square feet. There are about 45 niches inside the building where the standup hors d'oeuvre tables, cocktail tables have been set there. What we have done, we have estimated on the rental groups that we put together, that inside the building alone 500, and another 1,200 on the plaza and on the other area for the standup events. There's also the potential, and there are little areas in this place where I know an anniversary party for X amount of dollars, with just a couple or four people, to sit there and have a catered dinner with the waterfall in the background. That potential is there. We haven't even thought about that yet. I didn't even think about it until I saw the waterfall turned on. And then the same with the jaguar exhibit, there's a place to put about ten or eight tables, just right in front of the jaguar and the flooded forest. So the potential is there. I think we can do 1,700 inside and outside, at a mingling, walk around, evening event, the first of which will probably be a fund raiser for Mesker Park Zoo & Friends. But we'll see.

Councilmember Winnecke: And remind us when you hope to be opened.

Dan McGinn: We hope to be opened June 8 and the last time I mentioned June 8 it hadn't rained for ten days in a row, but we'll see. We believe we're still there. There's a lot to do, stocking the gift shop, getting the animals in, we still have about 2,500 plants to go inside alone, but that's progressing nicely. Yeah, it's really coming together, really coming together.

President Abell: Anyone else? Well, I think it's real exciting and we're happy to be a part of it. Thank you.

Dan McGinn: I appreciate that.

Joe Vezzoso: Madam President and Councilmembers, I would tell you that when Dan and his group came before our Commission, he brought the Friends of Mesker with him, which were the animals, and so we had animals crawling all over our tables at our meeting and, as you can tell, he is very excited and our board of commissioners, who you appoint two of, voted unanimously in support of this project and we request that you look favorably upon this request. Thank you.

#### **PROPOSED SPORTS COMPLEX AT WESSELMAN PARK**

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Vezzoso. I think we have another presentation. Mr. Dunn?

Joe Vezzoso: Unfortunately, my partner is in the same situation as the President of the Council. And hopefully he can stand during this presentation and get through it. I will tell you just briefly, to start with, we came before you folks about 14 months ago and requested support of increasing the Innkeeper's tax by two percent to support a project that we feel is going to be extremely beneficial to the community from a tourism standpoint and also from a quality of life standpoint for our local residents. We're to the point now that one of the taxes passed at the state level and then through the County Council, and we began collecting those funds in September of this year, I believe. We have now, David and his committee who have spent untold hours researching the needed information to bring before you what we feel is a very exciting project for Vanderburgh County, the city of Evansville and tourism in our area. We feel that we have seen a decline in tourism in the convention business for various reasons. One of the reasons, of course, is our new friends up at Orange County who have an extremely nice facility that is attracting state-wide conventions and pulling some of those away from us. So we feel that by bringing this project on board, we're going to see a regain of that lost business plus additional business. So at this time, I'd like to turn it over to the treasurer of the Convention Bureau, David Dunn, who is the chairman of our Destination committee, for his presentation.

David Dunn: Madam President and members of the Council, I want to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make this presentation this morning. I'll begin by saying that we're certainly very fortunate to have someone like Dan McGinn in our community. If every CEO and every leader of a business could operate with the same level of passion that Dan does, our community would certainly be in a much better position than it is. The Destination Evansville committee has been together now for over four years, so I share that with you just to mention the amount of time that we've been conducting our due diligence on a variety of projects to look at for Vanderburgh County. We spent a tremendous amount of time, as Joe had indicated, doing research based on recommendations from a consultant that we had hired to look at Vanderburgh County and make recommendations on attractions that

we could develop. Ultimately, after a number of public hearings and receiving hundreds of recommendations from the public, our committee, Destination Evansville, began to zero in on sports relations facilities. We felt that after our initial research that there would be a high return on investment if we could invest in developing sports related facilities. Upon further look, we decided that the highest rate of return would be within the youth division of sports. We had a consultant that came in and studied all of the sports facilities in southwest Indiana: Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick, and ultimately came up with four recommendations for Vanderburgh County. Not necessarily in the order of importance, but the four major recommendations that Don Schumacher gave to us was, he was very complimentary of the Goebel Soccer Complex. He said it's one of the nicest ten-field complexes in the entire Midwest. His recommendation to us is to double the capacity of Goebel or double the capacity of soccer, I should say, not necessarily at Goebel. If we can grow our infrastructure to 20 quality fields, it will elevate Vanderburgh County to a level that allows us to host larger regional and large national soccer tournaments. We've looked at a variety of sites and at some point we hope to pursue the expansion of soccer. The other recommendation that Don gave us was the BMX track at Burdette. In his estimation, it's a world-class facility. Within his travels around the country, he said that there are very few tracks of that type that can rival with what we have at Burdette. He is recommending that we make an investment in enhancing that structure. And by doing so, he felt like there would be a high return on investment with our ability to host even larger national events. The third recommendation that he gave us centers around Wesselman Park and that's with tennis. Currently, there is a private tennis association that have raised their own money to double the number of courts from six to twelve courts as well as to build their own clubhouse. They are in the final phase of their expansion and they would like to grow from twelve courts to twenty-four courts. The consultant reviewed that and is recommending that we assist with that endeavor. Again, by doing so, it elevates Vanderburgh County as a host site for large regional as well as small national tennis events. And then the final recommendation that Mr. Schumacher made to us centers around softball and baseball. He was very complimentary about a number of the single fields that we have throughout our community. But what he found was that we were lacking in any kind of a championship-quality facility. And by us developing a multiplex facility, it would allow us to pursue these major nationals as well as qualifying regional tournaments. Based on his four recommendations, our committee studied each and every one of them and ultimately, we zeroed in on the softball/baseball as the primary development that we felt we should focus on first where we felt like there would be the greatest impact to our community and the highest return on investment. Mr. Schumacher looked at a variety of locations throughout our community and his recommendation was for us to examine Wesselman Park. And the first illustration that I have for you demonstrates the current complex at Wesselman as well as an overlay of what we would envision developing at the site. To the far left, you'll see Boeke Road, the entrance to Wesselman Park is up here, I can use my pointer if I need to. The current softball fields and baseball fields are to the west side of the campus and then to the east side would be the par three golf course. And you can see that we've overlaid a nine-field complex over that roughly 60 acres that's present. This would give you a better illustration of what we envision at that site. There will be two multiplex facilities. To the west, we'll have four fields. To the east, we'll have five fields. Eight of the nine fields will be multipurpose fields where we can play softball and baseball. The exception will be this single field here which will be primarily our preeminent baseball field, the Pony League field. We could play softball there if needed be, but primarily, this field will be reserved for baseball. As you can see from our design, we have a loop that's designed around the complex. We have ingress off of the main entrance of Wesselman. We've added ample parking. There will be

over 500 parking spaces that will be within the confines of this development. And primarily, the use of this complex will be enjoyed locally. All of the league play that's currently at Wesselman will continue to occur and we feel that there will be adequate parking designed within this complex to meet the ordinary needs. The overflow parking will come from the Roberts Stadium surface parking lot. Within this development, currently, there are a number of amenities that occupy this space. We have tried to be as sensitive to that as we possibly can and within our proposed development, we want to relocate the basketball courts and the sand volleyball courts. There's a playground that's currently in place. We want to redevelop that playground within our own site. And you'll notice that at the main entrance we have this nice structure that will have a shelter to the front of it, flagpoles and highly landscaped, it will be the entrance to our complex. There will be two distinct entrances into the facility. The entire facility will be fenced and secured. It will have two entrances, both from the north and from the south. During our major tournaments, those will be gated. There will be an entry fee to enter and we will monitor that. By design, there are two separate buildings that will support both complexes. These buildings are designed similarly where they are two levels. The first level will house an adequate amount of men and women's facilities as well as concession areas. During our research, what we found was, without exception, the parks that have been developed did not design enough concession space and when you're hosting these large, major tournaments, this creates a tremendous revenue opportunity. And again, every facility that we visited recommended to us that we expand the amount of space devoted to concessions because they didn't and they regretted it. So in our initial conceptual designs, we have certainly designed adequate space. Our structures are designed on a five-point design and the first floor will, as I mentioned, be facilities for men and women as well as concessions. On the second floor, we've designed areas for the umpires to retreat to –

President Abell: While you've got them in hiding, let us change our tape.

**(TAPE CHANGED)**

President Abell: Mr. Dunn, we're back on.

David Dunn: Okay, thank you. Also on the second floor there will be an observation deck that will wrap around the entire building and that does two things for us: it creates a shade opportunity on the lower level as well as providing an observation area on the upper decks. Each of these fields has its own announcing stand, scores stand and by design, those will all be connected to the center building by a walkway and then there will be a tower there where the scores and the announcers will be housed. There's adequate storage within these buildings themselves and within the complex, the complex will be self-sufficient. We've got a maintenance building that's been designed at the southwest corner of the complex. Again, the facility will be self-sufficient. We'll have enough equipment there to maintain and to prepare the fields. In the center of the development, there is a shade structure as well as almost an amphitheater design. It will be all on one level, but it does create a very nice plaza area where award presentations can be made and the initial ceremonies can begin. It is our goal with this complex to design a fully ADA accessible field. That's this field in particular. We feel like it's one of the few in the country that will be available and we hope that by doing so, we can provide a facility for those less inclined. We feel that there will be a high return on our investment. We looked to Owensboro as an example. Owensboro has eight fields total in two separate complexes and consistently, they are generating over 30,000 room nights annually, with just softball and baseball. That equates to somewhere between three and five million dollars worth of direct spending with new tourism that would be brought in to

Vanderburgh County, southwest Indiana. And we feel that there are enough tournaments available to us that we won't be competing with Owensboro. We will be complementary. And one of the main reasons why we also like this preferred site at Wesselman is because of the specific market that we're going after. The way that these national tournaments are awarded, they are awarded two years in advance and there is an annual convention that takes place and it culminates with the awarding of these tournaments. And each community that wishes to pursue and host an event is allowed the opportunity to make their presentation. We've attended these national conferences several times and we watched each community make their presentation. And what we found is that in many cases, these complexes are located a far distance from their city and in many cases, in industrial park areas primarily because there are few opportunities to develop 60 to 100 acres within the city limits. And as we sat there and watched these presentations, what we realized was this tremendous opportunity that we have in Vanderburgh County unlike any other that we witnessed. When you think about the primary market that we're going after, which is going to be ten to fourteen -- sixteen years of age, we chose that market because of the families that will associate with the youth athletes. When those younger athletes come to town, their parents, grandparents and family will accompany them which just brings more tourists to our community. As we thought about the opportunity at Wesselman, what better opportunity do we have to provide a family-oriented experience than at this particular site? When you think about hosting a tournament in June, during their downtime there's Hartke Pool, there's two sheets of ice if they chose to go to Swonder, you've got hundreds of miles worth of nature trails within Wesselman Park, you've got all the picnic area. You'll have the basketball courts, the sand volleyball courts, the tennis courts, all at the exact same site. And as we watched community after community make their presentation and their pitch as to why they are deserving the opportunity to host events, none of them have a complex like what we envision developing at this specific site. Another advantage to us developing this site, as I mentioned earlier, is this overflow parking capacity. We have about 60 acres here that we hope to develop with these nine fields, but if we develop this complex anywhere else, we will need significantly more land to accommodate this overflow parking. Right now, with those events being awarded two years in advance, our conversations with SMG have indicated that there is certainly ample time for us to work collectively so that our events would not conflict with anything that they would hope to book within that window. So as you can see, we've got a significant amount of overflow parking during those times when we're hosting a major national, otherwise, we feel that the additional parking that we're creating will certainly accommodate the league play that will occur the majority of the time. At this point, what we're asking for would be the approval of \$425,000 so that we can engage in the architectural drawings of this complex. We hope to -- I'll say that with the increase in the Innkeeper's Tax from last year, we do have the financial means to successfully develop this complex ourselves using the Tourism Capital Development Fund. We do have approval for financial assistance with a group of the local banks so our funding is in place to move forward. We estimate that this project, with the addition of assisting the tennis complex, to be roughly \$12,000,000. And when you look at the amount of infrastructure that we're trying to develop here, what our proposal is, is to enhance this infrastructure leading into Wesselman. We know that there is going to be a tremendous amount of traffic that will accommodate these large tournaments and we need to be able to handle that ingress and egress correctly. We like this site because of the ingress/egress capacity. We have the secondary entrance just to the north of Swonder as well as off of the Lloyd for ingress as well as egress. We feel it's just an ideal site for this particular development and today we share it with you and ask for your support as well.

President Abell: I'm going to allow everyone to ask you some questions, Mr. Dunn, if you can stand a few more minutes. I have one question and this is my own ignorance. What's the difference in a softball field and a baseball field?

David Dunn: Softball does not play on a mound and the distance of the bases are different. Softball fields are the same dimensional between the bases and the pitching mound regardless of the age group, whereas baseball, there's a variety of variances between the distance from the mound to home plate and the distance from the base pads. Softball, you know, they do lengthen the outfield based on age but generally speaking, they are the same type of field. Softball is played on a, what they called a skinned infield, where there is no grass on the infield surface, whereas you can see that on this baseball field, we do have infield grass. Making it multipurpose, baseball can be played on a skinned field, and all of the facilities that we researched that are multipurpose do it this way where they can move the pitching mound based on the age group as well as move the base pads and that way we can accommodate both softball tournaments and baseball tournaments.

President Abell: I didn't understand that. Ms. Leader, did you have a question?

Councilmember Leader: I do. Good morning. My family uses Wesselman Park a lot, summer, winter, spring and fall. And one of the attractions at the park, of course, is the small playground. It's one of the few playgrounds in the community that accommodates very small children. You commented earlier that you did plan to handle that park in some fashion. Have you given further thought to where you would locate that park and would it be smaller, larger or about the same?

David Dunn: The playground that's currently at that site, it's going to be moved. We had to pick this location, we didn't have to, but we chose this location because if we move it to this particular area, we felt like it was too far away from parental supervision. This particular site allows us enough space to develop the playground but also is within a more central location so that parents from either complex can be in close proximity. In order to develop this playground and provide the safety and security, it will be totally netted in some fashion so that home run balls or foul balls will not jeopardize any of the children that are going to be within the playground itself.

Councilmember Leader: You commented, I think, too, that the baseball fields would be gated. If it is closed and people are there for picnics as they normally are now when they use that playground, does that prohibit them from using the playground?

David Dunn: Well, the fields are going to be accessible except during those major tournaments, so it would be accessible to them with the exception of a major national or a major regional tournament.

Councilmember Leader: And there's nowhere else in the park we can relocate it as far as you know?

David Dunn: Oh, I don't want to say that.

Councilmember Leader: I mean, within, you know, the areas where the picnic tables are and the –

David Dunn: There's a lot of space there –

Councilmember Leader: I understand that, but that's a concern of mine because I

think if you would do a traffic study of that park, everybody would probably be really amazed at how often that small playground is used. Thank you.

David Dunn: Well, it's a great question and certainly an issue that we can – this is our conceptual plan and we hope to, if you'll approve our request, that's when we'll start to work with the architect on developing it and if it's the wish of this body to consider relocating that playground outside of the complex, we certainly – I mean, there's plenty of space there, we'll be more than happy to entertain that thought.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I assume, I guess my one concern is, you know, we have a tendency to build these projects and I'm very much in favor of anything that can bring in the youth activities and I realize how much money it can generate for our community and that's a good thing. But I am concerned about the maintenance. I mean, we could come up with the money so many times for the bricks and mortar, the problem is maintaining it afterwards. I assume the Parks Departments, the city, the mayor are all on board as far as assuming the responsibility of maintaining the facility after – or do you have other plans?

David Dunn: Actually, we have other plans. The Convention & Visitors Bureau will remain active with this facility. Our intention is to hire a third party management marketing firm that will not only market the facility, but they will also host the events, and also be responsible for the maintenance. Our research indicates that the facility will cash flow for approximately the first five years before major capital improvements have to be made. And it's our intention to establish an endowment, a maintenance endowment that will provide a permanent financial solution to the long term capital needs of this facility.

Councilmember Shetler: A second question and some of what you said kind of sparked this as well, it seems to me that there is going to be, you know, in your opening remarks you talked about the soccer complex and what an asset it is for our community, and it is, the BMX out at Burdette, what an asset, and it is, and then, you know, this would certainly enhance the other activities that we have. My concern would be, that if you've got BMX running around bidding on projects and you've got -- or Burdette – and you've got the soccer bidding on things, who is going to coordinate the timing of all of this so that, I know we have a finite amount of restaurants and hotel space. Sometimes you'd like for it to be fully occupied 100% of the time, but, I mean, we do have a limited amount there and I would guess that if we end up with all three of these things going the same week, we could have a very difficult time and probably never get another soccer tournament or another softball tournament again because of the poor performance. Is there a coordinating body or agency that's going to make sure that these things don't –

David Dunn: Wouldn't I love to have that problem.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

David Dunn: No, it's a great point, and again, our intention is to hire this third party management and marketing firm with the idea that their responsibility grow beyond softball/baseball. Obviously, the Convention & Visitors Bureau will stay extremely active in overseeing all of the activity that's going on. Generally speaking, we are participating in assisting each of these host organizations, so we know well in advance when those events are going to occur. And there will be times when we have conflicting activity whether it be all sports related or whether it be with a

convention, Jehovah Witness is a good example, when they came to us over Thunder. You have that feast or famine situation from time to time. But honestly, I hope that that's the rule rather than the exception because if demand is there, service will follow. So I don't see it being a tremendous challenge to overcome but to answer your question, it will be the Convention & Visitors Bureau who is the primary source and agency that is overseeing and promoting tourism that will be that body that will help to coordinate.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I like to see that we're putting together these types of projects that will create some degree of synergy and enthusiasm about the whole area of youth sports, which, you know, according to the study, and then, you know, just anecdotal things, we know that it is a very important area that's growing. And as you look at the complex there, you mentioned a couple different things, too, that I'd like to maybe get an understanding on. Councilwoman Leader mentioned the playground area and then you also mentioned that you're relocating the basketball courts. What's the intention or the plan there and are you talking about relocating with the same size, kind of relative proportions? Where in the park are you looking at placing those?

David Dunn: Conceptually, this area right now houses that batting cage. We're told that that is going to discontinue and that that space will become available. So we feel like that's going to create an opportunity for us with regards to our need to relocate some of the amenities that are within this development. So conceptually, we've got basketball courts of the same size and number being relocated in this area. Conceptually, we've got sand volleyball that's being relocated at the north portion of the campus. But again, once the architect gets into having full scale drawings, you know, all of it may wind up fitting in one particular area or another. But we are committed to relocating those facilities and keeping them within the overall campus at Wesselman.

Councilmember Sutton: And conceptually, as we think about that site, can you talk a little bit more about the ingress/egress out onto to Boeke because that, when you have UE basketball games or larger events at Roberts Stadium, getting out on that road is not necessarily the best situation. So if you've got something going on at the stadium facility and they're coming out and you've got something at the softball facility and they're letting out, how do you intend, because that is a very narrow entrance to the park presently.

David Dunn: Right, our thought is that there will be a deceleration lane that will be developed along Boeke that will allow traffic to start to merge into the entry to the park so it doesn't impede the flow of traffic on Boeke. We intend to widen the entryway so that we can accommodate larger volumes of traffic. Whether or not there needs to be some kind of a light or flashing light or something like that or perhaps a police officer than can aid in traffic control during these major tournaments, is yet to be determined. But again, what we like about this location is the number of ingress/egress opportunities and again, primarily, the level of play is going to be enjoyed locally. It's going to be those times when we host a large scale tournament that we'll have to deal with the large amounts of traffic and as the host, we will ensure that the participants understand the variety of opportunities that they have of getting in and out. We do like the fact that there's the circular drive that goes around the entire complex and that allows for these multiple entry points and exit points to the complex so that we can direct them in other locations rather than having everything come in and out of this main entry point.



Councilmember Sutton: And then my last question just relates to, you've spoken primarily about tournament play. What about league play, since we have a very active softball, baseball –

David Dunn: We do have very active league play and we've already met with the Parks Department, Chris Rehn's group, and he has committed his support to our complex and said that whatever has to be done to accommodate his league play during the time of development, he'll do. Right now, it's anticipated that the complex will be completed, if we can start on time, we anticipate the complex being completed around August of 2009. And that allows ample time for the fields to – for the grass to take hold, so that by March of 2010, we will be ready for tournament action. Chris has indicated that his league play ends about August, so there could be, you know, a couple of weeks that we have to work around, but other than that, it will not affect the 2008 play; 2009 will be affected in some fashion. And again, Chris is working on a variety of alternate sites to accommodate his teams until we can get this complex up and running.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning. You may have answered this question already, but the ultimate oversight of this complex will still fall to the Parks and Recreation Department or –

David Dunn: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: Go ahead.

David Dunn: I didn't mean to interrupt you. Did you have a second part of your question?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I was going to ask about the fee you're seeking today. Is that just for this complex or is that for all other projects that you talked about today?

David Dunn: Well, to answer your first part, we see the oversight remaining with the Convention & Visitors Bureau Commission. Again, it's our intention to hire a third party management/marketing firm. They will be onsite on a daily basis and they'll actually have offices in one of those two center buildings. They will be responsible for going out and marketing the tournaments whether they be a qualifying regional or national tournament as well as hosting the events, as well as maintaining the complex. That management company will report directly to the Convention & Visitors Bureau board, who reports directly to this body. With regards to the second question, today, what we're asking for would be approval for us to move forward with engaging in the architectural design of this complex. Again, we – our initial estimate is approximately 12 million dollars to develop this complex as well as the expansion of the tennis. We would like to have your show of approval on that as well, but we fully intend to come back to this body with our hard numbers of developing this project, you know, once those estimates are in to us.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam Chair? Just to clarify, the money that you're requesting, \$425,000 out of the Sports Complex line of the 2008 budget, so that money is appropriated – it's budgeted, I'm sorry. And I guess my question really is, after the transfer for the Zoo project, there should be a balance of 325,000.

David Dunn: That's right.

Councilmember Winnecke: So the correct amount is 325,000?

David Dunn: Correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Joe Vezzoso: David? Excuse me, Councilmembers, I will tell you that our initial estimates from our architect is 425,000. But because of the funding process, we will request in next year's budget, the additional money to complete the architectural fees since we only had the 900,000 approved for this year.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I just wanted to clarify that.

President Abell: So that's in place and we don't need to take action on that today, correct?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I think, and, Bill, you can correct me, since it's budgeted, we've already –

President Abell: We've already taken action on it.

Councilmember Winnecke: We're just approving that they would expend 325,000 of their 900,000 for this project.

President Abell: Right.

Joe Vezzoso: And the other 575,000 is for the –

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, we've already voted on that.

President Abell: Go ahead, Mr. Fluty, I think you –

Bill Fluty: Yes, I think they're just asking for approval to go ahead with the architectural plans and they do have 325,000 left in that account, which is already budgeted from that 900,000. So that's what you can authorize today to go forward with that 325.

President Abell: Does anyone else have any – Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just one last question. Have you already engaged someone or has there been a – or is this just sitting the money there where you'll then begin the process of qualifying and selecting some firm out there for this project?

David Dunn: We have been working with a firm that we want to engage with, who helped us with the conceptual drawing, so we intend to engage with Veazey Parrott & Shoulders.

Councilmember Sutton: What's the process that you guys, just briefly, you don't have to go through a long – how do you select one as opposed to the other? Obviously, you know, you've got different firms out there?

David Dunn: Mr. Shoulders has been active in our research of this project for a number of years and is intimately aware of the project and that was the extent of selecting him. We compared his proposal against architectural proposals of projects

of similar size and felt that his proposal was relatively consistent with projects like that, so, I mean, we did compare not necessarily asking other architects to submit an RFP but we compared it against other projects that have been developed in the past.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam Chairman, I would move that we approve the \$325,000 expenditure for the Evansville Visitors Convention Bureau to move forward on this project.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? I don't have a big speech, I just want to say one thing. I am so happy to see you put something for the children within the route of the city bus, so that we can get our children who don't have access to private facilities involved in sports, because I think that's the way that we won't have to increase the size of the jail in a few years. And I commend you for trying to find a place within the city bus system. We appreciate that. And with that, we'll take a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Dunn. Thank you, Mr. Vezzoso.

David Dunn: Thank you for your support. We appreciate it.

Joe Vezzoso: I want to tell you on behalf of the Convention Bureau and I'm not

blowing smoke, but David, who is an appointment from this body, has done a tremendous amount of work on this project and has really brought it to where it is today. And Jon Ruthenburg, who is with Gray Loon Marketing, has assisted him. So your appointment to our commission has really done a great job for our community and for this body. I would like to let you all know that Wesselman is our preferred site. We are currently in discussions with the mayor's office and the city concerning that site and as we move forward, we'll let you know where we are in that whole process. But we do appreciate your support in this project and also Mesker Park Zoo. Thank you very much and it is going to be a happy new year for us.

President Abell: Thank you and thank you for presenting that to us.

<b>AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Abell: We have a few more items of business. I know everyone is probably anxious to leave. We need to approve the amended Salary Ordinance, which is this document you have on your desk. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Abell: And second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

**LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

President Abell: The appointment of the liaisons, I see no reason for me to sit here and read this to you. Everybody got a copy of it, didn't they? Is there anyone that has a complaint or correction? Corrections only; complaints, no. Then the 2008 appointments are as they were handed out to you.

**APPOINTMENTS TO PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

President Abell: The appointments to the Personnel Administration Committee, again, I see no reason to sit here and read this to you. You have had this passed out. If there are any questions regarding that? I see none.

**APPOINTMENT TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION**

President Abell: The next thing is an appointment to the ABC board. We don't have our appointment to the ABC.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Oh, Mrs. Jerrel was on there. Okay, that's right. We have to take a vote on – our appointment to the ABC board has been Mrs. Jerrel and we have her down for this next year. I would entertain a motion to accept that appointment.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

#### **OTHER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

President Abell: Other Council appointments, you also have that, has been handed out to you. You will note there are a couple vacancies. We will be working at filling those within the next couple of weeks. If anyone on Council has any suggestions, you have my phone number and my email address. Please feel free to contact me.

#### **2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

President Abell: Council dates. These are the dates for our 2008 meetings, including our budget hearings. If that conflicts with anyone's trip they have scheduled to Australia or anything, please let me know. Otherwise, we can stay with these as they are. And that runs me right through all the new business. Is there anything else to come before this Council? We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of February in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd to call to order the February 6, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call, please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Abell	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2008</b></p>
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President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Here.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Do I get a do-over, Madam President?

President Abell: Mr. Sutton meant yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Abell: He's been watching the presidential races too long.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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President Abell: Appropriation Ordinance, I'll turn the meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

**RECORDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda, under Recorder, 1040-1910 PERF in the amount of 10,765, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>RECORDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1040-1910	PERF	10,765.00	10,765.00
Total		10,765.00	10,765.00

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

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Weights & Measures, 1302-3520 Equipment Repair in the amount of \$960, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1302-3520	Equipment Repair	960.00	960.00
Total		960.00	960.00

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

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Public Defender, 1303-3948 Death Penalty in the amount of 175,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Could I ask that this be put off until next month? I just got the bills

that I asked to see. You gave them to our secretary, I guess, yesterday and I just got them this morning and I haven't had an opportunity to look at them.

Steve Owens: Could I come up?

President Abell: Yes, please, Mr. Owens.

Steve Owens: Actually, I think I gave them to Ms. Deig last week.

President Abell: Oh, I'm sorry. Well, I got them this morning and I haven't had an opportunity to look at them.

Steve Owens: Obviously, the people are interested in getting paid as soon as possible, but the court has approved the orders and we're just waiting on the appropriation. So if we need to put it off, we'll have to put it off.

President Abell: Well, I hate to put people off being paid but I don't feel, unless I've looked at these bills that I requested, that I'm really doing my job that I'm really paid to sit up here and do, and this is to make sure that the expenses are all in line. But if Mr. Raben wants to go ahead with the vote, you can.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I'm fine withdrawing my motion or passing it either one. If your recommendation is to sit on it, I'll withdraw my motion and make my motion: 1303-3948 Death Penalty set in at zero.

President Abell: And we'll put it back on the agenda for next month.

Steve Owens: Okay, that's fine.

President Abell: Is that okay? Did someone second your original motion?

Councilmember Leader: I did.

President Abell: Will you withdraw your second?

Councilmember Leader: I will.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I do have a question. I guess I really wanted to ask this question last week and I'm not making judgement nor passing judgement, but in the event of a case like this, if we were looking at life without parole versus the death penalty, what would be the difference in the cost to the taxpayers?

Steve Owens: I think Mike asked that question last week and I wasn't able to answer his question. I can tell you it's less and if we put it off till next month, I'll be able to get you an answer before then. I can't specifically tell you how much less it would be right now.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: We got into a very good discussion I felt like last week, I mean, very even-handed without necessarily passing any judgement one way or the other, but more so, just trying to get a good sense of one action as opposed to the other and the impact that it may have. And it's definitely something to look at. I know a number of states are actively watching this whole area and what's going to

be done and what's going to happen with the whole death penalty area. So that will be interesting to see what you may bring back next month. You know, of course, Illinois right now has set aside all death penalties right now at this point in time. So it will be something for the state to look at.

Steve Owens: One question? Will I need to file an additional appropriation request or will it just automatically come back on?

President Abell: Refile it.

Steve Owens: Refile.

President Abell: Maybe you'd like to stay after the meeting and meet with me and kind of go over these things with me or do you have something else you have to do?

Steve Owens: I have a 9:00 court appointment but I can come back. It should take about five minutes.

President Abell: How about Mr. Bunner? Is he available or is he going to court?

Steve Owens: Mr. Bunner probably isn't as conversant with those figures as I am.

President Abell: Okay. If not, I will definitely get hold of you today.

Steve Owens: I'll come back over.

President Abell: Okay.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Could we, -- just looking at this, and this is the first opportunity I've had as well, there are November bill and December bills. Madam President, do you think we might possibly want to act on the November bills because those are already 90 days?

President Abell: That's what I'm looking for. I don't have them.

Steve Owens: Jim, what she has is the -- I think, my understanding was we were asked for a summary, somewhat, of how we arrived at that figure and I've brought that up and then I think Councilman Abell asked for a copy of the actual bills that had been submitted for November and December. We brought those up and gave them to Sandie last week.

President Abell: That's what I don't have.

Steve Owens: I think that's what she's referring to that she hasn't had an opportunity to look at.

Councilmember Raben: I guess my question to the Council was, do we maybe want to go back and just act on the November bills because those bills are now 90 days old?

President Abell: I have no problem with that but I haven't seen them and I don't have them on my desk, and you're asking me to approve something that I don't even -- I haven't seen. If you want to pass it around...has anyone else seen it?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have the actual bills, I've just got the summary. You work with these people every day, I mean, I guess they'll continue to offer their services in the future if...

Steve Owens: Obviously, they've got a lot of time in this case and they've got a lot of bills in this case. They would like to get paid as soon as possible. I'm sure that they understand because I've told them that we were going to have to file an additional appropriation request. I'm sure that they're going to understand if the Council wants to look at this. I don't think they're going to give me any grief about that. These two particular attorneys are coming back on the normal payroll actually Monday.

President Abell: I'll defer to you, Mr. Raben, however you – I don't think we allow any officeholder to walk in here and ask for \$175,000 without something to back it up and I feel like it's – Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Fluty has made a good point. Until the state certifies our budget, it would not approve a new appropriation, which will probably come early March, typically. So even if we approve it today, it's not going to be paid in the timely fashion that probably the vendors would like.

Steve Owens: So even if it were approved today, it's not going to get paid?

Councilmember Winnecke: Correct. So delaying it a month so we have the opportunity to inspect these invoices more carefully, really will not delay the timing of the payment.

Councilmember Raben: And the motion stands if you want to set it in at zero.

President Abell: Okay, we're going to set it in at zero and you can refile it next month. Mr. Raben made the motion. Do we have a second to set it in at zero?

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote on that please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1303-3948	Death Penalty	175,000.00	0.00
Total		175,000.00	0.00

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

President Abell: You'll refile it next month.

Steve Owens: I'll refile it and then I'll get with you after the meeting.

President Abell: Okay, if I'm not here, we've got plenty of time between now and next month. I was just going to try to hurry it up. But we'll get together.

Steve Owens: Okay. Thank you.

### **SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Scott Township Assessor, 2490-1160-3600 Rent in the amount of \$4,200, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: I didn't second, I was asking for one. Does anyone want to ask a question about this? There was some discussion on it. Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Do we know if this is for the existing building and contract? And when that contract that's in the existing building went into place?

Councilmember Raben: This is actually to Scott Township. This is for the rental space. I think there was some confusion last week as to maybe this rent going for part of a move or something to an individual's residence, but this is where the office is now and where it stays. The figure that we set in at budget time was just wrong. The rent is \$10,000 a year and this makes up the balance.

Councilmember Shetler: And that's based on a prior contract that was written –

Councilmember Raben: And signed by the County Commissioners.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote please. I'm sorry, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Is that officeholder here? I know we had asked that he be here.

President Abell: No. He indicated that he had a pre-scheduled medical appointment this morning.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think we can do without him this particular time if

that's where he is.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1160-3600	Rent	4,200.00	4,200.00
Total		4,200.00	4,200.00

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

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation in the amount of \$17,700, I will move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2600-3530	Contractual Services	5,000.00	5,000.00
2600-4120	Buildings	2,500.00	2,500.00
2600-4250	Misc. Equipment	10,200.00	10,200.00
Total		17,700.00	17,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES**

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

**SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

**COMMISSIONERS (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we move into transfers. Does anyone have any questions or is everyone comfortable with taking these in one lump motion? If so, Madam President, I'll move that all transfers be approved as listed.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, did you have a question?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, I did not.

President Abell: Oh, okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1302-3520	Equipment Repair	960.00	960.00
To: 1302-3141	Communications	960.00	960.00

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	4,315.00	4,315.00
1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	4,315.00	4,315.00
To: 1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	8,630.00	8,630.00

<b>FAMILY &amp; CHILDREN SERVICES</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2042-32520	Care of Wards in Institutions-CW	3,573,140.00	3,573,140.00
2042-32530	Independent Living for Wards-CW	2,450.00	2,450.00
2042-32540	Preservation Services-Child Welfare	108,995.00	108,995.00
2042-32550	Miscellaneous Costs-Child Welfare	12,880.00	12,880.00
To: 2042-32820	Care of Wards in Institutions-Probation	3,573,140.00	3,573,140.00
2042-32830	Independent Living for Wards-Probation	2,450.00	2,450.00
2042-32840	Preservation Services-Probation	108,995.00	108,995.00
2042-32850	Miscellaneous Costs-Probation	12,880.00	12,880.00

**CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION                          REQUESTED                          APPROVED**

From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	2,000.00	2,000.00

**SUPERIOR CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION                          REQUESTED                          APPROVED**

From: 2620-3930	Other Contractual	5,746.00	5,746.00
To: 2620-1110-2620	Probation Officer	5,000.00	5,000.00
2620-1900	FICA	383.00	383.00
2620-1910	PERF	363.00	363.00

**LATE TRANSFER REQUEST**

**COMMISSIONERS    REQUESTED                          APPROVED**

From: 1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1300-3270	Change of Venue	2,000.00	2,000.00

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

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, we'll move into the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, under Public Defender, I move that we amend salary line 1303-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously approved. Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, move we amend salary line 2600-1980 Other Pay as previously approved, transferring the funds from Other Pay line to Unemployment line. Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation line 2620-1110 Probation Officer as previously approved, setting the line in at \$8,078 to meet the state's 2008 minimum salary schedule for probation officers. Health Department, salary line 213.1-1140 PAT MED II in at 40,628. Salary line 213.6-1130 Clinic Clerk STD COMOT II in at \$24,719. Line 213.7-1130 Clinic Clerk STD/HIV COMOT II/Step 1, setting 2008 salary in at 24,719. 213.7-1160 Lab Med Tech Supervisor PAT MED II in at the 2008 salary of 40,628. The above lines are only to be used if other grants are withdrawn. So I make that in the form of a motion.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>BOARD APPOINTMENTS</b>
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President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Is there any old business anyone has to bring before the Council? Under new business, we have several items to discuss this morning. One is the appointments to some, some board appointments that we have missing. Ms. Deig, the sheet that you gave to me, you indicate that we still do not have an appointment to the Economic Development Commission/Vanderburgh County. I thought we appointed Wayne Ellis to that.

Councilmember Raben: No, we don't, but I've gotten a person to (inaudible) that has not made a commitment yet.

President Abell: What did we appoint him to? I made that appointment for part of the year, I remember. We do have a couple appointments that we're going to make this morning. I'm going to skip to the Convention Visitors Bureau. As all of you are aware, David Dunn has resigned from that board and we hate to see him go. He's been on it a long time. Mr. Winnecke has talked to him and I understand there is no chance that he would not resign because of his other duties. Mr. Winnecke met with Fred Niemeier. Would you like to tell us a little something about Mr. Niemeier?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure, Mr. Niemeier is an officer in the Dunn Hospitality Group and operates two of its properties in Evansville and oversees new construction for their company around the mid-west and also oversees a property of theirs in Paducah. He's an Evansville native and he is also the incoming president of the hotel/motel association, so he is very interested in giving back to the community and is very interested in this particular board.

President Abell: I think that's a good appointment for us. It seems like a very good fit. Another appointment that we have is to the Area Plan Commission. In the audience today we have Mr. Dewey Colter. Mr. Colter, would you like to come to the microphone and give...

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Would you come to the microphone please and give us a little information about your background so that people will understand why you're on the Area Plan Commission?

Dewey Colter: Madam Chairman, members of the Council, I think I can attribute this to Ms. Abell and our experience from the past. We met as I was moving to the Evansville area on a relocation with my wife. My background comes from economic development, county administration in the state of Illinois, and we've been here in Evansville a little over a year now. We've had a number of discussions on the future growth of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and have had some quite substantive discussions of which apparently was enough for her to feel that my background has some qualifications that may stand in good stead for the Area Plan Commission, so I thank you for that. I've also served as Mayor in a town in north western Illinois, served four years on a multi-state area plan commission, which took in five counties up in Illinois and Iowa, and have been involved in comprehensive planning both under the economic development area in southern Illinois and as a county administrator in central Illinois. So my challenge now is to get a little more acquainted with the process. I've been reviewing some of the statutes and I met with the Plan Commission staff on another issue out in our neighborhood, so getting well acclimated to the process and look forward to serving the county as best I can.

President Abell: I think everyone would feel this is a good fit. Thank you for coming this morning, Mr. Colter.

Councilmember Leader: May I ask Mr. Colter a question?

President Abell: Yes, certainly.

Councilmember Leader: What is the reason you moved to Evansville, Sir?

Dewey Colter: My wife relocated with the VA system, so she's a nurse practitioner at the clinic here.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Colter.

Dewey Colter: Thank you, Madam President.

President Abell: I understand that we do have the Economic Development Commission for Vanderburgh County position available and, Mr. Raben, you have someone you're talking to, is that...okay. We also have the Burdette Park Advisory Board position available. If any of you know someone that would be a good fit... you might know someone, Donna? We'd appreciate that. I have talked to someone about the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. That's become such a time-consuming position, there's a lot of people that are hesitant to take it with the number of appeals we've had. Its become very time-consuming. This person has not given me a "no" yet, so as soon as I know on that, I'll let all of you know. It's someone involved with real estate and the understanding of those type things. Since the Convention & Visitors Bureau does have some abilities to spend money, it comes before this board, I guess we need to take Mr. Niemeier's position on there, needs to take a vote and I'd appreciate someone nominating him, seconding it, and us voting.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, at this time I would move that we nominate Fred Niemeier to the County Council's appointment to the Evansville-Vanderburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Leader: I would like to second that. I've known Mr. Niemeier for a long time. I think he would be a great member.

President Abell: Could we have a roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>INCREASE RECORDING FEES/AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND</b>
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President Abell: One discussion we need to have this morning, and I don't see Ms. Smith here, I had talked with Betty Knight-Smith yesterday. I gave all of you last week a letter from the Mayor regarding the possibility of increasing recording fees to set up a trust fund for housing. Mr. Ahlers has done some checking on that. I think we're going to still investigate that a little further. From the statute that he showed me this morning, it looks like 60% of that would stay in Evansville and 40% would go to Indianapolis. And I'm really not too excited about sending more money to Indianapolis. I would think we could use our money here much better than sending it there and letting them decide if we need any of it or not. And we don't know exactly who sets up the trust. My understanding is CAJE is in favor of this, and I know, Mr. Winnecke, you have a relationship with CAJE, I believe, don't you? And, Mr. Sutton, don't you?

Councilmember Winnecke: We do.

President Abell: Would one of you like to talk to them and –

Councilmember Winnecke: Actually, I have an appointment with a representative from CAJE, and I'm assuming it's about this issue, tomorrow afternoon, so I will report back. And just so, -- did you say that 60% of the new recording fee would stay here and 40 go to Indy or vice versa?

President Abell: No, you have it right. That's what the statute Mr. Ahlers has found, and that's the first time I've heard that any of it wouldn't stay here, so that's a little different slant on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't know what the timing is on this, Madam President, but the legislature will be winding down here soon, so I don't know how much time we actually have to act on it. I'm not in any way implying that we need to do something today, but obviously the discussions that we need to have, need to proceed very rapidly so, I mean, if this is something that's going to be on the agenda for next month, which I guess I'm anticipating that it will because I don't know if they're even receiving any additional amendments or adjustments to any bills right now, as they are kind of winding down this legislative session.

President Abell: My understanding is that, I'm not sure that the ordinance that sets up the trust fund has even happened yet. So if we started drawing the funds, we really don't have anywhere to put them --

Councilmember Leader: Ms. Abell, I did mention this to the Mayor and he told me, this is all I know, I don't know much else, but that the trust fund does exist. The city's affordable housing trust fund does exist and this money would go into that fund. So that's all I can speak to this morning.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I guess what I'd need is, I guess someone from the Mayor's office or someone to contact me in terms of -- because it looks like the ordinance would have to be passed by the county fiscal body to set that up. So if there's one set up I'm not sure what mechanism was used. So we may want to verify that. In terms of answering Mr. Sutton's question, based upon my looking at the statute, the statute already has the mechanism in place, so what's going on in the legislature right now, I don't think has anything to do with timing. What it is, is that the county fiscal body, the County Council, would need to set up the, you know, affordable housing trust fund and then you would have to set in place the new recording fee, and then, as Ms. Abell was talking about, the statute says 60% of it would remain here, 40% of it gets sent to the State Treasurer, so and then they have their mechanism with whatever they're doing with the affordable housing program. So I would agree, it would be helpful, I suppose, for someone to speak to us or contact me, and I guess let me know, I mean, what is it that, what is in the plans to do with this money or what is it that we think we're going to accomplish with it, to know. And then what we'll need to do is, we'll have to, if we decide to act on that, we will need to pass and publish an ordinance, so just so everyone knows, that's not something that's going to happen overnight. Somebody needs to give me advance notice if we intend to go forward because we'll have to, an ordinance is going to have to be noticed and published. But in terms to answer your question, what's going on in the legislature now, I would not think would have anything to do with this, because this is already a statute.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, the other thing, I guess, is in this letter that we have here doesn't really give any guidance on what the increase is suggested to be. So that would be helpful information, so I don't know, Councilman Winnecke, if maybe I can get with you after and figure out when that meeting is, we can sit down

together.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think that's probably a good idea. We can talk to the CAJE representatives and just kind of huddle with everyone between now and the next meeting. But I do know that affordable housing is CAJE's next big initiative for the community. So after our meeting tomorrow, I'll report back.

President Abell: And I think all of us are in favor of affordable housing and I think you could relay that message to them. We just want to make sure this is set out the right way and our citizens benefit from this particular fund.

### COUNTY MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

President Abell: The other issue we have this morning is the discussion of mileage, we got a letter from our Pigeon Township Assessor that I gave to everyone, regarding the increase of mileage. We would have to do this in an ordinance because we have an ordinance which establishes the mileage that we pay. I'm open for discussion to see how everyone feels about this.

Councilmember Leader: I'd be interested in asking Mr. Fluty his opinion on this. And if we did pass an ordinance, where would we get the money?

Bill Fluty: You would get it from the General Fund or Reassessment, I guess, would be the two options. I know there's, often as the gas prices go up, the wear and tear, plus the mileage rate, always comes before you. So that's where it would come from, so it's at your discretion.

Councilmember Leader: I have never heard in modern times of anybody paying thirty cents. I just wanted to comment on that. I mean, I worked for a not-for-profit organization for the last thirteen years and we virtually lived on a shoe string and I don't remember when we received thirty cents. We went with the federal government mandate is how we worked.

President Abell: I was going to ask you, did you mean you survived on less or more?

Councilmember Leader: It was obviously less. But we attempted to stay within the guidelines of government, you know, to be fair and equitable.

President Abell: Well, the memo that we received indicates that the state of Indiana pays forty cents per mile and I have no reason to think that that's not correct. I don't think it's unreasonable to think that we might want to increase it some. I don't know how this body feels about how much you'd like to see it increased. It's currently thirty cents a mile. I don't think gasoline is going to go down, looking at the economy, I'm sure nothing is going to go down.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know what the figure is, but yeah, I mean, thirty cents is pretty meager. I mean, that's a pretty low amount given today's times. But is there – and the federal amount, that's not listed on here. What is that rate?

Councilmember Leader: It's 48 ½ cents.

President Abell: The city of Evansville pays 48.5 and I think that is the federal.

Councilmember Leader: That is the federal rate, 48 and a half. And they just raised

it recently.

President Abell: They just raised that recently. I guess in my – to just throw out – I don't think 40 cents a mile is unreasonable. I guess that's just, you know...Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm not sure if that 48 is what they pay their employees or if that's what the IRS rules. Because I was thinking the IRS was 42 that you're allowed to take off on your taxes. And yeah, it does go up with the CPI and some fuel things and stuff like that, so I'm not exactly sure. But there is a difference between the two.

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Shetler: That's right.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I'd like to see us get at least up to the city level. I mean, the city, according, and this is 48 and a half.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, do you have any idea how much money we spend out of the General Fund for mileage throughout the year to all of the offices combined? Because, obviously, the ordinance would affect every county office.

Bill Fluty: I can't give you that off the top of my head but I can surely get that for you.

President Abell: Maybe what we should do is look and see what the impact is going to be on our General Fund. If this meets with everyone's approval, we could come back next month, talk about it, decide the amount we want to set it in at then have Mr. Ahlers draw up the ordinance? How does everyone feel about that?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it's fine. The other thing we could consider is just redraft the ordinance or rewrite the ordinance so anytime that the federal level moves, ours moves. That way, we don't have to come back and revisit this every year or two or three years.

Councilmember Raben: Do we want to use federal or state?

Councilmember Winnecke: Whatever (Inaudible)

President Abell: Why don't we have Mr. Ahlers go ahead and draw up the ordinance without an amount in it and maybe Mr. Fluty could get those figures together for us and we could kind of fast track filling them in. Mr. Ahlers thinks we should look at the state: the state of Indiana pays 40 cents a mile.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I'm saying if you're going to tie it.

Councilmember Raben: That would probably be cleaner and I can't cite any examples now but I'm sure they exist, where there are certain state called functions where reimbursements are based back to the county, based upon their state level. So it would just keep everything cleaner and more consistent. And that would be pretty substantial, going from 30 cents to 40. I mean, that's a pretty good increase. You know, the last time it was increased was 2005 and it was from 28 to 30 cents, so if a person drove 100 miles, they were reimbursed an extra \$2.00.

President Abell: Well why, if it's in agreement with everyone, we'll have Mr. Ahlers



draw the ordinance up at 40 cents a mile and Mr. Fluty can get us some figures on what the impact is going to be on our general fund, so at least we'll know what we're voting on. Does that sound okay with everyone? Is that alright with you?

Daphne Robinson: Thank you very much. Yes.

President Abell: And thank you for bringing it to our attention. We wouldn't know it if someone didn't tell us about it because we don't travel. Well, we travel, but we don't get paid for it. Is there any other business to come before the Council? Mr. Sutton?

### **EXCESS COIT DISTRIBUTION**

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't know if Mr. Fluty was going to make some comment or mention about the memo that he sent to us concerning the County Option Income Tax. I didn't know if he was going to discuss that?

Bill Fluty: We surely can. I passed out actually some information about our COIT, County Option Income Tax, and I think it explains it pretty thoroughly: \$3,000,000 came into Vanderburgh County. The County General fund or the county Rainy Day fund is another 1,364,000. We had 640 something thousand in there before, so that brings us up to \$2,000,000, and I think that's a nice total to have in there. COIT projections are made on last year's figures, so when we do budget, there is a time when we are expecting an amount and sometimes that will fluctuate. This will give us a little bit of a backup just in case those numbers are off at any time. So it's kind of a buffer for us. But that money could be used for something else if you decide.

President Abell: Or we could save that money.

Bill Fluty: Yes, you could.

Councilmember Raben: We established the Rainy Day fund that the existing COIT that already existed what, about four years ago, five years ago?

Bill Fluty: Yes, we've had, different times we've had money put into this account. I think, before there was a Rainy Day or a law that actually established a Rainy Day, you put money into the Jail set aside, and I think one time you put it into the COIT Windfall. Now it's just directed into that Rainy Day fund as it comes in.

President Abell: Ms. Leader, did you have a question?

Councilmember Leader: I have something.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Fluty, and I think Ms. Leader has something.

Councilmember Leader: I just wanted to comment on the letters we received from Mr. Alsmann. I don't want to comment on whether I agree or disagree with him, but I've known Mr. Alsmann since the 60's. I was at Mead Johnson with him, you know, as I retired from Mead Johnson a few years back, and at one time Randy was the president of the company. And he has chosen, after leaving the corporate group in a high level executive position, to return to Evansville. So it's nice to hear from someone who is paying attention.

President Abell: Did all of you see those letters? Okay, thank you. Anything else to come before this Council? Then we stand adjourned. No –

Teri Lukeman: The amended meeting dates?

President Abell: I don't have amended meeting dates on my agenda. Oh, that's because I was still using last – mine that I brought with me. Amended meeting dates. Did you pass something out to us, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: It was in your packets.

President Abell: Oh, Bill has something else? I'll have to – I'll find – Mr. Fluty, you can go ahead while I find the budget hearings amended meeting dates.

Bill Fluty: Back to the Rainy Day fund. The Treasurer will ask me how long that we should invest that money and I, just from this Council, if you should have a suggestion, if we could go out six months or would you like to go out a little farther than that? A better interest rate is the farther you go out. Do you have an opinion on that?

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to offer a suggestion that we initially look at six months. Because of where we're at right now with Green River Road, the extension of University Parkway, let's look at six months and revisit it after that point.

Councilmember Leader: I agree with that, too, because we have a lot that's going to be on our plate shortly.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, I was looking at another item on my desk. What were you proposing?

Bill Fluty: The Treasurer will ask me how long we should invest that money and the reason being is, she would invest that two million dollars for six months and then she would be reluctant for you to tap into that for that six months, not that you couldn't, and she would have to call that in. But she would lose some interest because of that. So if you feel comfortable that that money will be set in there for the six months, not that you couldn't get to it in an emergency, but she would like to know that. And then you can give me another time frame if you think you want to go out farther, after that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you know, right now, if you look at interest rates, there really isn't a whole lot of difference between longer term interest and some of the shorter term interest. In fact, we were just discussing that just a few minutes before the meeting here. So as we look at it right now, there really is no advantage to going longer. Even three years isn't too much different than six months, so it may not necessarily be a bad move. I mean, when we come back, things may change. The environment may be much different and we can look at some other opportunities for ourselves.

Bill Fluty: It's a common question she asks me on different projects whether it be road projects or different funds that we have available. So I just want to get your take on it.

<b>AMENDED BUDGET MEETING DATES</b>
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President Abell: The amended meeting dates, they're the finance meetings and I had actually talked to Sandie about these on the phone and didn't realize that we were going to talk about it today. We are going to have our budget hearing dates 9:00 a.m. to noon on August 11, 12 and 13. We will have budget hearings on August 26

from 9:00 until noon, which we had already scheduled. And then, of course, on September 10, from 9:00 to noon. Does that meets with everyone's calendar okay? Is there any other business to come before this Council? We stand adjourned.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call – before we do that, you might note you have new microphones on your desk. What you need to do is make sure that the button is all the way down, that means you're talking. And when it's up slightly, that means your microphone is off. And my understanding is, they can all be on at one time now instead of some of them offsetting others, so make sure we turn them off or we're going to have a lot of feedback. So let's try the new system.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Raben, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Good morning to everyone in the audience and welcome to our meeting. If we stagger a little bit, we're working with a new addressing system today and so it may be a little difficult. For those of you who happen to come to the podium, the same thing is true: your button in is illuminated, and that means you can speak, and when it is out, it means we won't be able to hear you. So please make sure you have your microphone turned on. The Appropriation Ordinance: I'll turn the meeting over to Mr. Raben.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. Thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda under Jail, 1051-1130-0356 Confinement Officer in the amount of \$273, Madam President, I'm going to move approval of that item. The following three items: 1051-1301, 1051-1531 and 1051-1951, at this time we're going to set in at zero. Those have not had final approval through the Commissioners yet.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you repeat which ones you –

Councilmember Raben: Approve the first, zero out the following.

President Abell: We have the motion and did you second that, Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I did.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-1130-0356	Confinement Officer	273.00	273.00
1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	3,000.00	0.00
1051-1531	Civilian Shift Diff.	2,000.00	0.00
1051-1951	Civilian Teamsters Ed.	728.00	0.00
Total		6,001.00	273.00

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

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Public Defender, 1303-1620-1303 in the amount of \$3,286, 1303-3948 Death Penalty, at this time has been withdrawn, I move we set that in at zero for a total of \$3,286.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	3,286.00	3,286.00
1303-3948	Death Penalty	175,000.00	0.00
Total		178,286.00	3,286.00

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

## **HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we move down to Highway: 2010-1750 Clothing Allowance and 2010-1910 PERF in at zero. We have basically a similar situation where these have not had final approval through the Commission, so this will come back to us but it will probably be next month. Zero both.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1750	Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	0.00
2010-1910	PERF	1,147.00	0.00
Total		2,147.00	0.00

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

**FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Family & Children, 2042-30090 in the amount of \$33,926, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

FAMILY & CHILDREN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2042-30090	Child Welfare Services	33,926.00	33,926.00
Total		33,926.00	33,926.00

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

### REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Assessor, 2490-1090-1990 and 2490-1090-1900, for a total of 8,720. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote. I'm sorry, does anyone have a question? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I guess item number one with the County Assessor and PTABOA, it seemed to be a little bit of question as to, is that the same person or a different? Two people?

President Abell: Do you want Mr. Weaver to come up?

Councilmember Goebel: That would be nice.

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning, Jonathan Weaver, Vanderburgh County Assessor. That's different.

Councilmember Goebel: Please? On your two requests, is this the same person?

Jonathan Weaver: It's two different people.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, that's all.

President Abell: Anyone else? Mr. Sutton, did you have a question? Okay, thank you, Mr. Weaver. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	8,100.00	8,100.00
2490-1090-1900	FICA	620.00	620.00
Total		8,720.00	8,720.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/PTABOA**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under PTABOA, Extra Help in the amount of \$4,300 and FICA in the amount of 329, for a total of \$4,629, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1091-1990	Extra Help	4,300.00	4,300.00
2490-1091-1900	FICA	329.00	329.00
Total		4,629.00	4,629.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**HIGHWAY  
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for the appropriations, Madam President, I will move that all transfers be approved as listed.

President Abell: Is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Do any of the Councilmembers have any questions about that?

Councilmember Shetler: Is Mr. Duckworth here?

President Abell: Mr. Duckworth called me. He had a doctor's appointment this morning, he is not here. I might be able to answer any question that you would have.

Councilmember Shetler: That Calcium Chloride, that's not the beet juice or have anything to do with that same line item where that comes out of?

President Abell: No, the Calcium Chloride is – my understanding is, that it's the product they use on the streets the next day, that the beet juice goes on the day before – the pretreatment. And then this goes on the next day. And he has had to use just about everything he's got, and we have enough in case it snows Friday, but he wants to move this just for precautionary measures. And we can always move it back into the Bituminous Materials if he doesn't use it all.

Councilmember Shetler: I would like to just get some information from him on the effect of that beet juice and that pretreatment and see if it really is being as effective as what we've been sold on. So I'd like to, you know, sometime down the road here before next season anyway, that we look at that real hard to see if that's something that really is being beneficial for us. But anyway, thank you.

President Abell: Any other comments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>HIGHWAY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2010-2530	Bituminous Materials	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 2010-2580	Calcium Chloride	40,000.00	40,000.00

<b>REASSESSMENT/ PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2490-1150-3410	Printing	670.00	670.00
To: 2490-1150-3540	Maintenance Contract	670.00	670.00

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2030-4230	Motor Vehicles	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 2030-1850	Union Overtime	3,500.00	3,500.00

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

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, the last matter of business is the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, under Sheriff/Jail, I move that we amend salary line 1051-0356 Confinement Officer as previously approved, setting the 2008 salary at \$36,726. The current employee's hire date was January 16<sup>th</sup> of 1997, the base salary at \$34,226 plus three increments at \$500. Public Defender, amend salary line 1303-1620 Chief Public Defender as previously adopted, setting the salary in at 112,405. County Assessor/Reassessment, move we amend salary line 2490-1090-1990 as previously approved. PTABOA salary line 2490-1091-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. And Cum Bridge salary line 2030-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

President Abell: Under Old Business, we still have a couple of board appointments left. I do have someone in mind for PTABOA, Mr. Weaver. And I'm going to be talking to that gentleman today, and be able to make that appointment once he tells

me that he will accept that position. Is there anyone else that has anything under old business?

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MILEAGE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT RATE CO.03-08-004</b></p>
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President Abell: Under the new business, we have the ordinance establishing the mileage expense reimbursement rate. Do we have to have that – do you have that? Everybody has a copy of the ordinance to increase the – I don't have my copy of it. Does anyone want to make a motion to waive the rules and vote on this in one hearing?

Councilmember Leader: I'll so move.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Now I will entertain a motion to accept the ordinance establishing the mileage expense reimbursement rate.

Councilmember Sutton: Madam President, I do so move.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second, but I have a question.

President Abell: Discussion? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm not finding my copy at the moment, but if I recall from reading it, that this is really just setting it at a flat line, isn't it? Is that correct? We talked about the possibility of having it a little bit more fluid, that it could go up with the state or federal standards. Is there a possibility of that being written into the ordinance? And I didn't know if that was still possible or if we can change the language in there to include that this was something that would become a little bit more automatic and would just follow the state guidelines. And I'm not finding my copy to tell you where to insert that language.

Jeff Ahlers: I guess the question, I'm not sure, that this amount may be higher than either the state or the federal. I don't know whether anybody – it's the same? I mean, we can do whatever you guys want. We would need to – I guess if you want it to go into effect now, I'd suggest you pass this and then we can pass another one amending it and adding in the language you're requesting or, you can not pass this one, you know, and we can amend it. The question is whether or not you want to keep control of making the decisions as to when you want to raise it or whether you want to allow it to be automatic. So, I mean, I guess there's pros and cons to both. You don't have to revisit it if its automatic, but then I guess you also lose that control to determine where you are. So...

Councilmember Shetler: I guess my biggest concern is, and I agree, passing this as it stands so that we don't delay this any longer is probably the best advise for now, I guess my concern is that today, with the rising fuel costs, asking employees to dip into their pockets for it, can be a pretty tough thing to do. So I'm looking at something that would be a little bit more responsive, I think, to our employees, on a little quicker basis than what we've done in the past. In the past we've reacted to this about once every three or four years. And this would be something that would become, I think, a little bit more annual, as an automatic. So that's what I am personally looking towards.

Jeff Ahlers: The one thing that I would point out then is that it means that someone will need to monitor that and I guess send out notices from time to time as to when that changes. In other words, someone will not be able to pull up the ordinance and say what is the county reimbursement rate, because that may no longer be correct. So that would be, you know, one issue there. But, I mean, someone would just need to monitor that and, I guess, send out, if that's what you want to do, notices from time to time. But you wouldn't have anything then of record, it would just be tied into the state statute, I guess, is what you would want to do, right?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Fluty pointed out that his office sees all of those bills, so if we changed the ordinance down the road to make it indexed to what the state reimbursement level is, he can catch that and pass that along to us.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, when our employees travel for a state called meeting and we get reimbursed by the state, do we get reimbursed at the state level?

Bill Fluty: No, we don't.

President Abell: They just reimburse for what? The motel rooms or the meeting, or what do they reimburse us for?

Bill Fluty: On the state called meetings, they're not reimbursing us for anything.

President Abell: No state called meeting reimbursement? State Board of Accounts meetings?

Bill Fluty: No.

President Abell: Okay, then I guess it doesn't make any difference where we set it according to the state, they don't care then.

Bill Fluty: No, that would be a county by county decision.

President Abell: Do we want to go ahead and vote on this? Maybe, Mr. Shetler, you might want to get together with Mr. Fluty and maybe might come up with an amendment you might want to add to this at some later date so we could go ahead and get this in line for our employees now? Is that alright with you? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Mr. Ahlers is reminding me that we're all aware that this was the first and final reading of this since we waived our – we passed our rules, yes, that we could do this in one reading, so it has passed, and it raises the county's reimbursement rate to 40 cents a mile.



**APRIL FILING DATE**

President Abell: The April Council filing date is March 13<sup>th</sup> to all department heads, and I understand that the Treasurer, Ms. Tuley, has something that she wants to address with us.

**PENDING CHANGES ON TAX BILL FORMS**

Z Tuley: I would like to start out by saying that I realize that my very first responsibility is to the taxpayers of this community. I have attended a DLGF meeting on Friday in Indianapolis; I have also attended a South District meeting for the Indiana County Treasurer's Association yesterday. We've had some very disturbing news to say the least. I would like to provide you with a little bit of history before we go into the plight of our finances. Something that the state government has always told us local people is that we spend too much money at the local level. In 2004, I would like to remind you all, that we had to pay for a program to do a rebill for a homestead calculation error from the state. We were reimbursed at that time for the postage and the paper, but we were never reimbursed for that programming, so we had to do a programming to do a rebill at that time. In '07, we got to do a program for a rebate check. Although we had the capability and had already paid for a rebill, they decided a rebate would be better. Yes, the state did supply us the money to deliver to the taxpayers, but they did not pay for the programming. In '08, the COLTS form, as I call it, the Comparison of Levied Tax Statement, becomes a mandatory item for the entire county. Back in 2004, I piloted the project and the Councilmembers here paid for that project out of our taxpayer's dollars. We were not fully reimbursed by the state. We were not reimbursed for the amount that was set aside. We did have to make a settlement with the state for even less than what they had set aside. So these are some of the things that you, at the local level, have paid for in order to assist the state with what they have required and they have mandated. Also, in the past, you have paid for two years worth for me to sit on the Uniform Tax Bill Committee. I have always been very grateful and appreciative to the taxpayers that pay for this, and for you to allow me to be a part of these things because I think when you have a local voice in what's going on at the state, its very important and things turn out to be a little more accurate, rather than winding up with a mandate that we had during the switch over to the market value, where the state had put into law a requirement of something that was simply impossible to do with a comparison at that time. So I was very thrilled to be in the pilot that produced this COLTS form. I am the only county that has ever done it. I am the only county still, to this day, to have ever sent it. So, therefore, it has been a one voice task to address the issues and the problems that we've had with this, and it was very, very difficult to get an ear up at the state house to correct some of the things. One more thing, the uniform tax system that I worked on and you paid for my travel and my expenses and everything to attend, we worked very diligently on. I wished I would have brought up the folder. The folder is about this thick worth of material. At one point in time, I had it all memorized so that we could work with the Auditor and the Treasurer and the Assessor in a uniform fashion where we didn't repeat: dual tasking was going to be eliminated, hopefully, for more efficient and a smoother transition when we go to do the bills and such projects. I found out on Friday that the funding has been cut for this project. It is not going to be going forward at this time. So you have also spent your money there and that's something that's not going to come about or at least not any time soon. Although I think it is a good thing. What I'm here to tell you today is that state government may be delivering our biggest financial blow yet. What I learned yesterday is that the state has decided that this form is going to account for the tax statement itself. This is probably the

most impractical thing I have ever heard of. This is supposed to be intended, the spirit of the law was to be intended to explain to the taxpayers how much their tax bills were calculated for and how, and how much, compare it to the year before so that they could see where the rise and the falls were at. It was strictly for information. This form cannot be submitted, otherwise, the taxpayer loses it and unless they make a copy, this form cannot be submitted to the bank for payment. I cannot process over 100,000 tax bills in my office. It also conflicts with another law that says that the real estate statement and the receipt shall be kept on hand for ten years before its destroyed. This is in the retention schedule. This is the tax bill. Those are designed to be about the size of your standard deposit ticket that you and I would have in our personal checking accounts. They have MICR encoding. When we print in-house they have MICR encoding just in case you have all kinds of scenarios as to why someone didn't get a bill. Either we didn't get it back and it really wasn't mailed to the right address because the taxpayer failed to inform us that they moved. We have to print them another bill in-house, which will have MICR, they can then take it to the bank. The other thing is when we have changes of ownership. The original bill is sent to the owner of the property at the time of record. So if at any time during the year a taxpayer sells his home, he's probably got the bill, doesn't give it to the new owner, the new owner can't pay the fall, and these kind of things. We are constantly having, and we have all kinds of businesses that send in checks with no tax bill at all. If we have the proper code that has been submitted in paper form or something, we can reprint the bill, run the bill, and by law, we are to have those, and we are to retain those in-house for ten years. So what's going on at the state really isn't making a whole lot of sense, certainly not much common sense has been applied to this thought. When taxpayers pay at the bank, we earn interest on that money that night. We're earning interest on money I don't even know we have until the next morning. This is a crucial part of our interest earning. Its also a crucial part of accuracy. We cannot have these kinds of forms mailed in for my staff to hand key. You will have multiple errors. We need it automated. We need this tax bill. So we were told that the legislators have now decided, in particular, the governor, that he doesn't like this design. He wants it redesigned. We were not submitted a new version because they said that they are still working on it. Its in conference committee, and its wrapped up somehow or going to be in House Bill 1001 and they used the term "germane". All I know about the term 'germane" is some kind of attachment, so I guess that's an attachment that's getting ready to come. I was also told at the Friday meeting at the DLGF, that we need to hold up. Every county needs to hold up. You cannot bill because you are going to be given a new form. This one is not the one. Just like our programmers that you've already paid for this package, other vendors from around the state had already completed or 90% completed this programming. And they told us they're changing it. They're taking out this block in its entirety. They're lengthening this block here. There are going to be different messages. They have changed the name. That offends me because I spent hours finding the – I mean, that's intended to be funny. You all go ahead and laugh. But the state has an acronym for their project and its called PACER. And so I wanted an acronym for my project called COLTS. But that's what this is. It's a comparison of levied tax statement and they've changed the name to be something similar, to PTRC, Property Tax Replacement Credit. So I think that when we are talking in acronyms, I think its going to muddy that understanding, perhaps, with the taxpayers. They have also decided that if any form of this area is going to exist in their final decision, which won't be made until March 14<sup>th</sup> at the end of the session, if then, because if they don't get everything that the governor wants, he's going to hold them for a special session. They're going to put this variable data, then, on the back. This is what's on the back right now. This, right now, can be printed on the back, we already have paper, ready to go to the print shop, pre-done. There is no variable data on here. This information is how to file an appeal, who to call, what your

exemptions can possibly be if you qualify, go visit the Auditor, it says so on all of this. They're going to put the variable data on the back. When they do that, you and I know how difficult it is. Just running copies is fairly quick. You put variable data on the back, you've got a duplex. You make it personalized for everybody, you're really slowing down the print shop process. They did eliminate one problem that I have given you all copies of and that's the percentage column. I don't know if I even have that – thanks to Ms. Musgrave using the programmer that I used at the time that we did the COLTS pilot, the programmer was Kathy McCarter. We had studied and examined the flaws with this column. They are incredibly deceitful to the taxpayers. It leaves the taxpayers angry, frustrated. They also think that the Treasurer has no sense of math, even though it's mathematically correct, it's a ridiculous outcome. Now, mine came out, what actually happened here. But I have given each and every one of you, as of yesterday, which the last update was at, believe it or not, 1:30 a.m. on Friday. Kathy McCarter had made a final change at that time. And that eliminated the percentage column at that time. So at least somebody is finally listening that that column needs to come off. However, it came off earlier and she informed me that she had put it back on because somebody decided that they liked it. I have the names of those who I have told are in this conference committee. But three and a half years ago is when I did this project. I sent this very project report to you. I sent it to the entire General Assembly and now during a crucial year, where all of our neighbors are struggling to make it financially, half of them or more didn't get the bill on time at all. Vanderburgh County has worked very hard, the Township Assessors have been with the program, Bill has been with the program, the County Assessor has been with the program, and I have been with the program to always bill on time. Our neighbors are struggling financially every time there's a delay. If you're going to have a delay, you're not going to have a June 30<sup>th</sup> settlement. I have no idea what this is going to do to the county finances, the city finances, the school finances. If we don't have money coming in starting toward mid to end of April, we start to hurt because there is no way I could have targeted investments for this time because I didn't know this was going to happen. This also does the same thing for the schools. I think our state is delivering our worst financial blow. And we're not our worst financial enemy, at this time. The other thing that I would like to say is that we were also told that the DLGF has four counties on their desk at this time. We were told yesterday, as I understand it, its going to take two and a half months from the time that the legislative session is over to – at the earliest – to give us a rate. That's May 1. That turns out to be May 1. So at this critical point where we have a short session, we have everyone scurrying around to try to find tax relief, we have some members of the General Assembly worried about what a piece of paper looks like, which I was very proud of my paper. If it was so bad, I think that it would have been addressed three and a half years ago, its just that somebody has decided that they wanted to put their own thumbprint on it or they just decided for whatever reason, they would like to see it changed. Could it be an improvement? Perhaps. Will it be an improvement? I have no idea because we're not going to get the final draft until the session is over, so we're told. This is the pickle that we're in. I don't see how we can properly provide service to this county without going ahead and printing these tax bills. Just as in the past, we will use the process at the print shop called nesting, where it will nest the COLTS form with the bill, they'll be slammed into the same envelope, and yes, its all personalized. Now, what we need to decide, which I haven't had time to do, obviously, I didn't want to be awake all night and then have to talk here, we don't know if there will be penalty for non-compliance. Our COLTS form as it exists bears everything that the state has required. Its not the design that they chose. But it bears all of the information. We can go forward, I sent out, what you guys have, an email to every legislator in the House, in the Senate that knows me or that I've heard of, or that I've met. I did not send it to the entire General Assembly, but I did send it to most, asking them to put the COLTS form

changes off and the rest of the counties off, we'll go ahead with ours, because its already set, for '09, at least, so that they can have everything that they want. They have very important matters on their hands other than to worry about what design this is in. I wanted to make you aware of this. I wanted to let you know that I always take my oath of office very seriously. I have never purposely been defiant of the law. But I want to remind you as I did a legislator in the past, it ends with, to the best of my ability. That oath. To the best of my ability, I can get these bills out of time, but I think that we all need to talk and discuss and look at the financial situation of the county and see if we want to wait and comply with the new look of the form. If I'm going to get through to anybody in the General Assembly to actually postpone the COLTS form until '09, or what we're going to do. I also need to get with the city and the school to see what it does to them.

President Abell: Thank you, Ms. Tuley, I'm sure there are some questions and we will take Councilmen's questions. But I do have one question: are you ready to send tax bills right now?

Z Tuley: We're close. Isn't that right?

Bill Fluty: Well, we're not that close. There are still quite a few steps left in sending the tax bills out after the certification gets approved and then the tax rates. The 1782 notices, that actually takes two weeks. Then a change that we didn't have, we usually do a public hearing before we have tax rates, that's been changed this year and that's going to come after the 1782 notices. So that's going to be eight days we may lose in that process, so it's a pretty tight process right now to make a May 10<sup>th</sup> billing. So this is similar to where we've been for the last couple of years and we've always made it, but –

Z Tuley: But I think it's worse.

Bill Fluty: It gets more difficult every year.

President Abell: So are we going to be able to get tax bills, if you ignored everything you heard yesterday, would we be getting tax bills out as normal?

Z Tuley: If the DLGF will approve rates, I suppose.

Bill Fluty: I am hopeful, but there is a lot of work to be done and I understand that the process isn't moving as fast as it was in previous years. The two things, if you can't make a May 10<sup>th</sup>, which I think ours is actually May 12<sup>th</sup>, maybe you make another date in May but you still collect the money and distribute the money before June 30<sup>th</sup>. And then you're, in effect, right on schedule. If you can't have collections by the 12<sup>th</sup>, I think it is this year, but maybe a week later or two weeks later, but you still get the money in and give it out before the 30<sup>th</sup>. Then the school, city, the county, and the taxing units do have money to run.

Z Tuley: We could still be hurting in April, that's what I envision.

Bill Fluty: There's still other issues, yes, but everybody is expecting over \$100,000,000 and they're expecting it by June 30<sup>th</sup>. And they need that to operate. The consequences are, if that money is going to be delayed, they're going to have to go out and borrow, and they're going to have to –

Z Tuley: Because I won't be able to issue an advancement and also, you know, when I'm getting that money in, in April, I'm earning interest on that, and that's all

lost if its not coming in. And if you have to borrow, you're not only not earning, you're paying interest. But I don't know if we can make it or not. Its going to be between the Auditor and the DLGF. I'll do whatever it takes, like I've always done. We've worked 12 hour days before and I can't stand it, but we do it.

President Abell: I think we have some Councilmen who have questions. I saw Mr. Goebel's hand first, let's start over there and just work our way around.

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Z. For each of the changes on the form, does Vanderburgh County encumber that cost or does the state reimburse us?

Z Tuley: No, we get to pay for reprogramming again.

Councilmember Goebel: And how many times since '04 have we changed this particular form? Do you know?

Z Tuley: We didn't.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, it's the same one?

Z Tuley: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: The only question I have, I don't know who can answer, but when the state legislature ends its session and they put forth the caps that's being proposed, when will that kick in? That's not for this particular billing year, is that, or will that be factored?

Z Tuley: I believe it is but it's going to hurt us in a minimum capacity, is that right?

Bill Fluty: I don't know where its actually going to turn out but they do have, I think the one percent is in place for this year, but that's not going to impact us very much. But everything is still on the table because they may make some changes to – it would be hard pressed to make a lot of changes and we could implement them and actually bill timely. And I think that's Z's issue today.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, so a one percent cap on homeowners will kick in for this particular billing phase, is that correct?

Z Tuley: It could, but we don't know that until they come out of session, I don't think, do we?

Bill Fluty: I think they're playing with many ideas this year, but –

Z Tuley: There's so many unknowns that I'm at a loss – that's why I had to come before you today because I couldn't sit here and get a grip on what needs to be done, how we should proceed.

Councilmember Goebel: If the state does not pass the new rates, are we going off the old rates for this billing now or – that's my question, I guess.

Bill Fluty: No. We couldn't do that. I think other counties have billed their previous rates but I think that would be a last resort. I don't think, even though we might be delayed, I don't think that would be an action we would want to take. Back to your first question: it's a two percent for homesteads this year, which doesn't have an effect on Vanderburgh County's.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well first I think you're very diplomatic to say that "this is the pickle we're in." I mean, the longer you talked, only one question kind of came to mind and you kind of answered it. I mean, what are the ramifications if we just, we get the rates approved by the DLGF and we proceed on our schedule, what's going to happen? Are we going to go to tax jail or something?

Z Tuley: I was, I asked that question to someone that has the power to make that decision and I was told not to go there. But, my first duty isn't to the – necessarily the pleasure of the state when I'm providing the information that they actually ask for. My first duty is to the taxpayers.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would agree with that. I mean, I think everyone here appreciates your candor.

Z Tuley: So I still have to entertain the idea of going forward.

Councilmember Winnecke: You know, its just an observation, you know, when the reassessment stuff all kind of bubbled up, it happened here because we got all of our tax bills and everything out on time and there was an uproar here. And, you know, months later, Marion County was way behind the eight ball and it didn't become a state-wide issue until it happened there. And once again, we seem like we're in the same position where Vanderburgh County is on time, doing its job, everyone working cooperatively, except, you know, we may get held – holding the bag here.

Z Tuley: There's no screaming in Marion County at this time because part of Mike's question was, are we going to be forced to use last year's rates. Marion County was forced to use last year's rates. So that's where they are. They have a clean-up bill to send out so that they can get everything back in line. So Marion County is behind again and the year of the switch over to market value, Vanderburgh County and Wells County were the only two that had a May 10 deadline, and we have never failed not to make it. And I accredit that to everyone involved because, as Treasurer, I'm the last link on the chain. So if you don't have your township and your county and your Auditor stepping up to the plate, it doesn't happen that the bills go out on time. I'm just part of that package. And I think Vanderburgh County, we should be allowed to pat ourselves on the back. Other counties have failed to do so. They just say well, its too much work, we're late, we're not on time and, oh well. But it has put them in somewhat of an irresponsible fiscal condition.

President Abell: Ms. Leader, did you have a question?

Councilmember Leader: I do. Good morning, Z.

Z Tuley: Did anybody bring Kleenex?

Councilmember Leader: I always have Kleenex.

Z Tuley: You all may want to cry.

Councilmember Leader: I have two questions: you don't know if we'd be penalized, number one, you just mentioned that. If that's the case, you just mentioned a clean-up bill. I assume I know what that is, but for the sake of all of us, could you state what that is?

Z Tuley: Apparently, Marion County sent out a provisional bill. We've never had to do this because we've always been on time. But because of their massive increases up there last year, they were held at the rates from the previous year so they sent out another bill, so they're going to have to send out another one in order to kind of offset that jump from what they did have, to what they had the year before. But it just can't jump as high as where it was and I don't know what all finances has to be reworked to come to that new figure, but Bill can tell you it would be – its an astronomical chore.

Councilmember Leader: Does that mean three bills this year for Marion County residents, the cleanup bill and two more or –

Z Tuley: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Okay. And then secondly, what can we do to help you?

Z Tuley: Scream at the legislators? I really don't know except that I think we're going to have to be together on the decision. I don't think that it should fall or I should take it upon myself to decide to go forward. I can do that. But I don't think that it's wise. I think that we're all in this together. You all set the budget, you all have to pay the bills, I'm just the collector. I can make this call and I can go forward, and it can all be on me, but I think it needs to be a collective decision. I'm dragging you all down with me.

President Abell: You want all of us in jail with you, that's it.

Z Tuley: But I do need to get with the schools and see what kind of financial devastation they're going to face and I need to get with Lisa.

Councilmember Leader: And Z, my question is, can you and Mr. Fluty perhaps give us some consolidated statement, if you will, so that we can speak intelligently to our legislators? I mean, we can send the emails and letters and phone calls, but I think it's a very complex issue and whether or not we agree with the statement when we get the statement, I think it would be nice to have a simplified –

Z Tuley: And then you all sign off on it, or do you want to send it individually, but you want a uniform statement?

Councilmember Leader: Well, we don't have to use it as a uniform statement, it would be nice to understand, I mean, this is a rather complex issue, complex letter you have before us that you sent them. I'm just looking for a little clarity when I speak to my legislator on behalf of the citizens of Vanderburgh County. I'm not the Treasurer. I mean, I need to understand more clearly how to speak to them and that's just a suggestion I have as an individual.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Kind of give us a little bit of understanding, too, Z, on the timeliness that you're dealing with here on this issue and when you're anticipating that action will be taken from the state on this issue. Obviously, the legislature is about to close their session here rather soon. Is that the timetable that you're working under?

Z Tuley: If we do that, if the session ends on time, and they're not held over, then there will be a form and I don't know how rapidly it will get to us, but at least that will

be the last day for changes. I don't know if we would get that, the new design, overnight, or if it would be five days, ten days, later. Then we will have to have our programmer reprogram everything so that when it goes to the print shop, X dollars actually appears in the right spot. And then our printer is also going to have to adjust their programming on their side because what they've got now is what we've done for years. So they're going to have to modify and make the changes on their end as well. And then, we'll have to worry about where we are in line at the DLGF to get the rates and then how quickly can we move. I don't know. I can tell you that we can move as quickly as possible, but from what Dan Jones said yesterday, he's the assistant budget director for the DLGF, he said, after the session closes, you can just count on two and a half months. Well, that's into May.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess the other thing that comes to mind is trying to get a sense, you know, you've obviously been very involved on a state-wide basis on tax related issues and been president of the Treasurer's Association and all. How many any other counties are as aware of this issue to the level where you are? I mean, is the Association able to get many other counties on board with how this will impact them and what they might do to respond?

Z Tuley: All of the southern counties heard about it yesterday. All of the northern counties are hearing about it today. There was a complete uproar in the room, needless to say.

**(Tape Changed)**

Z Tuley: The Treasurer's Association and I don't quite see eye to eye on some matters. They feel a little more obligated to be cooperative, is the word they used, rather than compromise, and I don't see a lot of – when I don't see a lot of common sense coming out of something, I have a very difficult time in wanting to be cooperative.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm asking these questions because, I mean, we could very well, here locally, with the different bodies: the Council, Commissioners, School Board, I mean, we could put together some resolution that you could send on that might help to spur on a better understanding of what needs to really occur here, but I'm not really sure if a resolution just coming from Vanderburgh County alone has the strength that you may have coming from multiple counties if there is some joint language that you guys can agree on, that then goes on to the DLGF and the others involved with this. Do you think that's something that you guys might consider –

Z Tuley: I don't think it will come out of the Indiana County Treasurer's Association because I'm not the president this year. But it might could happen with our neighbors, because every county is in this pickle, as you put it. Every county, the state has set us up for a financial blow statewide, in every county. If I can't make it out of the pocket with a May 10 date or somewhere close, there's not a county out there that can make it. And that's been proven through history. And its going to be tight, if I make it at all.

President Abell: Who else, Mr. Goebel, did you have another question? Mr. Raben?

Z Tuley: We could try AIC.

Councilmember Raben: Z, repeat what you said a few moments ago. Of course, you were given notice yesterday, but the other counties throughout the state are being



given notice today and –

Z Tuley: The northern half is getting the information today. The southern half got their information yesterday.

Councilmember Raben: I think we have to wait a few more days to see what the outcome is after everybody else is given notice.

Z Tuley: After the explosion happens in the north.

Councilmember Raben: The counties that seem to matter the most in terms of the state.

Z Tuley: Isn't that the truth?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, they're being given notice today, things will probably – the outcome may be different a week from now anyway.

Z Tuley: If we could just get Marion County to cry a little louder it would help. We did get on the map, guys, but they barely know that we're here.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a quick one, will changing the form or using the same form we have now, change the amount of tax revenue that we bring in?

Z Tuley: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Then I think common sense will say you should move forward as soon as you get the rates and this body, I think, would be willing to gamble that when you are taken off to jail, we will visit you.

President Abell: I hear the accommodations are very nice.

Councilmember Raben: All in favor of Z going to jail...

Z Tuley: Eric has always looked forward to hauling me off.

President Abell: I think it is the consensus of this Council that we will stand behind you and we do think that the best interest of the public is to go ahead and get our tax bills out. It's a lot easier to get forgiveness than it is permission. So we'll just worry about what Indianapolis wants to do later. And maybe we could see what Frankfort would like to do for us. Mr. Ahlers has something he'd like to comment on.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the things I wanted to ask you was that, I mean, I guess its difficult to deal with is, since we don't have a law to look at to interpret. But does the law require that the PACER or COLTS form, whichever one has to be used, be actually mailed with the bill or I guess following up on Mr. Goebel's comments, I guess, my thought would be, can we not, since no law has been passed yet, we're still following the current law, you send the forms you always send, the bills you always send, if somehow the law changes and says, you were supposed to have mailed another form, can we then just follow up and mail that form? I understand we undertake the cost of mailing, but at least then we're getting our bills out on time, getting money in time, and then technically, may still be in compliance with the statute or do you think there is something that says, the statute says it has to be

mailed with the bill? I guess the bill could be mailed again, too, but I'm kind of wondering if we can't comply with both or is that just too onerous and not possible?

Z Tuley: It's in 6-1.1-22-8, Indiana Code, and it says that it is to be mailed at the time of the tax bill. My understanding of the law was that it always had to be included with the tax bill, but Candy pulled the code for me yesterday. She reviewed it and she said no, it did not say that, but it is to be mailed at the time.

Jeff Ahlers: The new form or the current form?

Z Tuley: If we're going to be in non-compliance, that might be the lesser of the evils that we at least did it but it just wasn't the time schedule that we were supposed to follow.

Jeff Ahlers: I guess one of the questions that I had is, what is the soonest that you can mail your tax bills? I assume there is a deadline.

Z Tuley: As soon as he gets a rate.

Jeff Ahlers: So there is no statute that says bills can't be mailed before a certain date, correct?

Z Tuley: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: So, I mean, technically, I mean, dependent on how long this drags on, I suppose, I don't know how long the session is supposed to go, when its supposed to end.

Z Tuley: Its supposed to end March 14.

Jeff Ahlers: So we would not have mailed this, obviously, before then, correct?

Z Tuley: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: See, most laws, whenever they pass them at the General Assembly, they always take, that's why in Indiana, July 1, is because our sessions always end in late spring, so you know, it would be unusual if they make something effective in March or April 1, you know, before people have had notice and, you know, are able to comply. So then if its not effective until July 1, we would still be complying under the old statute. And so I'm wondering –

Z Tuley: That's what I've asked. I've asked them to postpone it.

Jeff Ahlers: – how they're going to do that because that's an unusual manner to proceed in.

Z Tuley: If we do that, Mr. Ahlers, we would actually be sending out a minimal information item. These have been removed and part of this has been removed from this section because this is simply a document for which the taxpayer to submit their payment with. This form here has an annual total. We are never demanding an annual total on May 10. Its broke in half and so since this is duplicate information as to what is on there, and in the past we mailed them in the same envelope, the information is on there, its no longer on here because there is no sense in paying for duplicate print on something that's in the same envelope. So its basically a minimum information bill. Oh, the address is, the street address has also been

added to here but then these boxes have been removed.

President Abell: Anyone else have a question? I think maybe Ms. Leader's recommendation is a good one, that you get with Mr. Fluty, get us some information. And if it comes to pass by March 14<sup>th</sup> that we have to do something, we have another meeting at the end of this month. We would encourage you to come back. Maybe by then, some of us can even sit down with you and figure out what we're going to do on this.

Z Tuley: Bring your crying towels.

President Abell: We appreciate your bringing that information to us.

Z Tuley: Okay, thank you for hearing me at the last minute, but after yesterday, I went – I have to be there.

President Abell: Bring us some good news next time.

Z Tuley: I'm telling you, I'd like to. Thank you.

<p><b>RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 41 AND WASHINGTON</b></p>
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President Abell: We do have a resolution to deal with this morning that you didn't know about because I didn't know about it until this morning, myself. It's the resolution supporting the construction of a pedestrian overpass at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Washington Avenue. This, my understanding is, I haven't read it because I've been sitting here without the ability to do so, but this is to go to the federal and the state to ascertain if there are any funds available to build an overpass so the students that have to cross 41 to get to Bosse High School can do so without having to be on Highway 41, actually be able to walk in an overpass. And this has been discussed for a long time in this community. The City Council has done a resolution, the Commissioners, I think, did theirs last night or maybe last week, and we have a copy of their – almost exactly like theirs only submitting County Council instead of County Commissioners. And I would entertain a motion to accept this resolution, have us sign it and get it back. We also have to do a letter of support with it which we could do, which would virtually just say that we support the resolution attached to the letter. So I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Any questions, discussion? Go ahead, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: President Abell, on this resolution, it's calling for a study, I guess, that would be done prior to, I guess, any work or anything proceeding forward. So is that something that we'll hear something back on or are they seeking funding from the Council in support of that study? Who would pay for that? Any idea?

President Abell: My understanding is that they will not be asking the Council for financial assistance, this is all part of the grant that they are seeking to get this

money, the assistance in it. But this study has to be done, I guess, to see how many students actually cross 41, actually live on the opposite side of there. And I don't think there would be a problem getting some feedback on it. We could just ask for it. Any other questions? That's too easy. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: I have a meeting immediately after this with the members of CAJE, and I see many of them in the audience. I assume that's what you're here for, is for that meeting. Yes, and I need all Councilmembers to stay and sign the resolution for Bosse High School. Did you –

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAJE</b> <b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND</b></p>
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Joseph Easley: (Inaudible – comments not made at the microphone)

President Abell: Well, actually, you made your presentation last week, but if you can make it quickly, I'll allow you to come up and make a couple of comments.

Joseph Easley: I understood we were on the agenda, so I just assumed that we still had time to do that. I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you about one of the most important issues, which is affordable housing and I appreciate your interest in that. Mitch, go ahead and pass out some information. We shared some statistics last time and this gives –

President Abell: Sir, could you please identify yourself for the record?

Joseph Easley: Joseph Easley, Pastor of Central United Methodist Church and co-chair of Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment. Approximately 15,000 families in Evansville are identified as very low income. What that means is, the median income is about 58,000, very low income is half of that, so a little less than 29,000, that means 15,000 families, households in this community make less than a household income of \$29,000. Of those, two-thirds of them are housing insecure, in that they spend more than 30 percent of their income for housing. That's a national standard that a family is in fairly good shape if they stay under 30 percent of their income spent on housing. Its even worse than that because fully 50 percent of very low income households spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing. Let me ask you, if you spent 50 percent of your income on housing, how would your budget work.? Think about it. If you were very low income and you were spending 50 percent of your income on housing and you had the rest to live on, you would be in deep trouble. The problem also is that we have a very old housing stock in this community. And 25 percent of housing in Evansville is substandard. That means people are dealing with more rodent problems, with leaks, with old heating and air conditioning systems, with a lack of weatherization. And the folks who are affected by this are the backbone of the community, the working poor people who teach and childcare, work in preschool, are dispatchers, who work in many factories, emergency medical technicians. These are statistics, but we have an actual person we'd like to share with you that Mitch Gieselman would read if you will give us time for that.

President Abell: I'll have to ask you to make it brief because we do have some other business to take care of. All of us have other places, but that will be fine if you will make it brief.

Mitch Gieselman: Thank you, Madam President. I'm Mitch Gieselman, as Joe said. I'm the pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. I would simply suggest that, I've never been in a position of knowing what it's like to fear where I would be living a week from now. And so I would share with you a testimonial of someone who's story that is.

"Ever since I can remember, I've had a problem with finding suitable housing. When I was a child, I would ask my mom, why can't we stay in one house for more than six months? We never really received a straight answer. But now that I'm grown with four kids of my own, I truly understand. I've went to half the schools in Evansville, Mt. Vernon and Boonville, due to us moving so much. I could have had a 4.0 GPA or close to it if we could have stayed put for a while. I vowed when I had children that I would not move around and have them change schools like I had to. I moved out of the house at the age of 17 and, boy, was that scary. I lost my first apartment because I didn't stay in school, which led me to lose my social security check for my deceased father. I ended up in an old apartment that truly needed some work done to it. The gas and electric bills were pretty high even back then. I believe by the time I had my fourth child I had moved around five times, not because I wanted to, but either the landlord would sell the property or it was foreclosed on. I moved into a low income apartment complex and stayed for three and a half years until the crime and insects started getting uncontrollable. I was able to rent a pretty decent house in 1994. I'm still in that house by the grace of God only. I was on section 8 from 1994 until about three years ago when both my husband and I got halfway decent employment. The section 8 office didn't waste any time letting us know that they were only going to pay \$15 of our \$475 rent. It seems like they never let you catch up. I mean, yes, we were making over minimum wage, but without any

benefits or insurance. So now we have to struggle each month with medical bills, food, utilities, and full rent. It is almost as if you're being punished for getting a job. We are dealing with this problem with the help of the good Lord and I know he won't put more on us than we can bear. I work with a lot of people who are less fortunate than me on a daily basis and it really hurts me to know that even though I am there to help these people, there is no place to send them for shelter. There are only a handful of shelters in Evansville and they are filled to their capacity. Just like the condo, loft apartments are sprouting up downtown. Our city needs more affordable housing and more family shelters. I ask you to please help in the fight against homelessness. Please provide a fund for the people of this great city so that we won't have people sleeping in their cars and on the streets. The children need to get a chance to get a good education and not have to end up barely graduating because their parents were not able to give them a suitable roof over their heads."

She concludes her notice simply by saying, thank you for your time and so do I.

Joseph Easley: This story is multiplied 10,000 times over in this community. Mitch, go ahead and pass out the second sheet, with your permission. Again, a housing trust fund is flexible. It could go for a variety of things. It's locally controlled. It meets the local needs and here are some of the advantages: it brings in new income to families and to the community, creates jobs, it makes a significant difference in school children who have stable housing and doing well, graduating and therefore, contributing, rather than draining the community later. It affects health issues related to children and, in the long run, a housing trust fund, affordable housing trust fund, pays for itself by what it does in the community. Recording fees are one of the most popular solutions in the 600 trust funds across the country because they're directly tied to housing and they're raising and they're a designated stream of income which is very important is to have a source of income or multiple sources of income which feeds into it. The cost is minimal, the assistant from the office that gave information last time, the Recorder's office, said it would take bills from \$20 to \$24.50. Do you think \$4.50 is going to stop somebody from buying a house or refinancing their mortgage? This is a first step. It's a significant step toward raising two million dollars a year in this community that could really, really make a dent in the problem. This is an immediate step. Yes, we want to go and work with you and work with the Mayor, who is committed to this, to change state law so most of that money stays, more of that money stays here. But let's don't let the fact that some of the money is going to be in a state pool, that we can still apply for, stop us from doing now what can be done to begin a process in making a dent in this. Thank you for your time.

President Abell: Anyone have anything they...? Evidently not. Okay. And I will be here after the meeting. Any more business to come before the Council? Anyone? We're adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 2, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of April in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Auditor Fluty, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: I'd like to make note that our attorney, Mr. Ahlers, has an illness in his family and he's not here this morning. And I'd like to thank Rebecca for coming. Mr. Raben, would you like to take over the appropriation ordinance? I'm sorry, I missed the approval of the minutes.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 6 AND MARCH 5, 2008</b></p>
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President Abell: Could I have a motion to approve the minutes of the last, --

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: It's February the 6<sup>th</sup> and the March 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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President Abell: And now Mr. Raben.

**TREASURER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First on the agenda under Treasurer, 1030-3410 Printing in the amount of \$7,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3410	Printing	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total		7,000.00	7,000.00

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

**COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: County Commissioners, 1300-3140 Telephone in the amount of \$1,080. That calculates to \$40/ month beginning April 1, so that's nine months.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3140	Telephone	2,484.00	1,080.00
Total		2,484.00	1,080.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/President Abell opposed)**

## **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Public Defender 1303-3948 Death Penalty case in the amount of \$153,329, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Raben: Can we have discussion on that?

President Abell: Yes, you can.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, just an idea, possibly, moving forward, we might want to set some guidelines on what we do as far as what's reimbursable and what's not. We talked a little bit about this last week maybe, just establishing the per diem that we utilize in every other office throughout the county which is, I think, \$26 a day. And that would be for like expert witnesses, Public Defender, Prosecutor, I know the courts utilize that per diem rate. Just an idea – I wanted to see what anybody else's thoughts were.

President Abell: I have been attempting to schedule a meeting with a member of the state public defender's commission and actually have been talking to several people about doing that, to see what limitations we can put in and stay within the state statute.

Councilmember Leader: Mrs. Abell, may I comment? When I was Mead Johnson/Bristol-Myers Squibb, we had, obviously, travel throughout the world. And one of the things we established, we had a very strict travel policy and per diem policy. But one of the things we took into account was the market in which we were working. And so I just wanted to present that if we move a trial to a major market, it might not be possible to have breakfast, lunch and dinner for \$26. And I'm sure the state takes that into account as well, but I just wanted to make that comment because sometimes it turned out it wasn't possible, so we had kind of an A, B and C per diem requirement.

President Abell: Any other comments? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3948	Death Penalty (Nov. 51,399/Dec. 101,930)	153,329.00	153,329.00
Total		153,329.00	153,329.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/President Abell opposed)**

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under County Council, Court Technology in the amount of 5,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3461	Court Technology	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

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

### COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Highway, 2010-1029 Truck Driver in the amount of \$6,529; 2010-1850 Union Overtime in the amount of \$35,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, are you voting or did you have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, the – on this request here, I didn't have – I wasn't involved in the conversation last week, but this is – on that Union Overtime, that is just Union Employees only, in that line?

Councilmember Raben: To my knowledge it is.

Councilmember Leader: As I recall, the others were Comp Time. Is that right, Mr. Fluty?

Bill Fluty: That is correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so we don't have any comp requests for any of the salaried employees in any of these lines here?

Bill Fluty: We will only be paying Union employees.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: The comp time, I think, that Mike presented was just to let us know how many hours they worked and I don't know if there was any other angle involved, but he was not requesting any additional comp time nor any additional monies for the salaried.

Councilmember Leader: Well, those were actual hours that are available for them to take. He did say to us, because I asked him that question, that only 20 hours, I believe or 30 hours, Mr. Fluty, carried over. Do you know which it was? At the end of the year, but those were actual comp hours they can take because I asked him how they would ever have time to take all those hours.

Bill Fluty: They do have a limit on what they can carry over, that is correct.

Councilmember Leader: So those are actual hours they can take.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I asked, the question I asked, I mean, in particular, I mean, we can recall, I guess when we had the tornado back a year or so, year and a half ago, that there was a request that came before Council for salaried employees to get overtime and I took great issue with that in that salaried employees know

exactly what their salary is and overtime is not a part of that. So I just wanted to make sure we're very clear in this request here.

Bill Fluty: Then again, this is in Union Overtime and I think when we did the salaried, we actually put it into a civilian line item by your authority, and then paid in that particular instance.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1029	Truck Driver	6,529.00	6,529.00
2010-1850	Union Overtime	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total		41,529.00	41,529.00

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

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, we might want to circle the wagons back on this at some time between now and budget time to, there again, establish maybe some guidelines to follow on comp time.

#### **LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Local Roads & Streets, 2160-2530 in the amount of \$40,000 and 2160-2580 in the amount of 35,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: I have a question, Mr. Raben. By leaving the Bituminous Materials at \$40,000, that gives us the money for asphalt for patching potholes?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that takes care of that. The thought on the 35,000 for the Calcium Chloride line instead of the 70 is, you know, we are in April. I mean, I understand what Mike's point was, loading the barns up with salt so we've got it going into next year. But salt will be available next fall or early winter. You know, I don't know that you gamble on, will you have another winter like you had this year or not, but we can address that, you know, late this year or early next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Pricing will probably be more favorable later than it is now anyway, I would assume.

President Abell: Petroleum might be cheaper.

Councilmember Sutton: We hope. We all hope.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I just want to clarify, it's 40 and 35? Thank you. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-2530	Bituminous Materials	40,000.00	40,000.00
2160-2580	Calcium Chloride	70,000.00	35,000.00
Total		110,000.00	75,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
 CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (TWO REQUESTS)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay transfers, Madam President, I'm going to move that all transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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From: 2490-1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	500.00
To: 2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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From: 2030-4745	Green River Road Culvert #2125	200,000.00	200,000.00
To: 2030-4372	Allens Lane Bridge #137	200,000.00	200,000.00



CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4230	Motor Vehicle	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2030-1850	Union Overtime	5,000.00	5,000.00

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: And last is the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, I'll move that we amend salary line 2010-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted. Salary line 2010-1029 Truck Driver as previously approved. The employee's salary that will be transferred in this line will have an annual salary of \$36,236 to be prorated at \$17.2877 per hour for the remainder of 2008. The original hire date for this employee was January the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2004. Cum Bridge: amend salary line 2030-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Community Corrections/Sheriff: set salary line 1051-340 Confinement Officer in at \$35,152 and salary line 1051-312 Confinement Officer in at \$35,209. Superintendent of County Buildings, set salary line 1310-1120 Carpenter in at \$37,110. And that concludes the amendments and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: If there's no discussion, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

<b>BOARD APPOINTMENTS</b>
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President Abell: Old Business, we have a board appointment for the PTA board and I've been working with Mr. Weaver on this. We have found someone we want to appoint, his name is Charles Butler. He's been a realtor for many years and his specialty is low income housing and rental properties. Not that that's his specialty, but that's what he deals a lot with. And that was sort of a weakness on that board. We don't know if he qualifies because he has to have a certain certification. Mr. Weaver is working with him and we talked this week, we're going to go ahead and appoint him to that board. If he has to have the certification and he will not take it, then we'll have to reappoint. But he has indicated that he would take that certification unless it requires him to go to Indianapolis for an extended period of time. So we'll put it in there today because they really need someone on that board to make sure they have a quorum every time and it's a pretty important board.

<b>CHANGE OF MEETING DATE</b>
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Under New Business, you'll notice there's a change of date from August 27<sup>th</sup>, the Personnel and Finance Meeting, to August the 26<sup>th</sup>. We're going to have it in conjunction with our regular meeting so we don't have to come back a second day. We were going to have a guest speaker this morning.

Councilmember Leader: May I comment?

President Abell: I was going to ask you if you would. Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. I have been appointed as the Regional Vice President for the Indiana, or the Association of Indiana Counties, and went last Friday with the President of the Association, Tony Wolfe, who is the President of the Gibson County Council, to Indianapolis. And one of the things the Association is working hard to do is to clarify for us the impact of the legislation on County Councils. And as many of you probably know, we have additional responsibilities as a result of the recent legislation. Mr. Wolfe had hoped to be with us this morning to talk to us briefly about the plans to educate all of us in those areas, however, he is a farmer in Gibson County and since this is the first day of sunshine in I don't know how long, in addition to his Farm Bureau responsibilities, he needed to work this morning. We will ask him to join us at our meeting on the last Wednesday in April as Mrs. Abell and I discussed. And he will bring us up to date on what we can do to educate ourselves more fully in our new responsibilities. So most of you know him and he's a walking encyclopedia, so it will be a very interesting presentation.

President Abell: Thank you, and congratulations on your appointment.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other business to come before Council? We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MAY 7, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of May in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance? And our flag is back in the proper location.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Thank you, and welcome to everyone in attendance this morning and also our television viewing audience. I think yesterday we got to see another example of our wonderful democracy at work and it makes all of us proud to be here this morning and proud to be Americans.

<b>APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2008 MINUTES</b>
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President Abell: I'd like a motion for approval of the minutes of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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President Abell: The appropriation ordinance, the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben, isn't here this morning and the Vice President, Mr. Winnecke, has agreed to handle these duties for us.

**SHERIFF**

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Madam President. I'll begin with the appropriation request from the Sheriff's Office, line 1050-1531 Shift Differential in the amount of \$1,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1531	Civil. Shift Differential	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		1,500.00	1,500.00

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

**JAIL**

Councilmember Winnecke: Next, for the Jail, line 1051-1301 Civilian Overtime in the amount of \$19,000; line 1051-1130-0356 Confinement Officer in the amount of \$273; line 1051-1531 Shift Differential \$2,700; and line 1051-1951 Teamsters Education \$728, for a total appropriation of \$22,701. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	19,000.00	19,000.00
1051-1130-0356	Confinement Officer	273.00	273.00
1051-1531	Civil. Shift Differential	2,700.00	2,700.00
1051-1951	Civil. Teamsters Ed.	728.00	728.00
Total		22,701.00	22,701.00

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

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Winnecke: Next, under Scott Township Assessor, I'll make a motion and then provide a brief explanation so folks can understand. I'll move that line 1160-1900 FICA be put in at the amount of \$48; line 1160-1972 Level II Certification \$626. And line 1160-1910 PERF in the amount of \$46, for a total appropriation of \$720. And again, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just for a brief explanation, the Level II Certification accounts for the Assessor being paid for a three month time period at that Level II Certification, and the Deputy for the entire nine months, and they are, again, paid in June and December on that. And if that Assessor remains part of Mr. Weaver's team beyond that, then we can revisit future payment for him later in the year.

President Abell: Any questions from the Council? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1160-1900	FICA	87.00	48.00
1160-1972	Level II Certification	1,125.00	626.00
1160-1910	PERF	82.00	46.00
Total		1,294.00	720.00

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

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Councilmember Winnecke: Cooperative Extension, line 1230-1120-1230 Office

Manager in the amount of \$5,683; line 1230-1140-1230 Secretary in the amount of \$879; line 1230-1900 FICA in the amount of \$1,130; line 1230-1910 PERF in the amount of \$476; and line 1230-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$8,213, for a total appropriation of \$16,381. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1230-1120-1230	Office Manager	5,683.00	5,683.00
1230-1140-1230	Secretary	879.00	879.00
1230-1900	FICA	1,130.00	1,130.00
1230-1910	PERF	476.00	476.00
1230-1990	Extra Help	8,213.00	8,213.00
Total		16,381.00	16,381.00

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

## **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Councilmember Winnecke: Weights & Measures, line 1302-1910 PERF in the amount of \$467; and line 1302-1750 Clothing Allowance in the amount of \$2,000, for a total appropriation of \$2,467. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1302-1910	PERF	467.00	467.00
1302-1750	Clothing Allowance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		2,467.00	2,467.00

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

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Winnecke: Circuit Court, line 1360-3723 Psychiatric Evaluations in the amount of \$4,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1360-3723	Psych. Evaluations	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		4,000.00	4,000.00

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

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from the County Highway fund, County Highway, line 2010-1750 Clothing Allowance, in the amount of \$500; and line 2010-1910 PERF in the amount of \$88, for a total appropriation of \$588, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1750	Clothing Allowance	500.00	500.00
2010-1910	PERF	88.00	88.00
Total		588.00	588.00

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

### REASSESSMENT/TREASURER

Councilmember Winnecke: Next, under the Reassessment Fund appropriations, from the Treasurer's Office, line 2490-1030-3370 Computers in the amount of \$826.16. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions?

Councilmember Sutton: That amount again?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry. We'll round that up to \$827.

President Abell: Ms. Leader, did you second that?

Councilmember Leader: I did.

President Abell: Will you agree to change it to the –

Councilmember Leader: I will. Second.

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Goebel, do you want to explain that the Treasurer has agreed to this?

Councilmember Goebel: Z Tuley, our Treasurer, requested 11,000 plus for new computers. Some of hers are old. One, in particular, has crashed twice this year. But Z has agreed to table that upon Council President Abell's recommendation until the Township Assessors' situation is resolved as far as computers may be coming into the building. However, looking at the monitors she has, she probably needs two new ones there and that's what this funding is for. And they are larger than the typical agreement we made, but I looked, and I agree that they're replacing a large one already. So she is getting two new monitors at this point.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Goebel. Any questions about that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1030-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	11,757.00	827.00
Total		11,757.00	827.00

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

#### REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Pigeon Township Assessor, line 2490-1150-2600 Office Supplies in the amount of \$3,000; line 2490-1150-4220 Office Machines in the amount of \$6,822, for a total appropriation of \$9,822, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Is it too late to bring up a question? I'm sorry, I was asleep on the job. The second request for Office Machines, \$6822, is that correct?

President Abell: Isn't that for a copier? Copy Machine?

Councilmember Goebel: I thought last week we discussed, perhaps, waiting to see if there were any available at one of the outlying areas.

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Weaver is here if you want to ask him.

President Abell: Mr. Weaver, do you know?

Councilmember Sutton: He did send out a list of potential supplies to us, but the time that they are actually going to be available and when they need it at Pigeon Township, you know, there would be a little bit of a gap. And they are repealing, Pigeon Township is repealing, if you look later, farther back, like \$9,100 back to us, but yeah, he did send us a pretty comprehensive list of equipment, supplies.

Jonathan Weaver: I guess the question is, do you guys want to wait until July 1<sup>st</sup>, or can Pigeon wait? I forget how many copiers were in that, three, I think, at least, are coming into the building come July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Goebel: My question is, do we want to purchase a new one at this point? I know their contract runs out about the same time and that machine is dated and has seen its lifetime of use, but if we have another one we could replace it with already existing, do we want to buy a new one right now?

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Weaver, you sent us the list of equipment, but what you haven't done, I assume, in this short period of time since we saw you last week, is determine the age of that equipment and the quality of the equipment. Have you been able to do that?

Jonathan Weaver: No, I haven't even thought to do that. I thought we'd just inherit everything and use it.

Councilmember Sutton: More than likely, those supplies will find a home because we've got so many copiers all around the building and some of them are pretty old, so I don't think that probably is going to be an issue for you, especially if their things are salvageable.

Jonathan Weaver: I can't control what you guys do now, but I'm just saying that these copiers will be coming into the building. They'll probably be put to some use at some point and that's the story, I guess.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, would you feel better if we appropriated it but we talked to them first before they spent it? Just because we appropriated it doesn't mean they have to spend it.

Councilmember Goebel: If we appropriated it, I think that's a green light, isn't it?

President Abell: Well, it means they can spend it, but I think they were pretty cooperative. They're not here today and –

Councilmember Goebel: Speaking to them last week, they said the copier they had is nearly dilapidated, but they would be agreeable to try to get one from another office if it became available so we wouldn't have to buy a new one. That was the sense that I got from them, speaking to them after the meeting.

President Abell: Well, what's the pleasure of Council, we're in the middle of a vote. Do we want to continue with this vote?

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I was thinking that one of the issues that did come up was that the current copy situation that they're in, that through either contractual maintenance agreements and/or the machine itself, that was expiring like now or has expired. And that waiting until July was not necessarily going to be a workable

situation. Now there may be other alternatives between now and then, but waiting the next three months or so would not be something that they could really do. I mean, that's the impression that I had got.

Jonathan Weaver: When I look at that space in the basement, supposedly where they're going, you know, will three copiers fit down there along with fourteen people? Do we need three copiers down there? I mean, we're willing to maybe let Pigeon borrow one. But I don't know what Pigeon's situation is, if they need it right at this second or if they can wait.

Councilmember Winnecke: And the other issue is, we won't know on Pigeon until November as to whether they'll be coming into Mr. Weaver's office or not.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that, but you're getting three, you suspect, and you might be able to lend one out to Pigeon? Because their maintenance agreement ends on July 1<sup>st</sup>, when the other offices are scheduled to close. Could we not work out a loan situation or –

Jonathan Weaver: My concern at this point is Area 51 in the basement, there's a sign on the door that says that, we would need to squeeze fourteen people in there and all that equipment that I emailed you. So I'm worried about space issues at this point, and that we won't need three copiers down there.

Councilmember Shetler: Mike, you're saying that shows that the maintenance doesn't expire until July?

Councilmember Goebel: July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Shetler: And see, that's when these other guys will, in that case, I mean, I'm willing to withdraw my vote and – except for the other two, but I'm willing to withdraw my vote and get this thing restarted.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but the issue is what do they do now? I mean, they're in need of a copier now. Not necessarily in July, so and obviously, these other offices aren't going to move their equipment over to another office until their time expires here.

President Abell: I actually thought they said that theirs was okay and they could use it until July, but when the maintenance runs out, they wanted to renew it and that was what this was for. No?

Councilmember Sutton: Based on my discussion with them, they actually have been wanting to come the last couple of months on this issue but they thought they might be able to hold out and that hadn't necessarily been the case.

President Abell: We probably need to have more discussion with them and find out exactly where they are. Do you think they could limp by for 30 more days when we could bring this back up in June?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they're not here today –

President Abell: Yeah, they're not here.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there anyone from Pigeon?

Councilmember Winnecke: Maybe we could table this for now and ask Mrs. Deig to call them and ask them to come up and we could move on to the other matters and revisit this later in the meeting?

President Abell: The three people – yeah, that's what I was saying, we could appropriate and tell them not to spend the funds, but I don't know if we can actually tell them not to spend the funds. If they got it, they can spend it. I do need the three – I will need the three people that have voted for it to withdraw their votes. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, do we need to do that if we're just going to table it for the time?

President Abell: Mr. Ahlers thinks we do.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, somehow you've got to get your way out. We're kind of halfway through, so I would think that either they've got to voluntarily withdraw their votes and then you need to probably file a motion to table it or let everybody finish voting and then if you need to move to bring it back to the floor for another vote. But somehow we're kind of in the middle of a vote here. So either, if they're willing to withdraw their votes, that's an easy way to resolve it. If they're not, we need to finish the roll call vote, I guess, and then take a new motion.

Councilmember Leader: She's going to go call.

Councilmember Sutton: Everybody is looking at me.

President Abell: Well, you're first. I think we'll have Ms. Lukeman call your names.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I'll withdraw mine as well.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader:

Councilmember Leader: I will.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, it's back to you.

Jeff Ahlers: You want to show for the record, just so that it's clear on the record, that the three votes have been withdrawn and that there is no vote on the motion and, I guess, there's going to be a new motion.

**(DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON PAGE 15)**

### **CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, next Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, line 2600-3935 Contractual Drug Testing in the amount of \$75,000, I move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Just the only discussion I have, and it goes back to what I was sharing last week, I think we're going to have a discussion maybe with the Commissioners and come up with some kind of understanding of what type of contracts should be bid. And come to some understanding if it's a dollar amount, the type of contract. You know, the type of contract that I saw, or that we received last week on this, I think it warrants at least being competitively bid. And not only just from the dollar amount, but also just the perception issues and what we're dealing with. I think we really need to move in that direction. I want to have a discussion with the Commissioners along that line and see if we can get something like that moving. Obviously, we've got this one before us today and the contract, in and of itself, probably does suit their needs. It's fine, they've had enough discussions with them, but I just don't feel comfortable just voting on something like this, at least affirmatively, without at least it just having had a chance to be bid. So my vote is no.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, to address that, I'd like to read a very brief inter-office memorandum that I have prepared and Mrs. Deig is going to copy to all of the county officeholders/department heads, and judicial officers. "There has been confusion lately regarding letting contracts, whether or not they need to be bid out. As a matter of practice, it is suggested that every contract be let for bid. However, if there is any question regarding this practice, please submit your request directly to the County Council and you will receive a response. No contract should be signed by anyone other than the County Commissioners as they are the body that enters into contracts on behalf of the county." And that will be sent out to every officeholder today.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?



President Abell: Yes.

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL  
ADULT PROBATION**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2600-3935	Contract. Drug Testing	75,000.00	75,000.00
Total		75,000.00	75,000.00

**(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)**

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST</b>
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**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, I think we're going to have to back pedal a minute. We need to revisit Pigeon Township and table the \$6,822 and pass the 3,000, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, somehow we need a final disposal on that. I don't know if you want to set it in at zero or whether you want to defer it but –

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, their votes were on the entire appropriation request, so if we've table it, I think we've tabled the entire –

Councilmember Sutton: Right, we'll just come back, and then we'll just deal with both issues.

Councilmember Winnecke: Because they were bundled together.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Next, we have a repeal from Pigeon Township, 1150-1120-1150 Chief Deputy in the amount of \$9,171, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1120-1150	Chief Deputy	9,171.00	9,171.00
Total		9,171.00	9,171.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12)**

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, I see Pigeon Township has arrived.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Stacy French: Stacy French, Chief Deputy, Pigeon Township Assessor's Office.

Councilmember Winnecke: Hi, Stacy. Thanks for coming up. Would you just explain, I know we've visited this issue briefly last week, but could you re-explain the status of the copier and what you feel its life is?

Stacy French: The gentleman came in this month and he had to replace four springs on it, and he said that it would probably only go for maybe a good month. We're making copies for appeals, we're making copies for the new assessment papers that are being made. The personal property (Inaudible – microphone not turned on).

President Abell: When did you say he was there? Last week?

Stacy French: This month, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: But your contract ends on July 1<sup>st</sup>, correct?

Stacy French: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I think this group, without a doubt, supports that you need a copier that works, but is it okay with Pigeon Township if we wait until the other copiers might become available about that same time period?

Stacy French: We agreed to that, but we didn't – that's why we didn't come up here because that's what the determination was, that we were going to wait on that. But we are going to be out a copier soon. It's not going to be able to handle any copies much longer.

Councilmember Sutton: The copier that you are proposing to buy, it's with the same company. Am I –

Stacy French: It's a duplicate of the one that the County Assessor's office has.

Councilmember Sutton: So, if you were to go with another copier prior to this contract expiring, will they then pick up with the new one? I mean, is there some – with that, if you were to get the copier before the contract expires, what issues are created by doing that?

Stacy French: I don't know.

President Abell: Well, I think that we thought that you had indicated that you would try to get by, but we weren't going to shortchange you on it, that's why we asked you to come up, so we appreciate that. Any other questions? Go ahead, Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: If the springs all pop loose again and you need a copier, is there a place you could rent one from?

Stacy French: We have two copiers: the one we are replacing is the one from 1997.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so you have alternative means here to get by?

Stacy French: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I will move that line 2490-1150-2600 Office Supplies be set in at \$3,000 for the Pigeon Township Assessor and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then we can revisit that issue down the road.

President Abell: You're setting the other one in at zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: The other one in at zero, I'm sorry, I apologize.

President Abell: That's alright. We're sorry for the confusion, but we're trying to get through this Assessor thing. Okay, any other comments or questions from the Council? Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00
2490-1150-4220	Office Machines	6,822.00	0.00
Total		9,822.00	3,000.00

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

President Abell: Thank you so much for coming up. We appreciate it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks. Stacy.

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**JAIL  
WEIGHTS & MEASURES  
COUNTY HIGHWAY  
COUNTY HIGHWAY (LATE)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Madam President, next the transfer requests, there are several. I will move that all the transfers including the late transfer be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any questions from Council? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1051-1130-0401	Emergency Med. Tech	465.00	465.00
1051-1130-0403	Nurse	641.00	641.00
1051-1130-0404	Nurse	640.00	640.00
1051-1130-0405	Emergency Med. Tech	465.00	465.00
1051-1130-0406	Emergency Med. Tech	465.00	465.00
1051-1130-0407	Emergency Med. Tech	465.00	465.00
1051-1130-0408	Emergency Med. Tech	1,064.00	1,064.00
To: 1051-1910	PERF	4,205.00	4,205.00

<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1302-1120-1302	Deputy Inspector	500.00	500.00
1302-1130-1302	Deputy Inspector	500.00	500.00
1302-1140-1302	Secretary	439.00	439.00
1302-1150-1302	Deputy Inspector	502.00	502.00
To: 1302-1910	PERF	1,941.00	1,941.00

<b>COUNTY HIGHWAY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2010-1002	Network Specialist	566.00	566.00
To: 2010-1910	PERF	566.00	566.00

<b>TREASURER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1030-1260-1030	Surplus Refunds & Liquor Permits Clerk	800.00	800.00
1030-1270-1030	Tax Sheriff's Sale Coordinator	600.00	600.00
To: 1030-1250-1030	Garnishment Clerk	1,400.00	1,400.00

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Winnecke: Finally, the amendments to the Salary Ordinance, again, they are lengthy, almost five pages. Short of me doing a dramatic reading, I will move that the salary ordinance amendments that are presented before you be made a part of the record, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Abell: Is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EVANSVILLE CONVENTION &amp; VISITORS BUREAU BURDETTE PARK/BMX TRACK</b></p>
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President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Winnecke. I see nothing on our agenda for old business. We have several items under New Business. The first is the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau/Burdette Park, I think, have a presentation for us this morning. Good morning, Ms. Tucker.

Kristen Tucker: Good morning, Mrs. Abell. I'm Kristen Tucker. Thank you for having me here today. I am Vice President of the board of commissioners of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau, and I'm also the County Council appointment, so I really appreciate the opportunity to speak before you today. I am here today to request the approval of the County Council to allocate \$407,000 in funds from the Tourism Capital Development fund to be used to build a facility at the BMX track at Burdette Park. And I'm joined here today by a large contingency: Laura Libs from the CVB, Steve Craig and Angie Almond from Burdette, as well as a large group of their volunteers and their employees, as well as Ben Kunkel, the architect for that project. This facility will house a concession stand, bathroom facilities, and registration area for BMX events. In 2006, as many of you know, we hired a consultant, Don Schumacher, to conduct a study of the existing sports facilities in Vanderburgh County. He identified this BMX track as a truly unique sports facility in our area that attracts not only local competitions, but national and

international racing as well. His recommendation was for us to assist with some of the necessary improvements to elevate it to world-class status. At our March board meeting, our members were shown the design of the new structure and, after that discussion, agreed it was a worthwhile project for our Tourism Capital Development Fund. Today we ask that you approve our request for this allocation of \$407,000 for the BMX track at Burdette Park. And Councilmen and women, we do have drawings and information here with us today if you would like Mr. Kunkel and Mr. Craig to speak about this effort, I would be pleased to invite them to do that.

President Abell: I think everyone would like to see the drawings.

Kristen Tucker: Certainly.

Councilmember Leader: Mrs. Abell, I'd also like to just hear more about the BMX activity, if we may.

Kristen Tucker: This is Ben Kunkel from Kunkel Architects. And also joining us is Angie Almond from the Burdette Park, BMX track.

Angie Almond: Hi, thank you for seeing us.

President Abell: Would you like for them to pass those around? You could get a – Angie, maybe you could also give us a little –

Angie Almond: I am the track director of the BMX track at Burdette Park. I've been involved for about seven years out there. We are in desperate need of a new facility out there. Our building is a one-room facility. We have national races that bring in about three to four thousand people every year for a full weekend where we have races that go from Friday to Sunday. We have local races every Saturday night. It's the oldest track in the country. It's the fastest track in the country. We've been here for 31 years. And we just really need a new facility.

Councilmember Leader: How many people actually use the track and what do you estimate your – I was there and I saw it the first weekend you were open this year and I'd never been exposed to it. It's quite an interesting thing and I encourage the Councilmembers to go look at it. It's incredible. But how many people use it on an average weekend? Where are those people from and what are your plans if you get the expansion?

Angie Almond: On the average weekend, we have about 40 to 60 riders. They're local, Kentucky, Indianapolis, some from Ohio. In August, we have the state final race, which is people from all over the state. We have different competitions set up all over the state, and we have the final for that. Then we have a race called the Battle of the Villes, which is Louisville and Nashville, that's a full weekend that will bring in people from the Louisville and Nashville area. And then our national is the first weekend in October and that will bring in people from all over the world.

Councilmember Leader: One other thing, does the Convention & Visitors Bureau have an estimate of the overnight – the number of overnights or the actual income that the community receives from these visitors?

Kristen Tucker: You know, Mrs. Leader, I believe we do and I know it was on the grant application. I don't have that information right here. Ms. Libs may. Do you, Laura?

Laura Libs: I don't have it with me but we'd be happy to get that to you. It's amazingly (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone) it will be based on the number of events they have had in previous years and what we estimate the direct expenditure from those groups.

Councilmember Leader: And then one last question from me, when is the track open? From what date – give or take – and when does it close, and what hours, and can anyone use it?

Angie Almond: From the first week in April to the last week in October. We have practices on Wednesday nights and Saturdays. The track is generally not open to the – I mean, it's open to the public. Anyone can come see the track and anyone can try it. They can sign a waiver. To ride and actually compete, you have to be an NBL member, which is \$45 a year and that means that you can race at any track in the country.

Kristen Tucker: I might note briefly, just because it's so interesting, we're, I think Burdette is in a position to really ride the wave of this popularity because BMX racing is going to be an Olympic sport this summer, which is, you know, kind of wild and interesting, I think. So the light will really be shown on that sport and I think this will position them to really take advantage of it. And, Angie, this, if approved, this will be up and going this summer, correct?

Councilmember Leader: So we're looking at the architect's drawings, what direction, if I'm going in the front entrance of the park, where is this track? And I assume, since it's over \$400,000, we will have bids for the construction of the track and that kind of thing. We had a long discussion about that last Wednesday. And we need to be assured that there will be fair and equitable bidding of the contract.

Kristen Tucker: As in any project that we've brought in front of the County Council, we'll follow your standard protocol for obtaining the bids and the work to be done, of course.

Ben Kunkel: As far as the – I was going to speak to the location of it. You know where the O'Day Discovery Lodge is actually past the main entrance to the park, it sits up on the hill. There is an existing, you probably wouldn't notice, but there is an existing clubhouse there now, which you probably have never noticed. But we'll demolish that and replace it.

Councilmember Leader: At the park?

Ben Kunkel: Yes, I think they have an agreement that they use the Discovery Lodge as overflow parking for their major events.

Councilmember Sutton: Staffing the concession areas and the revenue and so forth, how does that – obviously, since you're getting an upgrade, how will you handle that situation? Do you have outside people or is it part-time park people that are handling the concessions?

Angie Almond: We are all volunteers, it's done within the BMX track. We've done that for as long as I've been involved: it's just been the volunteers that step up to help.

Kristen Tucker: It's pretty impressive and many of these folks here are volunteers



and kind of leading the volunteer effort, from what I understand.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, concessions can generate some significant revenue depending on how it's handled and the selection and so forth. Just what will happen with that revenue from the concessions?

Angie Almond: Actually, the money that comes from the concession stand pays for our trophies, our diesel fuel, our tractors, our lawn mowers, weed eaters. The volunteers take care of the whole park area that we are in. It takes care of the whole BMX track area and we have to buy equipment, upgrades, you know, our tractor, we have to use to pack the track. We have to get out there and work it whenever it rains.

Councilmember Sutton: So you guys are like a – are you a non-profit entity?

Angie Almond: Yes, we are. We're non-profit.

Councilmember Sutton: 501(C)3?

Angie Almond: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Is there anyone here who actually has used the track?

Angie Almond: I am a BMX rider.

Councilmember Leader: Are you? And this young man back here?

Angie Almond: All of these people are.

Councilmember Leader: That'd be the world. Okay, thanks. How about, can we hear from this young man back here about the sport and what it does for him?

Chris Cannon: Hello, I'm Chris Cannon and I've raced BMX for like two years now and like, I used to play football but I've done BMX for a long time and I really like it. So I quit football and I, like, I encourage you to do this because, like, we need it and I hope that, like, the track gets good enough, that, like, they might make the grand nationals there and that will bring, like, a lot of people there. So you should do it.

Councilmember Leader: Are you going to try out for the Olympics?

Chris Cannon: No.

Councilmember Sutton: What school do you attend?

Chris Cannon: I go to Castle High School.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, did you have a question? I think Mr. Winnecke may have one.

Councilmember Shetler: When are you looking at trying to get this up and running? This new building?

Angie Almond: We would like to have it opened for our first big race in August.

Councilmember Shetler: Of this year?

Angie Almond: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: And construction time?

Ben Kunkel: We're going to start in the next two weeks.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Because I'm thinking timing from our side of appropriations and all that kind of thing, you're talking really June before we can ever get anything going ourselves at all, and then putting out bids and that whole business after that, so that's the reason I asked the question, but time might be a little short here.

Kristen Tucker: I can, one aspect of that, Mr. Shetler, I know our immediate plan for funding and I think you may be aware of this, is to obtain a short-term bank loan and then we will, with our capital development tourism monies, which are growing at a very significant rate now that the Innkeepers Tax has been increased. You know, pay that off within the year so that we would be asking for that appropriation in the '09 budget.

President Abell: So you're asking our permission for you to get a loan today?

Kristen Tucker: Yes.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, you had a question?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I guess my question is, because I received a call yesterday or earlier, recently, to go to a meeting to discuss a request from the museum and won't that request come from the same fund? How much will that be?

Kristen Tucker: Mr. Winnecke, I don't know that. I do know that we are looking forward to receiving such requests and with the foresight of the needs in our community, that was really the driving factor for the increase in the Innkeepers Tax. And our anticipation is that we will be able to handle and meet many of these but we will, you know, address them as they come in and we are aware of that request coming in as well. And look forward to receiving it and, you know, I'm sure, hopefully, being able to do something with that. We don't see it as an either/or circumstance and really, it's a wonderful thing in that this, our Capital Development Tourism fund is growing quite significantly now with that increase.

Councilmember Winnecke: So is this now in queue with the softball/baseball complex that we've heard about over the months?

Kristen Tucker: Yes, that would be. This is coming from the same study that, you know, evaluated our softball and baseball situation here and I think that the general feeling of the CVB commissioners was that, there were many recommendations. This was one as well and this was also a more manageable one than the proposed baseball complex. That is still, you know, in queue, I think we all strongly believe that something will be taking place with that but right now an immediate need was Burdette and we could meet that need while also keeping that train going and considering these other requests.

Councilmember Sutton: Now 407 is the total cost or are you anticipating – okay.

Kristen Tucker: Total.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: Just to the building, what will be the use for that building when you're so-called out of season?

Angie Almond: We will have all of our meetings there. We try to have board meetings every other week or at least once a month, to keep people throughout the non-racing season, to get everything ready for the next season.

Councilmember Goebel: Will there be use by any other groups at Burdette Park?

Angie Almond: Anyone can use the building if they need to have it for meetings or, you know, –

Councilmember Goebel: This is kind of rushed, you know, on our end and can we even approve anything on this date?

President Abell: Mr. Ahlers says that we can approve, we can give them permission to seek the loan. But we can't do anything with money because it's not on our transfer or appropriation for this – it'll have to be next month or the month after, whenever they decide. I guess if they get the loan, you don't need to do a transfer until late summer?

Kristen Tucker: I would think so. Again, I can clarify some of that with you, with Marilee, and she apologizes, she was traveling today and normally she would be able to probably answer these questions a little bit better than I. However, I do understand that the appropriation – my understanding was that we would likely ask for the appropriation for an '09 budget when the short-term loan was termed and it was time for us to pay that off.

President Abell: I did attend the CVB meeting and it is a great project, but I do have some questions if you'll stay right there, because I think Mr. Shetler also has a question for you, but I'd like for Mr. Craig to come up.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

President Abell: Mr. Craig, what part are you going to play in this? I mean, somebody is going to have to keep this building clean. Is your staff going to be in charge of clean-up, trash pickup or are you just kind of being the landlord, housing the land, and everything else is up to the volunteers?

Steve Craig: No, they actually lease the property from Burdette Park or Vanderburgh County every year and they are responsible for all the utilities, the maintenance, the upkeep, and the cleaning of their own facilities. This would be at no cost to Burdette Park. They actually pay their own electric, the water, all they do is they lease it from us, and after that, the volunteer people up there that they have take care of the facility.

President Abell: Back up. They lease it from you?

Steve Craig: Yes, ma'am, from Vanderburgh County.

President Abell: The BMX group leases it from you? Is that a set up amount? Have you decided how you're going to lease it? How is that going to work?

Steve Craig: We've leased it to them, I think, for probably the last thirty years and they pay \$600 a year to use the area inside the fence and then they are responsible for everything inside of that.

President Abell: And that includes the building? Inside the fence?

Steve Craig: Yeah, they put the building up there. Burdette didn't build the building, the county didn't pay for it. Nothing inside the track has been paid with county money. That's all been done by the BMX club.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, did you have some questions?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah. Then who carries the insurance on that?

Steve Craig: I think it's NBL, the National Bicycle League, and they do have that. It does not go through the county.

Councilmember Shetler: So the county, it's not on our rolls at all. What kind of liability do they require of them or is that a question that I guess I should ask of Mr. Ziemer?

Angie Almond: The National Bicycle League carries insurance on the riders and we, as our local BMX track, carry insurance on the buildings and all of our equipment that's inside the buildings.

Councilmember Shetler: Is that a contract, Steve, that Mr. Ziemer has looked over and, to make sure that we're indemnified, the county?

Steve Craig: We have submitted it every year and he has okayed it, so I would, you know, re-entertain going back to him and make sure it's, you know, the way that you want it, but –

Councilmember Shetler: No, I just wanted to make sure that he has seen that contract and understands and is, you know, as long as he's seen it, I feel comfortable that that's being done then. And then my other question was really along with Marsha's, so the only revenue that we'd receive is the \$600 per year?

Steve Craig: Yes sir.

Councilmember Shetler: On the lease?

Steve Craig: Yes sir.

Councilmember Shetler: Are there other activities that are utilized throughout the rest of the park? Do they rent cabins when they come in for the weekend?

Steve Craig: Our campgrounds are completely full, the city is completely full when they have the larger races. They use our aquatic center, our miniature golf, our batters cage, they fill the park up. On any race that's outside of the local races and even the local races, there's people that, like she said, comes in from the tri-state or even the quad state, including Ohio, that come in and use our campground

facilities weekly. And they also bring a crowd to the park.

Councilmember Shetler: Is there any way that you could estimate, you know, like how much revenue is derived from the 40 to 60 riders that come in every weekend and then the biggie, the 3,000 people or whatever it is, that come in, in October?

Steve Craig: I don't have the formula that the bureau uses on it, –

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I don't mean necessarily from the community, I'm talking about directly to Burdette Park, because I'm trying to justify a \$400,000 mortgage on \$50 a month. I'm trying to get you to add into the income side of the revenue stream here a little bit so that, you know –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Steve Craig: Tom, I would love to start throwing numbers at you, but I just know that you go up there on a Saturday night and it's packed, you know, and like when the aquatic center is opened, the people, the other kids are using that and the camping, but as far as the number, I'd be guessing. I wouldn't be giving you a logical explanation there. But I'm just giving you my word that there is heavy use of the park when the BMX is going on.

Councilmember Shetler: I really would like for us to try to track that somehow within the park and I don't mean the swimming pool and all the other things that, you know, the ancillary things that I'm certain that they do, but, you know, if there are those folks who are renting out the cabins, for example, that, you know, out of those 30 or 40 riders that came in, 10 were from out of town and half of them rented cabins or got camping sites or whatever. I'd be interested to know that. Again, I think that helps our revenue stream and I think that's important to the whole equation. So, in the future, if we could track that, and any other groups that come in whether it's aquatics or whatever they might be coming in for.

Steve Craig: In our baseball diamonds, they have quite a few out of town tournaments also, so that would be something I can start marking down and seeing what they do use in the park.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think we're all very open to the expansion of the program. This has been presented before. My question is on the building, again, as far as the usage of that, Steve, are we not considering doing some new building just for offices and things like that at Burdette?

Steve Craig: It is in the future plans with the new 30 acres that we have. It's nothing that we've got any concrete numbers down. I'm looking at present time about infrastructure for that property of where the sewers, the electric and that, but we are looking at adding buildings, chalets, maybe getting our office out of the flood plain where we don't have to sandbag the front doors when we have heavy rains. That is part of the future plans at Burdette. But that wouldn't be something that I think that we would, you know, go to them out of the sports part of it and request that money for it, if that's what you're asking.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm just looking maybe at a good, solid, loan, arranged plan, if we're going to put buildings up, and this looks like a nice building, if we could not incorporate some other needs that might make it more usable year round, and BMX certainly would have a place there, but does BMX need the entire complex or could the building be moved a little bit to one side or the other, is it in the middle of the track right now?

Steve Craig: It will be on the far south side of the track and, Mike, it's in use probably eight months out of the year. The four months that they're not racing, that doesn't mean that they won't be using it because they do have organizational meetings throughout the winter and two or three times a year. And like Angie said, if we did want to use it or if somebody wanted to come out and have a meeting, they would be more than happy to let them use that, but you know, on the terms on them leasing that, I would think that would be their building, you know, they're the ones seeking the funding for it. And I think from the activity I see up there during the winter, they're pretty active 12 months out of the year and not use the eight that they're actually racing.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, that answers some questions, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, did you have another question? I think one of our problems at this point is we don't know exactly what we're supposed to be doing here. I mean, you haven't asked for an appropriation, you haven't asked for a transfer, you're talking about a short-term loan, but I think we have to approve that, don't we?

Councilmember Winnecke: Maybe the course of action, I guess I'd rather have heard about it a little before today, before making a decision on a \$400,000 expense. I do have a quick question. About how long is the actual construction time? I heard you say you want to start in two weeks and you'd be up by August, but –

Ben Kunkel: Well, we need every bit of it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Maybe we pass a resolution in support of it.

President Abell: Your board, as I recall, I was at a meeting, has voted for this?

Kristen Tucker: Yes, our board has voted and my understanding from speaking with Marilee and Mr. Vezzoso, was that we are requesting approval of the process, if this language helps you all, process to fund. And our process is to seek a short-term loan that, you know, we will hold and then next year – or it could be at the end of this year, I don't want to speak to that specifically, but I was told '09 we would come to you with the request for an appropriation.

President Abell: Does that help you with some wording, Mr. Winnecke? Would you like –

Councilmember Winnecke: Are you looking for me to wordsmith something?

President Abell: Oh, certainly.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess I would make a motion to approve a resolution that supports the CVB's funding process that would allow them to seek a short-term

loan in the amount of \$407,000, so that it may proceed with the construction of the BMX improvements to be – I guess I would leave it at that.

Councilmember Leader: I'll second that motion.

President Abell: Does everyone understand the motion? No?

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think it poses any issues for us. We're not allocating any money, we're not changing anything necessarily in what they're requesting is not something that would require, I guess, the legal advertising issue I guess is what I'm kind of playing around with in my head, and I don't know what thoughts you may have here, Jeff, since we don't really, we've got them on the agenda here, but what – I just wanted to make sure we're covering our bases here.

Jeff Ahlers: I think we're okay, but in the future, I guess what I would suggest is it would be nice to have some paper in front of us. In other words, for example, I assume that your board passed a resolution or motion of some sort. It might be nice to have had that in front of us or something a little more concrete than, you know, what we're doing here. But, I mean, I think that's up to you. In terms of all we're doing here is a resolution just saying we're supportive of it. Any actual approval of anything specific, in my opinion, ought to come back before us. In other words, you know, if they're wanting any specific transfers or funding requests approved, it ought to be specifically requested in writing and come back to us. So I'm interpreting what you're doing is just merely a friendly resolution to say this Council is supportive of going forward with the idea, but any more particulars in terms of funding requests would need to come specifically before Council.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's right.

Councilmember Leader: I just want to comment that, in the future, as well, something this significant I would prefer advance notice, number one. And secondly, once we get rolling with the project, frequently, we're left in some void. And we never hear about it again and we don't know what's going on, and so forth. And if your board would consider creating an email that goes to the County Commissioners and the County Council, I would sincerely appreciate it. As you make progress, maybe attaching a few pictures because this is a significant amount of money for us or for anyone and I would just appreciate, as we go along with these projects, all the projects that we do, it would mean a lot for us for future reference in understanding, to have kind of a history as we go through the project.

Kristen Tucker: Thank you, Ms. Leader, and I can take that back, certainly, to our board. The Executive Director, Ms. Libs is here, and I certainly agree with that and we want to be communicative with County Council and I think that's not a lot to ask. So you can expect that.

President Abell: Let me read, and then I'll get to you, Mr. Shetler. I will read to you from their board minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, the grants committee deemed it beneficial in garnering local, regional and national BMX races and tournaments, and would make Evansville the host of a premiere racing track. The grants committee offered the motion and second to approve the TCD, which is the Tourism Capital Development, request in the amount of \$407,000. The board cautioned they still had to appear before County Council to get approval of the disbursement for the Tourism Capital Development fund and the request would be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, which didn't happen. The meeting to approve would

be held the first week of May, 2008. If the Council approves the disbursement, it would then go to the state of Indiana for final approval. All of the commissioners approved the motion and the grant of funds was approved. I think the problem is, we didn't get the April 15<sup>th</sup> request. Okay, Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm very supportive. I'm supportive of anything that brings people in here and comes to Evansville for whatever reasons, and I think the BMX is a good project and it gets a lot of people involved in it, particularly young people and gets them off the streets and has things to do and I'm very much in favor of that. I am concerned about the mechanics here and I'm concerned because – and I think the resolution is a good way to go forward, but I think we're going to have to put together that finance ordinance very quickly because that's going to be, assuming tax dollars that are going to be used, at least to pay off that loan or that note unless the BMX folks are actually going to take ownership of that mortgage or that loan, would be the only other way, and then they would be at risk to cover it, because if the risk is in the hands of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, a tax entity, I would think we would have a little bit of a problem here because tax money would be actually involved in you utilizing it to pay that off, even the interest in the short term. I mean, and so I would think that we would have to have an appropriation before that can start happening, of any amount, wouldn't it? I mean...

President Abell: How far behind would you be if you didn't start in two weeks and you started in four weeks?

Ben Kunkel: Well, two weeks behind.

President Abell: It's that tight?

Ben Kunkel: Not to be flip, but yeah, it is tight.

President Abell: Because we really need this to come before us at the end of the month and then vote on it at our first meeting in June.

Councilmember Shetler: And the only, I mean, and I don't mean – but it seems to me that if BMX took ownership to it up front and did it off on their own, but they're taking a risk that if we did not approve it, you know, then they would have to be responsible for that, then I would think might be able to work around it legally, but if Convention & Visitors Bureau has ownership of that loan, then, in fact, there is tax money that's there's no other alternative, because they don't have any other source of income other than tax revenue.

Councilmember Winnecke: Here is a possible solution here, not to interrupt, but in the Tourism Capital Improvement budget for this year, there is \$100,000 budgeted for soccer fields, \$125,000 for the African-American museum, \$50,000 for the LST project, \$900,000 for the sports complex, which I assume is the baseball/softball complex, and then there is a loan interest payment of 35,000 plus and another loan payment of \$325,000 plus. If the sports complex is on hold, then maybe the appropriate action is to, next month, request a transfer so there is a line item that says BMX in the amount of \$407,000. We can –

Councilmember Shetler: Can we transfer funds, though, can you do that today?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, but we can transfer the funds as quickly as next month.



President Abell: I think that's what we're going to have to do and I think you're going to have to wait a couple weeks, because – go ahead, Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, in the past, the CVB has done a very good job of giving us the drawings and the explanation and that, so we've had a chance to look it over. And hopefully between now and the next meeting, we will be able to have that in hand?

Kristen Tucker: We'll supply you all with whatever is necessary, of course. So, I mean, we have all of that, and on behalf of my fellow commissioners and the executive director and president, you know, I personally apologize. I wasn't aware of the time frame and so, you know, we'll get that handled and get you what you need.

President Abell: Maybe the estimate or the bidding, something that shows us where the \$407,000 is going would be appreciated, I'm sure.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, and the other thing is, and the Auditor has made a good point, I mean, they need to double check on the figures in that fund to make sure the money is in there, as much as they think, as much as we think is in there now.

Bill Fluty: All I have right now is what we budgeted, and that \$900,000, I think you may have transferred some money earlier this year? The Amazonia, \$425,000 –

Kristen Tucker: That sounds right.

Bill Fluty: So that's at least cut in half, and I don't know what other expenses that you actually are committed to in that or if you've already incurred some, so is there \$400,000 left in that, that's only for your board to answer. If that's the case, then that would be a transfer. Now if that's not the case, then we would be looking for an appropriation next month. So it would be one of those two. But I'm not sure we can get to the answer to that sitting here today.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and maybe another solution here: one, if somebody did come up for an emergency transfer, that doesn't have to be advertised or anything else? I mean, we couldn't do that right now?

President Abell: Well, we've put late transfers on...

Councilmember Leader: We just did.

Councilmember Shetler: And so we'd have to read something into the minutes, perhaps to say that was a board request to do that, but it may be a stretch, but we've stretched further perhaps. The second alternative would be to have a special meeting as soon as possible. That would be another way that we could work around it, for the specific purpose of appropriating the money, and I'm certainly willing to do that myself. So I'm one of seven, but...

Jeff Ahlers: I'd probably suggest, because it is a considerable amount of money, to make sure the paperwork is correct and if that means having a special meeting, I would recommend doing that. I mean, the problem we have is we have one board member from, you know, the Convention Bureau here making a request, and I don't doubt that you represent what everyone says, but the problem we have is having

some official action in front of us to act upon, and that's, I guess, a little bit my concern. Now maybe at the end of the day, everything comes out fine, but you know, if it jumps the tracks, I guess I'd prefer to have the paperwork in order and have some formal request from the board for you to make your transfer or what have you.

Councilmember Leader: Mrs. Tucker, I'd just like to suggest to you, we are going to have additional communication from you, obviously, to get this job done –

Kristen Tucker: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: And Mrs. Deig has all our individual business or home addresses where we receive our mail, my preference is, of course, email. Anything you can email us, it's immediate. So whatever way you can get it to us the quickest. I know you've got a lot of homework to do when you go back but sometimes things come down here and unless we know the urgency, Mrs. Deig does not call us or forward it because of the cost. So, we appreciate communication rapidly and in the most efficient way you can.

Kristen Tucker: I think what I'll do to that end, if it's acceptable to you all, between Mrs. Deig and Mrs. Abell, I will get with them to make sure I understand specifically what is needed, what documents, so that we can make this nice and tidy. And if I leave here with an understanding of exactly what actions are taken today, if any, and what is needed, we'll get it done.

Councilmember Sutton: Can someone tell me what the dimensions are on that upper, that event room on the upper level?

Ben Kunkel: Let me look. It's probably in the 12 to 1300 square foot range.

Councilmember Sutton: And you anticipate using that how many weeks out of the year, did you say?

Angie Almond: From April until the end of October. We usually start working on the track in about March to get everything ready.

Councilmember Sutton: Steve, how many weeks out of the year is the Discovery Lodge booked? How many weekends do you have that tied up?

Steve Craig: Probably every weekend except one or two. If they fall on a holiday, sometimes we don't have a rental on the weekend.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I asked that question for precisely just that reason. We know how popular the Discovery Lodge has been and the amount of usage, and there are going to be gaps sometimes when this facility here, this was proposed, will not be used and looking for some possibilities of some synergistic uses back and forth on this facility. But I guess as it's proposed right now, this wouldn't be the county's building? Whose building would it be?

Steve Craig: I don't know, I think we'd have to ask Mr. Ahlers that one. You know, it would be theirs to use at their discretion, but as far as who would be the actual owner of the building, I don't know, I would have to talk to Jeff or –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just want to make sure we're really clear on that

because I think the BMX club, you're a very fine – you guys done?

President Abell: One moment.

Jeff Ahlers: I guess the question I have –

Councilmember Sutton: I wasn't finished with my question, Mr. Ahlers, I was waiting for you to get done with your side discussion, there. What I'm trying to gauge here, you guys sound like you're a fine organization and everything, but changes do occur, organizations may split, fall out, what have you, and I'm just trying to get a sense of what liability or responsibility the county may potentially have if something like that were to occur where you guys no longer, you cease to be the club that you are right now. So we just need to get some clarification on whose building it will actually be.

Steve Craig: Well, my thought would be that if the BMX club would dissolve and they would not lease the facility, then it would be Burdette Park's, the whole track, the whole area, and the building would revert back to Burdette, beings that area is being rented to them.

Councilmember Sutton: I think we need to think about that as –

Ben Kunkel: I might be able to help you there. I think it's simple. It's lease hold improvements that the county owns.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. So any maintenance issues that go along, that may come up with this particular building, are we looking for the county or the BMX club to be responsible for those?

Steve Craig: They have never came to me and asked me to fix anything that they have. They do their own lighting, they do their own sound, they do their own maintenance repairs, they pay their utilities, they have paid their way for 31 years and I don't see them changing their policy in any way. They've always been one of those groups that you didn't have to worry about. They've always been there.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, again, like I said, just if we can get some clarification on that because I think it may be some possibilities with that Discovery Lodge being booked the number of weeks that it has, providing for another opportunity for receptions and whatever, all the other uses that we use the Discovery Lodge for at this point in time. Using that as a possible venue as well.

Kristen Tucker: Mr. Sutton, Mandy, from the track, may be able to further address that as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Sure.

Mandy Pfender: Good morning, my name is Mandy Pfender, I am the Treasurer of the track. I, unfortunately, do not have our contract with the county with us, I wish I did. But I can tell you that our contract specifically states that as long as we operate as the club that we are now, under the 501(C)3 that we are now, that all maintenance and everything within the fence is our responsibility including maintenance on the buildings and we are required to carry insurance on the buildings and the property. Should we ever disband, change in our organization in any way, leave the track, everything within the fence, the building, the track,

becomes property solely of the county. The only thing that we could take with us, say would be the tractor, rakes, the actual removable equipment. Anything that is a permanent structure, permanently part of the land, or an actual physical building, would remain the county's.

President Abell: Maybe we could get the Commissioners to give us a copy of the contract. That would probably answer some of those questions. I'd like to do a special meeting. If we thought you were just going to ask for a loan approval or a transfer, we could have a special meeting a week from today. But if you're going to ask for an appropriation, we have to have ten days to publicize that, so that's not going to work a week from today, nor do I know what my fellow Councilmen's schedules are here. Can you give me a, what you think you're going to ask for?

Kristen Tucker: My understanding was that we were asking for approval to obtain a loan.

President Abell: Okay. I would then suggest that Ms. Fowler be here at our whatever called meeting that we come up with and she ask for that and have her documentation. She should also probably be prepared for a transfer if you have those funds available.

Kristen Tucker: Okay.

President Abell: But we don't know at this moment if you have those funds available, which is why we can't say what you need to do for a transfer. The reason I selected Wednesday is because I know we mark Wednesday mornings off on our calendars for our Council meetings. Would next Wednesday morning at 8:30 in Council chambers be possible for my fellow Councilmen? I see Mr. Sutton looking at his calendar.

Councilmember Sutton: That's fine for me.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Did you not mention we had to have ten days?

President Abell: Ten days if it's an appropriation. We don't need ten days if it's just a transfer or if they're just going to ask for a loan request.

Councilmember Goebel: And we'll have the information on the design and everything?

Kristen Tucker: Absolutely.

President Abell: Yeah, we should have that in our hands before then.

Councilmember Goebel: I'd like to come out, Steve, and have a look at the grounds, too, before, and get a better feel.

Steve Craig: That will be fine.

President Abell: Is 8:30 next Wednesday okay with you, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Goebel: I do have a question of Ben? Best case scenario, you're

giving us – you’ve got a two week window here. That’s if everything goes according to plan, right, as far as the building and all?

Ben Kunkel: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: To be ready by August.

Ben Kunkel: We can get there. But yeah, I mean, that’s...I’m with you.

Councilmember Goebel: You’re in the business and you know as well as I that most of the time, the deadlines are hard to meet.

Ben Kunkel: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: So it’s very likely that this won’t be built by your due date anyway, is that correct?

Ben Kunkel: No, I wouldn’t necessarily admit failure in the beginning.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. But in all likelihood, you’re giving us a best case scenario as far as getting the approval to get this thing built on time for August, that’s without any type of delays?

Ben Kunkel: Certainly, if we get a lot of rain and those kind of things, those are things we can’t control.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thanks.

Jeff Ahlers: If you could, make sure to have the Convention Bureau attorney, if you can, notify them today, and they need to also get with, you know, Ted Ziemer, the Commissioner attorney, and then if those two can loop back with me. I mean, part of the problem we have here and I think, is that we just don’t have any paperwork in front of us and we’ve got a lot of concepts out there that I guess are maybe a little vague from our standpoint. You may well have a whole drawer full of paperwork somewhere, and my concern is, when we start talking about ownership, loan documents, you know, transfers or appropriations, I mean, I just want to make sure we tie down and have appropriate paperwork before this Council, as to exactly what’s being done and that, you know, everything is square. So if you could, please, you know, make sure that the Convention Bureau attorney and the Commissioner attorney are in the loop, so that we’re not being asked to approve something that we’re not sure on the other end exactly what’s happening or who is taking ownership or who is responsible for loans, etcetera. So if we could do that.

Kristen Tucker: Sure, I’ll get with Mr. Schopmeyer today and get that in motion.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, thanks.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, did your calendar look good?

Councilmember Winnecke: I’m free at that time.

President Abell: Okay, we will publicize that this Council will have a meeting next Wednesday, which is May 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m., hopefully in Council chambers. We’re not sure this is free, but we’re going to call it for here. If we have to move it next

door or something, we will. It will be a brief meeting, it will simply be to address this issue. Will you ask Ms. Fowler to please be here?

Kristen Tucker: Yes. I suspect Mr. Vezzoso will likely wish to be here as well. And these folks, they will, I'm sure be here, as well. So yes, we'll do that and we thank you all for your time. We're grateful for that and your interest. We apologize that you're having to get back together and address this, but we will get all the paperwork in front of you and take care of everything you've asked of us today.

President Abell: We really don't mind doing people's business, but would you make sure that the CVB gets all of the documentation to Ms. Deig, so she can get it distributed to us before the meeting next Wednesday so we can have time? It would be nice, since all of us have other jobs, if we could have the weekend to digest all of this information.

Kristen Tucker: Absolutely.

President Abell: Mrs. Deig, is this – we can have this room for one hour, so everybody read your stuff over the weekend and be ready. Okay, thank you, Ms. Tucker. Thank you, all of you.

Kristen Tucker: Thank you.

<b>BOARD APPOINTMENT</b>
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President Abell: On your agenda is Mr. Tony Wolfe, but he is not here. Is that correct, Mrs. –

Councilmember Leader: He's on his tractor.

President Abell: He's on his tractor. He is a farmer and he is on his tractor. We do have three other things to do quickly. I will do two of them very quickly. One is, we have a board appointment and it is to the Economic Development Commission of Vanderburgh County and I have really tried very hard to find out exactly what those people do. And I think I now have an idea what they do and I am appointing Michelle Peterlin to that board. They don't meet on a regular basis, they meet when needed and it's a board that doesn't have a standard job performance we're accustomed to. So Michelle Peterlin has been appointed to that. I would like to officially like to give the Council's condolences to Ms. Betty Knight-Smith. She lost her brother over the weekend after a long illness, and Betty is a long-time servant of the county, and I think we should pass along our sympathy to her on the loss of her sibling.

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President Abell: The other business is Libby Au and Pam Martin from GAGE are here too. Everyone received a copy of this printout and I think Ms. Deig has made it again for you. If you'd like to pull it up and I think – I had a meeting with Ms. Au and I was interested to learn some things that I didn't know that had happened and I think she is here to tell us about that.

Libby Au: Thank you, Madam President. For the record, again, my name is Libby

Au, I'm with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. We actually contract with the county to do the administration on the tax phase in for the – actually, the city and the county. And I'm here today to present the 2007 compliance information for the tax phase-in program for the county. So, I believe, in your packets you did receive a spreadsheet that compared the projected investment in employment for tax phase-in projects with the actual investment and employment. The 2007 real estate investment figures reveal compliance of over 100% with a total of \$36,422,304. The personal property figures for 2007 also reveal a compliance of over 100%, with a total investment of \$53,640,192. And the employment figures show compliance of over 122%, with 2,470 jobs retained as a result of both real estate and personal property projects. Additionally, at the request of President Abell, I also calculated the estimated tax revenue as a result of real estate and personal property projects. The figures show that the total potential tax revenue as a result of these projects was \$818,620, and currently, \$444,340 is being phased in, while the amount payable for 2007 was over 300,000. So I am open for any questions regarding the information or what we do for the county, in general.

Councilmember Winnecke: I am the Council's liaison or appointment to GAGE and I would just give you, in a nutshell, that the Growth Alliance is funded jointly between the city and the county and private investment, and it's located in Innovation Pointe, the former Centrum building on Main Street. It also houses the, formerly the small business incubator, and I can tell you it's a really vibrant building, full of a lot of budding entrepreneurs. And what GAGE is doing on behalf of the city and county is really reaching out and they're acting as our economic development agency for both the city and the county. And this is funded through the money we provided in the Commissioner's budget from Riverboat revenue, so that's where our piece of the funding comes from. But anytime that you would like a tour of the building, I think you'd be really amazed at the vibrancy of that building. You could schedule with Libby or Pam or even give Joe Wallace a call, and they'd be glad to walk you through it. They're doing a lot of good work on behalf of our community.

President Abell: Anyone else? I think that my surprise was, that when I got this, I told Libby, I said, you don't have to give me that, I get that from DMD. And she said, well, not anymore. So we're going to be getting this from her now instead of DMD, so they'll be reporting to us on the tax phase-ins.

Libby Au: And we'll also handle the administration of any new projects. So it will be our organization coming before the County Council to give the presentations for any new projects as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Madam President, in the past we've had, when DMD would present this information to us on an annual basis, from time to time we would –

President Abell: Sorry, Mr. Ahlers was saying something to me at the same time. Mr. Sutton, what did you say?

Councilmember Sutton: In the past, we've got this from DMD, this compliance worksheet, and on occasion we've brought companies in who we felt like were out of compliance or there was some anomalies that needed to be explained to the Council because, obviously, the tax phase-in is a major economic development tool and if someone is out of compliance we, obviously, want not just this body to know, but the community to know the reasons why they were out of compliance. And as I looked down through this list of companies that we have granted the tax phase-in, the number that oftentimes we focus on is, obviously, the job creation and what they

tell us they're going to do and then what they ultimately do. Down the line, nearly everyone of the companies are in compliance or they're really close to compliance. I'm very pleased to see that. Now the AmeriQual numbers kind of skew things up a little bit higher than maybe what we – because they've gone over and above by some 400 employees over what they projected they were going to hire. But the others down the list, like I said, just very close. I think we should be very pleased with the investment that we've made in these companies and their performance that they have had and it makes it very worthwhile to know that we've got some good partners out there in the community that we're working with.

President Abell: That was sort of what Mr. Ahlers was asking me about when we call them back in when they're not in compliance. And you're aware of the deadlines?

Libby Au: I am. Unfortunately, when the process transferred over here, the forms from DMD weren't sent to us until early March, so what we've done to take steps to make sure that we're within the time line, is we sent letters to all of the companies that are receiving a phase-in, requesting that they send the information to us directly. So there won't be that time lag for 2008.

Councilmember Leader: Madam President, I want to comment that this is one of the areas in which I am approached and questioned constantly by the public, especially people who've been involved in government and are no longer. I wonder if this is information we could put on our website? I think it's really interesting.

President Abell: I think we could have Sarah do that, certainly.

Councilmember Leader: This summary is very interesting and I think the general public, when they ask us about all of the things we're granting, what do they get back, you know, in the light of public disclosure and transparency that we're all working toward here on County Council, I certainly hope we could consider doing that in a simplified form. I think all of this information should be there, however, but this is some kind of an Excel spreadsheet, I guess, in a more attractive readable way for the general public. I think it's very interesting. And I thank you for presenting it to us.

President Abell: Are there any other questions or comments? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think that's an excellent idea and I think also a very quick explanation of the phase-in program, that most people have the misconception that when we grant one, that these companies don't pay any taxes, ever. And if this would be explained, I think that would be nice, as well.

Libby Au: Certainly.

President Abell: Could I ask you to get with Sarah Nunn, because it would not be incumbent upon her to understand how to do this, and you could help her with verbiage and the two of you could get something that would look good on our website that we could put out there.

Libby Au: Yes, I would be happy to do that.

President Abell: Thank you. Any other –



Councilmember Leader: I have one other comment. I think that, again, and it's – and thank you, it's not for you, but in the interest of the public, our website, County Council website, for example, the BMX track, wouldn't that be interesting if you could go to our website and hit – I know you can go to Burdette Park, but the things that the County Council is doing and responsible for, current news, current information, wouldn't it be interesting to let people go on there and read more. I doubt if everybody reads our minutes, I know they're there, or watches our video – this is at the end of our meeting, so they're already asleep, if they were watching in the beginning. It would be nice to have all that kind of information there. It's exciting and interesting and people don't really know what the County Council does, so I think it would be very interesting to add the Burdette Park information, as well.

President Abell: If I could get, probably we need to wait until after next week. We'll put it on after next week. But I am putting together a questionnaire, which all of you will get from me by email, that I need you to fill out and get to Sarah, so she can put it on our website. I want to make it consistent of who we are, where we work, phone numbers you want to be contacted at, and that type thing. Is there anything – Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: One last – maybe it's not the last – one comment from me, the Auditor provided us with our first financial statement of the year given the fact that our budget has now been approved by the state. It does show a healthy General fund unappropriated balance, but we do have some – we have at least one sizable request that will come before us in the next month or two for Patient/Inmate Care. That will be in the neighborhood of 3/4 of a million dollars, so while 2.75 looks really good, it can go away fast. So just FYI.

Councilmember Leader: And it's only early May.

President Abell: Well, along those lines, you might be happy to hear that Anthem is depositing into the county's General fund, \$485,158.46 from our insurance fund from last year, so that's nice money to have refunded to us. Is there any more business to come before this Council? We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.)**

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 14, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 14th day of May in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex to consider and take action upon a request for funding by the Vanderburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Could we have an attendance roll call, please?

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Would you join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: We are here to consider action on a request for funding by the Vanderburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau for Burdette Park and I will turn the program over to Ms. Fowler and Mr. Vezzoso.

Joe Vezzoso: Good morning, Madam President and Councilmembers. It's always a pleasure to come before you and we certainly appreciate the fact that you've added this special meeting so that we can come back before you and bring this project before you once again. I'd like to just give you a little bit of a brief history on the Tourism Capital Development Fund that was established many, many years ago to give us the ability as a Convention Bureau and also as a county, to help and assist different projects, capital projects, within our community that increases tourism. Over the years, we've done the Pagoda and many of you can remember years ago prior to us taking over that piece of property, it was very – it was a huge eyesore on our community. And now, if you look at the Museum campus and the Pagoda and our efforts there and moving the transportation station, rebuilding that on the other end of the Museum, it is certainly a huge asset to our community. We've helped assist at the Reitz Home. We've certainly assisted at the Goebel Soccer Complex. The transportation station for the Museum, African-American Museum, the LST, 4-H Center, we did roads and some paving out there for parking for the Frog Follies. And then we also assisted with the purchase of property out at Burdette Park earlier in the year to add some acreage to the park. Tourism Capital Development is an easy fund because it's funded through Innkeepers Tax. People that stay in our hotels/motels, camping areas pay into our Tourism Capital Development. We always look at projects and we, as a bureau, look at them and we say, okay, does this help increase tourism in Vanderburgh County? And if the answer is yes, then we will proceed with that project, and depending on the dollars requested, then we look at the number of room nights that it could generate, how

much tax revenue it's going to generate over the next few years, to determine if it's a project that we want to bring before the County Council. Two years ago, we brought in a gentleman out of Cincinnati to do a review of our sports complexes in Vanderburgh County. And when we received that report back, one of the areas that he had focused in on was the BMX project out at Burdette Park. Prior to that time, to be very honest with you, I didn't even realize what BMX was or that it was at Burdette Park, and so the BMX folks invited me to come out and take a look at their facility, which I did. And I felt that they needed some assistance, so in our report it was indicated that with a little assistance out there, that the gentleman that did the report for us thought that we could have additional events at that venue that would bring additional room nights into Vanderburgh County. If you haven't been out to Burdette Park recently and if you haven't seen the BMX facility the way it is today, I would encourage you to go out to Burdette Park and take a look at that facility. When BMX came to us and wanted to rehab the concession area, also registration area, add additional lighting to the BMX track, we felt that it was a good project. We normally, as a bureau, don't get into the bidding process because it's actually a non-profit that's coming to us, asking us for the funding and then we come to you all and ask for appropriation of those fundings. It's really a project that belongs to them. In this particular case, it's a little different in that it's a county-owned property and I think that there is a lease there that the BMX folks who are all volunteers and the money generated, they actually, put back into their cause of attracting people to come to Vanderburgh County and use the BMX track. I also didn't realize that BMX is from this high to my height – not me particularly, because I'd be a little heavy to get on a bike, I think, and run around the track – but there is from children to adults that do the BMX racing. It is going to become an Olympic sport this year, so it's even going to be higher in the minds of youth as to the BMX tracks and how they can get out there and make use of the facility. We felt that it was a great project. I think that maybe we were remiss as a bureau in that we did not assist BMX with preparing the necessary paperwork to send before the County Council. We have done that now and I think that you all have received that. In the original documentation, I think that they had indicated to you all that we wanted to do a loan, which was an inappropriate way to come before you all. What we have now presented to you for your consideration is a transfer of funds that have already been appropriated, that would make funds available for this project. And the reason that we can do that this year is, you know, we came before you earlier in the year about out baseball complex, baseball/softball complex, and that's kind of been put on hold for a little while. Hopefully, before the end of the year we're going to come back before you and bring you some more sites and let you know where we stand on that project. But we had appropriated this year, I think, a little in excess of \$470,000 to begin some design work on that project. Well, since we're not able to do that, we can take those funds and transfer them over for this particular project. We also need to transfer some of the money that has been previously approved for the zoo project so that we can use it in this short-term gap. Later in the year as we see revenues flow into that account, then we're going to come back to you and ask for an additional appropriation to refund the Mesker Park. So I think the appropriation out of the Mesker Park request is \$82,000, so at some point before the end of the year, we're going to have to come back to you all as we see that revenue stream come in and ask for another appropriation to refund the Mesker Park Zoo project. I was asked by one of the County Councilmembers earlier if I supported this project and I can tell you that, again, I didn't know anything about BMX. I do think it's a great project, I think it's going to improve the looks of Burdette Park up on the top of that hill. I think it will see increased usage, and because they have selected the Kunkel Group to do the design work, Kunkel also did the design work on the O'Day center, so the two buildings will really blend in well together, so I think it's a great

project and I would wholeheartedly request your support in the transfer of these funds to make this project successful. So I'll let Marilee finish up. It's always a pleasure to come before you folks so early in the morning.

Marilee Fowler: I didn't know what I could add other than, if you have questions from this information you've received?

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know if necessarily I have a question for Marilee, but maybe someone from the Burdette Park BMX?

Angie Almond: Hello, I'm Angela Almond, I'm the track director.

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Angela. First of all, congratulations on the history of Burdette Park BMX, another wholesome activity you've brought to our county, and certainly it's successful, and we appreciate the events that you host and the good things that come from your organization. The question I have directly is, your tournament schedule is set for this year, correct? So regardless of what happens at BMX, there's not going to be any change in tournament plans?

Angie Almond: We can add more races in....we, you know, we can add some more races into that. We might be able to add some more state races or, you know, some other big events to bring people in for the weekend. But the big tournaments have been set for this year.

Councilmember Goebel: Right, and you're going to be bidding for additional tournaments in the future?

Angie Almond: Yes, we have already submitted one for next June, which would be a pro race, which brings all the pros from all around the world. And we had that three years ago, I think.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess you know what my questions are leading to. If things are set for this year already and there's not going to be any change as far as bringing in national or pro, I did visit your site and I want to compliment, again, BMX for the great track you have and, obviously, the work that's been done. You can see countless hours have been spent out there and Steve showed me around. I had seen it before, actually, but from a distance, and I got a firsthand view. But I think, maybe, if the schedule is not going to change, and we do have a proposal that may be a bit more palatable to everyone as far as spending those kinds of dollars on a building, can we take some time and look over the building costs? And then also allow you to have time to apply for more national-type tournaments.

Angie Almond: As far as getting any more this season, up until the grands, they're probably will not be any more bigger – I mean, we can have local races and we can have other races, but not as far as a national for this year. This schedule has been set. We would really like to have something done. Our building is just dilapidated. The electric is bad, the building is falling apart and that's why, you know, we've asked for this for the last couple of years. This is my co-director, Chris Skelton.

Chris Skelton: I'm the co-director this year helping Angie. And I was a little late this morning, I apologize about that. The main focus seems to be on the building, which is true, but also the \$407,000 is going to contribute to new lighting, new bleachers,

and these are very important, as well, for the track, not only the building, so the lighting is so old, it's practically dangerous right now.

Councilmember Goebel: I think, you know, to have the tournament and the facility itself, obviously, you need more bleachers, the lighting, the tower, those kind of things look like, to me, something that we might be able to work out and we may not have to decide today but still get those items finished before you have your big tournaments. The real reservation I have is the building itself, like you said, as far as what you have done and what you might be able to bring in, I think, for the people who are going to watch and for you to judge your tournaments. That's pretty obvious, the need is there. And there is another building or use of building, I think, is pretty obvious, as well. You have no restrooms on site, inside and things like that, we definitely want to address that. But I think my feeling is, if we put some bleachers or help you work around getting the track where you want it for people who can – two to four and five thousand people, I think, – what's the estimate as far as spectators?

Angie Almond: It's about three or four thousand people.

Councilmember Goebel: But they're not all there at one time.

Angie Almond: Yes, they are. On a national, yes, they are. And that's why our concession stand, it's so old that it can't even adequately, you know, help everybody that comes. On race weekends, on the national weekends, everybody is there from Thursday till Sunday afternoon – Sunday evening. And it's non-stop. It's practice, race, everything. It's non-stop.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand, and once again, you're to be congratulated. Have there been any pedestrian injuries with the – I'm just kidding.

Angie Almond: No, I don't think pedestrian, but maybe a couple bicycle riders.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, I think that's basically my thoughts on it that if we didn't have to move so quickly, maybe get a better feel as far as the actual building itself, realizing that maybe some things can be done between now and August, I think, was the date that you wanted. Still some construction and definitely the bleachers, but maybe think a little bit more on the building. Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, do you have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I want to ask actually Councilman Goebel a question on his question. When you're talking about the building itself, is your thought that the building – are you looking for more planning in the building? Can you give us maybe a little bit more explanation, maybe what your thoughts are on the timetable, the use of the buildings, what are you kind of thinking there? As was reported last week, Mr. Kunkel said they need to work on this right away and have it – that's why the immediacy of last week's request, to have the building in place for August. I don't know what that date was, 2<sup>nd</sup> or so. And talking with Mr. Craig, if we build a building outside the fenced area, it would have to be handicap accessible. I don't know, I think it would have to be inside the fenced area also. My big question about that building, as proposed, it's a beautiful proposal, but maybe other groups having access, and I think with the fenced area and things like that, it's going to be difficult for any other groups to use it. And definitely, you need a place that you can call home out there. So my question is, multi-purpose use as

opposed to a single group use.

President Abell: Did you have a question, Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: My question – good morning. My question is, I, like Mr. Goebel, do not have anything to say except positive comments on the track, renovating the track, the lighting, and the bleachers, and that kind of thing. I think that's a given. My concern is the expense for the building itself. And I understand that your concessions are in kind of a shambles, I guess, and you have no restroom facilities. You've been using port-a-potties and that kind of thing, and I also understand from Mr. Craig that we have, and from Mr. Raben, that the shelter house across the road from BMX is typically rented all the time. So my question is this, in light of the fact that the building itself is \$307,000, is there a way, and I guess this is to Mr. Kunkel and to the two of you, is there a way to come back to us at our June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with a renovated drawing that indicates new concession stand and restrooms with the hope that in the future we can add the rest of the building around that? Because I think it's a financial issue for me.

Chris Skelton: I would like to add that also within that building, it's a fairly large building, but that we also have registration. And this is a main concern, as well. Right now, we have two buildings: one for registration, one for concessions. They're both on their last leg. And when we register riders, especially for a major event, we have hundreds of people that need to be registered. So within that building, it's fairly large, but you have to consider, half of it's registration, half of it's concessions. Then we have a small storage area for shovels and yard tools, and then a fair sized meeting room upstairs with the overlook balcony. So not only concessions. So, thank you.

Councilmember Leader: I understand that. A major concern to me is restrooms, as well, and I don't see why you couldn't incorporate a registration area. My concern is the \$307,000 building when we – I mean, I have a lot of confidence in Mr. Vezzoso, but the future of, you know, where we're going to have to spend some other monies and I think as we go ahead, if a drawing could be created that can incorporate the rest of the building sometime in the future, and when we see, you know what you have facing you, Mr. Vezzoso, and we're aware of some of those things, as well. We've already had to transfer money from the Zoo, earlier, that was in the softball project, now we're transferring money from the Zoo, perhaps, into this project. I'm just concerned about cash flow, frankly, and if there's some measure we could take now that would allow us then to add that building perhaps next spring or whatever that is, as we see the cash flow situation of the Convention & Visitors Bureau. That's where I am.

Joe Vezzoso: In reference to the building, Ms. Leader, I think that the issue is, it's just, the current design of that building is on the ground level, or the restrooms, the concession stand, and registration, it's all one building, and then the second floor is some meeting space and training rooms. So it's, actually, would be somewhat difficult, I think, to do just the lower level and then come back in later and put the second level up on it.

Councilmember Leader: Well, I think, certainly, that's true in any given design, I guess, my comment is, we can create a new design. I mean, I know, at Mead Johnson, we built our new building with adding that next floor in mind and did so.

Joe Vezzoso: Right, I think that, you know, to your point, if you want to go back and redesign, they certainly could do that. As we all know, and we all have read the paper, this revenue stream that is available to us through the Innkeeper's Tax is being sought after for other projects in our community. And I can tell you that once those other projects come on line, this revenue stream is going to dry up. We, as a bureau, hope to maintain a small reserve so that as we go into future years, that we're going to be able to assist with some of the smaller projects. But unless we take positive looks at some of these projects that we have, this small time, this window that's opened up to us, once we get our softball complex on board and other projects that have been mentioned in the paper, the revenue stream on this is going to really kind of go away for all of us except for a very small amount of money that will be available as we move forward. So that would be my only concern with the project. You know, we, as a bureau, I mean, we don't get into the design side of this. We see the functionality of it. You know, do I think it's worth \$307,000? I, personally, haven't sat down with the architect and said, whatever, – we don't view that as our duty. Our duty is to say well, it looks like a good project. We feel that \$407,000, they're going add lights, they're going to put restrooms there, all those things, and we don't want to get into – just like on other projects, we have never got into that portion on it when they come before us. The only thing that we have ever done as a bureau, we have requested in some cases, that we be furnished copies of bills and then we, at times, have written the checks so that we make sure where the money is going so that there are no liens against those buildings and things like that.

Councilmember Leader: Well, please don't misunderstand me, I'm not saying the building is not worth \$307,000.

Joe Vezzoso: I know. I know what you're saying.

Councilmember Leader: I'm just saying there might be alternatives.

Ben Kunkel: I might add for you, too, that there's talk of doing these things in phases, the lighting project, the building project, the restroom project, all those costs would escalate because of those multiple phases. You're going to have three superintendents on a job, you're going to have general contractors three separate times. So keep that in mind, as well.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I'm also concerned a little bit about the cash flow. I'm kind of concerned about that from the other angle. Am I reading these numbers correctly where it said something like the expected revenue from, and I'm assuming that that might be like the gross amount that's expected to be spent, like \$86 –

President Abell: What page are you on, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I haven't found it, yet, but it's like \$86 a day and then you figure out the fiscal impact, and that was like 150,000 plus per year or for the year of '07. Is that correct? I know I saw it in here somewhere.

Marilee Fowler: It's right in front. It's the, yeah, the calendar. It's the very first page. This figure is what we calculate when we have people here for sporting events. And that figure incorporates not only the participant but in many cases, for children. It includes mom, dad, maybe brother, sister, so that's \$86 per day that we figure they



spend while they're in Vanderburgh County. And then you can see, based on the events that they're going to be having, the number of attendees and what we anticipate the expenditure will be. And then that next paragraph, that includes what the expenditures have been since 2005.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, okay, my point is, I mean, not to say that that's any small amount of money, that half a million dollars since '05, but what the Convention & Visitors Bureau receives off of that is what now? Three and a half?

Marilee Fowler: The Innkeepers Tax today is eight percent and, of that, two and a half percent comes directly back to the Convention & Visitors Bureau for sales and marketing, and the operations of our organization.

Councilmember Shetler: So, I guess where I'm looking at this is that, basically, if all of that, and not all that is taxed at that same level, anyway, because some of that is food, some of it is other things and stuff, but at best, 30 or 40,000 in that three years comes back into this cash flow on a 300,000 project. And that's why I have a little bit of concern.

Marilee Fowler: Well, again, looking at what that facility has to offer, the consultant told us it's one of the prime BMX racetracks in the country. But the fact that this is going to be an Olympic sport this year, we anticipate this sport is going to grow drastically, to get that kind of international opportunity that they think this will be something that will get a lot of people in Vanderburgh County and the surrounding area involved, which gives us an opportunity then to grow more regional, more local tournaments as well as some of these bigger tournaments that happen across the country.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess I'm piggybacking a little bit on what Joe had said earlier and that is that I do see a lot of competition for this money. And is this the best use of this money? I mean, or could we use that \$300,000 to attract bigger crowds more often, and that's a question I ask of you guys.

Joe Vezzoso: I think, Mr. Shetler and Councilmembers, another thing you have to take into consideration is, you look at other projects we've done, and if you use that same analogy and you try to say okay, the Reitz Home, for example, we spent, I think it was 6 or \$700,000 in painting the Reitz Home. Have we got a return on that investment? Probably not. But it did better the quality of life. It improved the quality of that museum, which just adds to things for people to do while they're in Vanderburgh County. Did we see a total return on that investment? Absolutely not. The Goebel Soccer Complex, for example, it is used by all the citizens of Vanderburgh County, but the reason we supported that was because of the tournaments that it brings in two to three times a year. You know, how long is it going to take us to return our investment on that? It's going to take a sizable amount of time and, you know, we're even looking at expanding that complex now. I mean, the idea is to purchase additional land out there and add another, probably, ten fields if available because all the soccer folks tell us that if they had additional fields, they could probably bring in one to two more tournaments a year. So when we look at a project, I don't know whether you can look at it from a regular business standpoint that says okay, we're going to get a return on our investment in ten years or five years or whatever it might be. Some of these projects that we have done, transportation, for example, down at the Museum, we spent, I think, close to a million dollars assisting the Museum and moving that transportation station, plus,

we spent a little over a million, maybe a million and a half on the Pagoda. Did we get a return on that investment? Did we get dollar for dollar? No. I mean, the Museum is – does it attract overnight visitors? No. But do we have visitors that stay overnight in Evansville that go to the Museum? Yes. So I don't know whether you can look at this and say, okay, you're spending \$400,000, how do you get that back? And to your point, Mr. Shetler, these numbers do not equate because you have to look – we only receive revenue from overnight stays and hotels. This number of \$86 is expenditures within our community. To your point, food, beverage, shopping, all those things that people spend while they're in our community. So, you know, we would have to really dig down in here. If they're staying at Burdette Park, I don't know what his average rate is out there on his overnight accommodations, but if they're filling those chalets out there with people that are staying at the track, is it good for the county? Yes. You're getting more revenue than the Bureau is because you're getting – we're getting eight percent of whatever he's charging for that room. So I think when you look at this project and other projects we bring before you, you have to remember, we're not going to see an immediate return on investment. It's a quality of life issue. You know, are more people going to come to the park from Vanderburgh County and use it, going to BMX? Who knows. You know, if it becomes a great sport, you're going to see more kids into it. So I don't want you all to just say okay, what's the return investment on this, because I don't think we can put that in hard numbers and say, Mr. Shetler, this is going to pay you back in ten years.

Councilmember Shetler: That's a good response. I think one of the things I'm looking for or hoping for, maybe, yes, and the answer that I might have been looking toward was in the soccer and the softball, you do have a couple major tournaments, but you also have a lot of little stuff that kind of goes in between, that sometimes doesn't get counted in the figures. And I'm hoping that what we're saying here is that we've had two tournaments in the past or two races in the past, what we're looking to is expand that schedule out and we're going to have things going a lot more often and bringing in people here a lot more often than what we have in the past. And this is what we're hoping to do. So, I mean, that's kind of what I'm looking at.

Joe Vezzoso: You know, and I think I've said this to this group before, a number of the groups that we deal with on the requests like this are volunteer groups, just like Angie and her group. They're totally volunteers. The soccer community is a volunteer group. The Frog Follies is a volunteer group. And what our concern is as we move forward, we're seeing those people that are running those organizations getting older in age. We're not seeing young people coming on board, for example, in Frog Follies to pick that up. And if we don't see more involvement from the community standpoint, from the volunteer standpoint, we're going to see some of these things go away. Just like adding another soccer tournament, if we don't have the volunteers, the groups out there that's willing to do all the volunteer work that it takes to put those tournaments on, we're not going to be able to attract them to Evansville. And those of you that have young people that participate in those youth sports know how much you have to travel with your kids and you know how much you have to spend when you leave Evansville to go to the soccer tournaments. If you had a BMX rider and you were having to go down to Nashville and Indianapolis, wherever, you know how much you have to spend to do that. So I think when we looked at it as a Bureau, it's an improvement of an existing facility that we felt will attract additional tournaments and will bring additional money into Vanderburgh County. Is it going to pay back the \$407,000 in any quick period? No. I don't think any of us can stand up here and tell you that we're going to get

that back in Innkeeper's Tax in any short period.

Councilmember Shetler: How much do you guys locally charge the outside groups or riders? Do you guys get any additional fees off of –

Angie Almond: Our race fees or when we have nationals are run through the national bicycle league. And they charge \$50 per race. And then we get some of that back. We usually get about \$5 per rider back from that. All the money that we get is basically from our concession stand. And that money buys all of our fuel, our upkeep on all of our equipment. We just bought a tractor about five years ago. Anything that comes into the track, goes back into the track. That's just how it's been since I've taken over.

Councilmember Shetler: Are the utilities, are they set up on a separate meter or does that go through our park?

Angie Almond: No, we pay our own utilities and water.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Good morning. I'd like to go back on some of the comments that were made earlier in relation to possibly looking at other avenues or scaling this down slightly. As I look at the plan, I may need to address this question to Mr. Kunkel, but you know, I look at the second floor of that and the meeting space, and I don't know the exact square footage, but we've got thousands and thousands of square feet of meeting space in that park now. How much cost would it take out of this project if we removed the second floor? Allowed for the registration and concessions, the restrooms, storage?

Ben Kunkel: I can do some figures to get an approximate figure here in a second, on what the figure would be. But I think the intent of that event room was for them to be able to at any event, to get a sponsorship of that with Dan's Comp or whoever it may be that says, you know, we'll pay you X dollars so that we can have tables and sell our wares at the event, and whatever that might be. So I think it was a way to enhance those tournaments, it wasn't necessarily to have – and it wouldn't really serve its purpose at the Discovery Lodge or at – is that number 18 back there, or whatever it may be.

Councilmember Raben: Eighteen, again, and I know Steve is not going to appreciate this comment, but and I do understand that 18 has reservations that are booked out probably for the next 12 months. But moving forward, you know, I would think that we could look at your schedule first before we would book other events and utilize that facility. I mean, it's 50 yards from the track. And if we're talking about meeting space, you know, again, that's an asset that we've already bought, paid for, that we could utilize today. And if it could take \$150,000 out of this project by removing that event room, I think it would be –

Ben Kunkel: It wouldn't be near that magnitude. It would be less than 50 to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Can we look at that and I think it was mentioned before, maybe address this at our June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. But that might be a concession amongst the group here –

Ben Kunkel: Additionally, the track was wanting to use that for their weekly, monthly, whatever meetings they have as well. And also, I'll comment, that I think the intent was to not only have this room, but also rent number 18 and have somebody, you know, sponsor that as well, for these larger events as they continue to try to develop that over time.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I've got a few other questions if I can. One of them is, looking through your insurance policies and what have you, I guess you understand that what you have today wouldn't cover the buildings, the assets, that we're talking about. And second, is the lease rate. You know, the thousand dollars annually is based on a 31 year old track, with very little structures. What could we do to change the lease rate moving forward with this type of investment?

Steve Craig: What do you mean? I don't understand the question.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, we're still talking about, I mean, if we're drawing bigger tournaments, we're increasing revenues, now we're talking about renting out meeting space to outside vendors, stuff like that and, you know, we're still looking at operating under a lease of \$1,000 annually, with the county investing another \$407,000, which, you know, I think we need to be careful there, too, because I don't know of too many projects that come in at budget. I think we've seen too often that usually what the budget is, is 10 or 20 percent short of what you really end up spending. But I'm just looking at ways of the county seeing some – a higher level of reimbursement other than a thousand a year with this type of investment.

Steve Craig: Well, James, when I took over as manager of Burdette, I think the rent was \$600 on the ball diamonds and \$600 on the BMX and Burdette paid all of the utilities, which the utilities up there with those lights and the water and everything that they pay, was quite a bit. And, at that time, we addressed it and I raised it to a thousand dollars, and they had to take care of their utilities. This is an organization that is run by a bunch of people that are volunteers and its – I guarantee you, they don't have no slush fund or nothing where they've got extra money. If they've got any extra money, it goes back into that track. So by raising the rent, we may get whatever you would deem to raise it a year in our coffers, but we're just taking it away from the track and the ability to those people that are volunteering their time up there to take care of their track. You know, they pay for – one thing right now, they have to mow their grass and that, you know, the fuel of that, utilities going up, that's added expenses to them. You know, I mean, you guys, that's your decision if you want to raise the rent, but I don't see that as solving a problem or solving any problems because the money that they have, I see it. It goes back into the track. So, you know, it would just be taking away from their ability to run the track and give these kids a place to be on weekends and that. I don't know. But that's your decision. I'm not going to get into that.

Councilmember Raben: As far as the lease, as it reads today, it says that the organization would be responsible for securing any buildings and other improvements and equipment on the lease premises. So, with that, are we saying that we will continue to take care of all maintenance within the new structure, roofing, everything? Roofs, HVAC, everything, moving forward?

Ben Kunkel: Yes, most definitely.

Chris Skelton: While we're on the subject of return of investment, keep in mind, this

track has been there for 31 years. I'm 33 years old. I don't believe we've ever asked for a penny, so you stretch that money out over 31 years, it has brought quite a bit of money here to this area. And with the debut of the Olympic sport, it's just taking off, so we have to look towards the future and in order to grow this sport in this community, we really need the facility to do so. So keep in mind that over 31 years, has accumulated a lot of money. And also, I went to 24 nationals last year, 22 the year before, my son and I travel all over the United States to race and it's a super sport. Eighty-six dollars a day, as you well know, that pays for lunch. You know, on an average, I would say \$800 to a \$1,000 a weekend, and that's at a minimum that a two or a three person family would spend in that short of time.

Ben Kunkel: One other reason to support a quality facility, I was speaking to Angie, that 15 years ago, the grands, which I think is the major race in BMX racing, is now over in Louisville. She says that it's approximated, it brings in 6.5 million dollars over Memorial Day weekend, to Louisville. Fifteen years ago, it was at Burdette Park. So if the facilities would have kept up and those kind of things, that is a potential event that could have been at Burdette Park. I think that's food for thought.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, I think you were next and then Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Winnecke: First, I think this is probably one of the healthiest discussions we've had on a single topic in a long time. I think everyone has made good points. To me, I think we need to look at maybe a bigger picture. One, I think the partnership that exists between the BMX group and the county is really critical. Here's a group that maintains it, they pay for utilities. I think our community is about reaching out and enhancing partnerships. The third point that I think is really critical is, the calendar is, if I'm reading it correctly, you're bringing in over 1,700 room nights a year to our community. We've already lost in potential business, according to these records, more than 15,000 room nights in business that we have had in the past. So, to me, if we're not going to – we have to make investments like this to maintain the convention business that we have. If not, we have the potential to lose another 1,700 room nights a year. And I don't think that's good for the growth of our community.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have another comment?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know if I had any other points to add. I was looking back to the design. If the registration area, could that not double as a meeting area, because you won't be registering people all the time and your meetings, typically, will be at different times...

Angie Almond: The registration area has everybody's information in that area. When you have a large meeting and I want to say that all the meetings that have been taking place lately have been in my garage. And that's where we have meetings. And it may be a spur of the moment meeting, it may be that we have to get started on something and we may have to call a meeting on Friday night. So that means I have to clear out my garage and put everybody in my garage. So that's where everything – the registration is not a large area on the end of there. That houses all of the records for all the riders. It has our trophies, it also has loaner bikes and helmets that we give out to people that do not have bikes or helmets to use to try the track out. And we have really brought in a lot more people since we have had that program underway.

Councilmember Raben: How many square feet are we actually looking at?

Ben Kunkel: I believe there's approximately 3,300 square feet of building. There'll be, I think it was about 5,200 square feet, all total, with the deck above.

Councilmember Sutton: As we look at the present lease that we're operating under that was put into place in 2006, with this project that's proposed to us, has there been any discussions with the Commissioners, because the lease that we have here would not work with the new structure of a new building that was being proposed here.

Steve Craig: I have not spoken to the Commissioners. Are you talking about an extension of the lease or expanding it for the amount of money that's been insured?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's one issue, but if you look at the language of the lease, it really does not include a project like we're talking about here with the facility, the maintenance, the care taking that's going to be required for this particular facility because we didn't, obviously, this lease was not – we didn't have this facility when this lease was put in place, so if you look at just a lease premises, the use, the maintenance, the rent, are all areas that will change as a result of this here. And, like I said, that's just a few things that I've listed. Have you given any thought to how that discussion may begin?

Steve Craig: Royce, if you guys would, I think, see or find it in your heart to do this project, I would go to Ted Ziemer and the Commissioners and we would rewrite the lease to include all those points that you brought up.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. One of the things that I mentioned at our meeting last week, which I think this is a good project, you know, I think it is healthy to see an organization that's bringing people into the community and it has a long, successful track record like BMX has had and many people in the community probably hadn't realized that the success of the operation that we've got going on out at Burdette Park with the BMX group there. But in looking at the structure, I want to make sure – I have to look at it from the county's perspective as well, know that we're protected well enough that if the organization does cease to exist, you know, what will be the conditions, what will be the relationship? Who will own that track? How will that facility – how will it be used? Who will take over that responsibility if at all, if that organization does cease to exist and there's really no language in here that really addresses that.

Steve Craig: Well, I did read in it that if they would cease to exist, that they would take anything that was their equipment or movable, but anything that was permanent would stay intact, and I would definitely know the building would be permanent and it would probably become part of Burdette to use as however we deem fit. But just my thought, they've been there 31 years with an old building and the electric box sparking when they get too much going. If they get a nice building, and the Olympics coming up, they're going to be around another 31 years. And I think that that's something that you guys need to look at because that money, you brought up a very good idea, you can say it's this much money and it's coming right now, but they don't give you 31 years of hard work, they're going to give you another 30 years of hard work, spread that money out over that 60 years, and I don't think it's that's much money to be investing up there.

Councilmember Sutton: How do you see this in the non-competing months? How

do you see the park being able to use this facility as we see the plans going around here? I mean, you've got a large meeting space area, you've got concessions, how can the county generate some additional benefit from this facility?

Steve Craig: Well, I think it would be a great place for a couple of reasons to invite other organizations that are non-profit making organizations or maybe such as baseball, I had bicycle clubs and that, that this room and this facility would be available to. Then they would be able to come out, see the facility at Burdette, see the bike track, and it could help generate interest in the BMX, and not only BMX, the whole park. But I think it would be a great place through four or five months out of the year or three or four, when they're having some down time and it is open, that other clubs and other organizations come out and use it. Anytime you can get them to the park, you're just selling the park. I mean, if they pull up and they're sitting in that building and they see the Discovery Lodge, it still amazes me when people say, oh, when did you build that? I thought everybody knew about it, but they don't. And I think it would be a great thing. Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau could have some of their meetings there. They came out to Burdette and had separate buildings in the park. I have my advisory board every month, they could use it. We could put the building to use in the time that it is down.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess, more so what I'm thinking, Steve, that you've made presentations to us about the O'Day Discovery Lodge, and the amount of use that you're getting out of that. And it's basically booked year round, and some of those requests that you get, can't some of those flow over into the top floor of this, you know, whether it be receptions, whether it be events or meetings, what have you, for this facility as well?

Steve Craig: I personally think it opens up a liability to the park and to the BMX. First of all, the entrances to the upstairs are both outside entrances, and then you'd have to go back outside to the restrooms because they would come out and the restrooms access is not from the inside of the building, but they're actually designed and built, if I'm right, for the bicyclers' use.

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Steve Craig: – restrooms inside, have a catering kitchen or anything, this building is designed that the bicycler is going to ride up and go to the restroom. I can't see renting it in January and you've got ice and snow, and you've got a party upstairs, and they have to walk down these steps, and it's freezing rain, and they leave their rental building to go to a restroom. You know, I've been trying to get away from that for years. That's the way Burdette was a long time ago. And, you know, I'm trying to get away from having port-a-potties. We're having a world race up there, a national race, and we've got to ship in 20 port-a-potties, and, you know, I don't think that Vanderburgh County, you know, we've been getting away from that. You know, I've put restrooms all over the park.

Councilmember Sutton: Absolutely. Maybe I didn't see that on the drawings. I guess I had supposed that the bathrooms were going to be accessible from the inside –

Steve Craig: No, see, they're open for the public. When the races are going, the kids and that can come in and use the restrooms. You know, if they had to let them all in the building, it would be chaos. So it's actually set up, you know, for the BMX track. And for, you know, there's places where they put their bikes, they're going

to come flying up. And if they have to use the restroom, they have to use the restroom. But to rent that out as a wedding facility or something, I think there's going to be all kinds of issues that we don't even want to approach. I think they could use it for meetings and it still would be an inconvenience if you had a big meeting up there in December, January or February and there's snow and ice and the people's got to walk out and walk down steps to go to the restroom. That's, like I said, that's something I've been trying to get away from at Burdette. And, you know, we've done a good job. We've been putting our restrooms in our buildings and being accessible, but I think that's some of the, just the tip of the problems that you would have trying to rent it out.

Councilmember Sutton: I think maybe some thought ought to have been maybe given to that. Just to make sure that it is not just a single use –

Steve Craig: Oh, I would like to use it, like I said. I would like to invite everybody to use it.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe some thought should have been given to that.

President Abell: I want to remind the Councilmen, we don't have this room very much longer. Mr. Goebel and then Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, once again, congratulations to the BMX group and I know that you have ownership in your track and you work so many man and woman hours to keep it up. And it's not a possession, necessarily, but it is, because of your hard work. If that building is built inside that fenced area, if I were a member of the BMX group, I wouldn't want you to rent that out because there could be some vandalism, destruction, and things like that. The only way to get in there would be to open that fence, and then you're inviting other groups in.

Steve Craig: That was the liability I was talking about.

Councilmember Goebel: My point is, I know that they want to put their best foot forward and I think this group wants to partner with them in that venture because you do attract, very much, to our community. And everything about you is good for our community. But can we not look at, as Mr. Sutton said, maybe putting the building outside and having a multiple use for it and let the BMX call it home, right on the other side of the fence or something like that, where people won't invade the track itself, but still, we could use it when there is downtime, if you understand what I'm saying.

Steve Craig: Oh, I understand. I don't know, I know that during races and that, with the tower and that, they're going to be doing judging, you know, doing observations and that, and that's the center of it. I don't know if moving it outside, they would no longer be able to use it for some of the purposes that they intended it for. You know, as you move it away, they're not going to be able to see what's going on down in the track and that. And that was one of the reasons for the observation tower because they do bring in a lot of computer scoring stuff. Angie can explain that, but I think the location, one of the purposes of the location was to observe the track and be able to use it in that sense.

Councilmember Goebel: And my point is, that would mandate it would become almost exclusively for that BMX organization. And I have a problem with that part of it. As far as the balcony and the viewing tower for the fans and for – I think if you



put it on top of the building, if we built, maybe a lower level, that's definitely something to think about.

Angie Almond: The actual decking part can also be used. The National Bicycle League makes videos of all the races, the big races. That's an excellent place to do video taping. I mean, I've even had people climb on top of the announcing tower to do video taping of the whole track and that's not a good place. This will give them access to see the whole track. They would be able to see the starting hill, the finish line and all the way in between. That's one reason why this area was selected for that so that they could see the bottom of the hill, the whole track.

Ben Kunkel: On the fencing issue, if you want to have access to the building, we can certainly relocate the fence to make access to the building. The other questions of liability, handicap access, all that kind of stuff that comes into play are still out there, but you can certainly make that where you have dual entrances, one inside the fence and one out.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, did you have a question?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah. When we don't have, what did you call it, tournaments, races, whatever, when you don't have those things coming in town, do you have local participation going on out there like on a daily basis?

Angie Almond: Well, we have practice Wednesdays right now until school is out and then we have practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, Friday nights are our work nights out there, which we have to get the track prepared, mow the grass, get everything ready for the concession stands, Saturdays we have races. Usually, people start coming out about three, and we race at 7:00 at night under the lights. We are only one of the few tracks that race under lights around the country and that's what makes our track so unique, because a lot of people do like to come in and race at night. It's not 90 degrees to race in the sun.

Councilmember Shetler: Do they, when they come out there – so an individual just couldn't come out there with his bicycle on Monday night or Wednesday night, whatever those open sessions were?

Angie Almond: They can come out with a parent or guardian, sign a waiver, try the track out. If they like it, they can buy their National Bicycle League membership, which is \$45 for a year, and that goes from day to day.

Councilmember Shetler: And each and every time, or at least you have to have on file a liability waiver-type release?

Angie Almond: Unless you hold an NBL membership – unless you hold your NBL member. If you have your membership card, then you're covered, you know, you just pay your practice fee, which is \$4 to come and practice.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. I think one of the problems – and I'm very much for it, I'm very much for young people being involved and having activities for them, but there is a little bit of a unique situation that we have here in that, you know, the exclusive use of it. You know, we brought up soccer fields, for example. I know there's football games played out there at the soccer fields at least once or twice a year. You've got lacrosse practices that are taking place out there. The individual teams that play have to pay on a regular basis to use that facility at Goebel. In fact,

I think in all of our public parks, they have to pay on an ongoing basis. This seems to be a unique situation where we have allowed a specific group to have that corner, that piece of property and to be able to utilize it the way they wish to without having a whole lot of county control or say so over it. In the other situations, at softball, I think we retain most of the revenue, in fact, operate the concession stands, I believe, in most of the other cases. So that's where I'm kind of along with what James was talking about earlier. I'm just not sure that we're getting the kind of revenue. And I understand that you guys are volunteering your time. I've done that, you know, on the soccer side of it and I see the people working in the bands and for the football teams and all of the other things over the years that I've been involved in with our kids. And I know you guys put in a ton of time. I understand that and I appreciate it. But at the same time, I guess I'm looking at the liability factor, I'm also looking at the finance cash flow here and trying to justify it for our county. But I appreciate you being here. Thank you.

President Abell: Do any other Councilmen have any questions or comments?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have one quick question and I think we need to get it on the record. Marilee, the transfer of money from the Mesker Zoo account, the \$82,000, how will that affect the city's Amazonia project, the money that this body has previously committed to it?

Marilee Fowler: Well, at this point in time, they haven't invoiced us for anything yet. So I anticipate it should be coming. But what we'll do, this increase in the Innkeeper's Tax, when we added the extra two percent it is growing much faster than we had anticipated. So we are optimistic that by the end of the year, that \$82,000 will be in place, that we can go ahead and finish that final payment to the city.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's my biggest concern, that we don't sell that project down any more than what it's already facing. Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'd still like to see what the difference in the cost would be, removing the meeting area. I mean, I think that, again, we're talking exclusivity here. You know, initially, our first impression was this building was going to have other opportunities, but with what Steve said in regards to how the meeting room could be used with separate restroom facilities and what have you, I'd still like to look at going back to a single floor design and removing the meeting area and, again, trying to utilize as many thousands of square feet of meeting area as we have within the park now.

Chris Skelton: One comment to add to that, sorry, a lot of that is also going to be spectator area, you know, with the balcony that surrounds the entire building. We were looking into the prices of bleachers when we were going over all this. And a nice sized bleacher, I believe, it holds 150 people, is roughly around 10 or \$12,000. So as Mr. Kunkel stated, if we're looking at 50,000, it's not that much more money to go ahead and add the meeting room because we're also getting the spectators' deck on top.

President Abell: Any other Councilmen? Well, then I have a couple of questions. I was waiting for everyone else. I don't know who all I need to address mine to. Steve, maybe you first. The lighting that will be there to light the path, the track, is

that lighting that will automatically come on every night whether they're using it or not?

Steve Craig: No, ma'am.

President Abell: Is it in any way lighting that will help the bike path that you've got built over somewhat that goes –

Steve Craig: No, ma'am.

President Abell: So, it wouldn't help that at all?

Steve Craig: No.

President Abell: Maybe Marilee could answer my next question. How much – who is the biggest contributor to the Innkeeper's Tax?

Marilee Fowler: Anybody that stays in a hotel room in Evansville.

President Abell: But, I mean, which one of our hotels? Is it Aztar or Executive Inn or –

Marilee Fowler: I would say Aztar.

President Abell: If you've taken the Executive Inn out, would that impact this budget tremendously?

Marilee Fowler: Take Aztar out?

President Abell: No, if the Executive Inn was eliminated from the contributor –

Marilee Fowler: Well, we don't see individual hotels, so we only can guesstimate based on what kind of business we know that's in the community. They are an important player, especially if it's a city-wide or it's a convention that's using the convention center. But Aztar, on a day to day basis, knowing how they operate, knowing the volume of business that they do, they are the first and foremost probably in Innkeeper's Tax.

President Abell: Okay, thank you. Mr. Kunkel? Who is going to build this?

Ben Kunkel: The Kunkel Group.

President Abell: Who?

Ben Kunkel: The Kunkel Group.

President Abell: You're going to build it? You designed it and you're going to build it?

Ben Kunkel: We're a design/build company.

President Abell: I guess I was a little concerned that we didn't have a breakdown on cost per square foot and that type thing, as an estimate.

Ben Kunkel: I can provide that if you'd like to see that, sure.

President Abell: Well, I can kind of figure it up in my head. If you say it's about 5,000 square feet under roof?

Ben Kunkel: Not under roof. I mean, including the deck, yeah.

President Abell: So you're looking at less than \$100 a square foot?

Ben Kunkel: Oh, definitely.

President Abell: Second stories are always much cheaper than first stories to build.

Ben Kunkel: Yeah, you're actually looking at pretty close to 60 bucks a foot.

President Abell: So if you just built the one, you'd still be at least 60 a square foot for it or maybe – but you wouldn't be 60 for the upper. You'd be more because aren't main floors more expensive to build than the upper level, is what I'm getting at.

Ben Kunkel: Sure.

President Abell: If we were to eliminate this upper and we had to come back and we wanted to come back next year, then we'd have to – what, increase the lighting and wiring and...

Ben Kunkel: You'd spend a ton of money to do that. It's not feasible. It's not realistic to do – I mean, you're going to tear the roof off the building, you're going to – it just gets to be not a smart business move. I mean, I think the decision needs to be made, either build the event room or don't. I mean, it's simple.

President Abell: Okay, I appreciate that. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I might throw out one –

President Abell: Can I finish, Mr. Raben? I've waited for everyone else and now that I have the microphone, no, I'm not finished. When I finish, you can. Mr. Craig, I have a question for you. I wrote all my questions down, that's why I'm bouncing back and forth. There is no public transportation from the city of Evansville out to Burdette right now?

Steve Craig: No, we used to have busses that came to Burdette, and they finally told us they would no longer run them from the lack of use.

President Abell: And has that ever been revisited? Have we ever thought about bringing children out there?

Steve Craig: We had thought about it. Its just that when we tried it before, it was probably popular for a month. Then after that, they probably – some days they had no riders, and some days they would one or two riders.

President Abell: Okay, thank you. And Ms. Almond, I think I have a question for you and then I'll turn it over to Mr. Raben and let him ask his question. Mine has absolutely nothing to do with finances, although I know that's what this body is

about, but my thing is about quality of life and everyone knows here how near and dear to my heart it is that children that don't have other opportunities, have an opportunity to use any facility that we fund. Is there any mechanism in place for a child who would not be able to afford to participate, that might show an interest in BMX? Do you have any donors who are willing to sponsor a child?

Angie Almond: We do have sponsors. Not only that, if a family could not afford to buy their membership, they could volunteer, they could come out and help. We are always limited on volunteers. Like all this rain that we're getting now, we're going to have to work, probably Friday night until late at night just to get the track ready. And there's all the time we need people to help mow, you know, somebody help in the concession stand, pass out the trophies at the end of the night, there's always ways that we will work with anybody to bring in more kids. That's our objective is to get some of these kids off the street. Some of these kids that don't have any opportunities to do anything, bring them out to the track. We're more than willing to work with anybody to bring in kids. And not just kids, adults, teenagers. I mean, we have a lot of teenagers that have gotten their license, phased out a little bit, and they're all coming back now. My son was the same way. My son is in the Navy now, and he can't wait to get back to California, so he can ride again. So that's, I'm a rider. I ride BMX. I just started a year ago and I love every minute of it and everybody I talk to, every one of these people back here that are with me, we're all riders. And we travel together, and we work together out at the track to make it a nice, safe place for everyone.

President Abell: Okay, thank you. I just have one comment that I want to make to the group and my fellow Councilmen. If we had a group coming in front of us that had a brand new project, and they said to us, we'll provide all of the volunteers, you won't have to hire anybody to mow this yard, we'll run our concession stand to maintain this building, all you have to do is help us build a building, I think we would be standing up and screaming, with pleasure, because we have never had a group that's been so willing to volunteer their time. And I know it would be nice to think we might get some of the money off the concessions, Mr. Shetler, but you also have to hire someone and bond them, who sits back there and takes that money. If they're a county employee, plus then we have to provide them with benefits and insurance, and I like the concept of this group. I'm not a BMX rider, but I do like the concept of volunteerism in our community, and I appreciate everything every one of you have done. Mr. Raben, you can ask your question.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. My last comment, and I don't know that I can change things yet today, but one other consideration, if we didn't have to act on this today, I mean, when we're looking at a project of this magnitude, that the park is not going to be able to utilize outside of the organization that hosts the events in it, I'd rather look at what additional cost it would be to put two bathrooms in the upstairs and make an entrance from outside the fence so the park could utilize that upstairs meeting space. You know, we could work out an agreement where we grandfathered the club on race days, but, you know, they can book those race days out a year in advance, but the other days throughout the course of the year, we would be able to utilize that facility.

Ben Kunkel: You could budget about \$8,000 a toilet, as a figure. And the bigger issue is handicap accessibility. You, as a government body, a municipality, it's a little vague here now with leases and all that kind of stuff, have a responsibility to provide a completely barrier free facility. As a private entity, you have an opportunity to fix or provide reasonable accommodations that would allow a

handicapped person to have the same experience out there. So if you –

Councilmember Raben: How does what we're doing today change that, without it?

Ben Kunkel: Because you're not the entity.

Councilmember Raben: We're going to own the facility. The county will own the facility. We'll carry the deed, not the lease.

Ben Kunkel: I guess that's a question for your attorney, but they are the private organization, to have the opportunity to do that. So you would have to put in an elevator is what I'm getting at.

Councilmember Raben: I would disagree with you. I mean, I don't think we're changing the law any. I mean, I don't think we're any more relieved or any more obligated by the circumstances of this agreement, of the leaseholder. I mean, we own the property. It's a new property, you know, some of that you skirt with renovations, if you don't overextend the renovations. But I don't know that, we're doing this changes, we're operating outside of the law now if we do it, is what I'm saying. Again, Madam President, if we're going to spend \$307,000 or whatever it is, I'd rather spend another \$16,000 and be able to use it outside of race day for Vanderburgh County residents.

Councilmember Sutton: I would say, too, Jim, I mean, even for their uses, wouldn't they want to have upstairs facilities, you know? And I'm just as – just to go outside and go downstairs from their meeting, that seems a little impractical. I mean, and I don't know what these ADA requirements might, what would need to be met just by adding two bathrooms, but, I mean, as much as we can do to make this a wider use. I think that's your message, what you're saying? I know, it seems like what Mike is saying. It's, obviously, what I'm saying, as well.

Councilmember Raben: And I –

Joe Vezzoso: I hate to interrupt your discussion, but I guess from the Convention Bureau standpoint, we would, I don't believe we would really want to see the project expanded beyond the current \$407,000 because of some restrictions we have for other funding projects. I like the idea that if we need to eliminate the second floor, and maybe increase the size of the first floor to provide adequate meeting space for their facility. I mean, when you get into ADA requirements and putting an elevator out there and all those things so that the second floor is available for all the citizens, I think you're going to increase the cost more than \$8,000 per, as Ben said, per toilet. But, you know, it's going to become a little more expensive. I would rather see them expand the first floor and keep it on one level and get rid of the second floor, because I really do believe that our bureau would not bring back to you an increase in the cost of construction on this project.

Councilmember Raben: I guess therein lies the question, since its been mentioned, are we in compliance anyway? Right now, building the building as it is? If we didn't, if Burdette never tried to utilize the second floor, in the future, it always remained within the BMX organization. Are we in compliance? And I'm not so sure that we are.

Steve Craig: Well, what you're – the point you're bring up, the restrooms and that, are handicap accessible. The bottom part of the building for the concession stand

is handicap accessible. Their private meeting room upstairs is not. By you wanting to bring it into being a public building, that comes into play. They would no longer be able to do that. I don't know if it's under their jurisdiction, because one of the reasons that they probably didn't want to rent it out is because then it brings in the whole new set of liabilities that you're going to have to have, for people that are handicapped, for people to have accessibility to that upper level. Other than that, they have accessibility to the concessions and to the restrooms.

President Abell: Let me break in here a minute, because if we're going to talk about legalities, lets ask Mr. Ahlers to give his opinion. And, Mr. Ziemer, if you'd like to, also, we would certainly welcome your comments.

Jeff Ahlers: I guess one of the concerns I'd have and it may ultimately be that Mr. Ziemer, you know, does need to address it if it's going to be a county-owned building, but I guess my thought is, is that you don't know that BMX is always going to be the lessee of this building. If it's going to be a county building, just like the Discovery Lodge or something, and I would assume that architecturally, it's going to need to comply with whatever laws and regulations are going to be necessary as any other government building would be. I mean, I don't know what would exempt it from that. And if the only thing that I guess you were relying upon to do that is that you're leasing it out. You don't always know that it's going to be leased. And then one other issue that I noticed, that again, I assume that Mr. Ziemer would address is that – and, I guess, brings up some of the points that others had touched upon, is that the current lease is for just leasing what's inside the fenced area. I assume there would need to be a new lease drafted up in some fashion that would change some terms, whatever that may be, just by virtue of the fact that you're now leasing more property. And so that would need to be done as well, so the county, obviously, still retains control, to a certain extent, that may alleviate some of the concerns. You know, is going to have some control over the terms under which it's going to be used. So, I mean, it's not like your vote today surrenders that control, that the Commissioners would have, you know, some authority in negotiating the terms of the lease. But, I would point out, and Mr. Ziemer can tell me if he disagrees, if it's a government, county-owned building, I think it's going to need to comply with whatever codes that any other building out there at Burdette would need to comply with, I would think, so that you're not limited in your – restricted in your future use.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sorry, but if this measure as proposed doesn't pass today, could we ask your group to maybe bring in what you think or maybe come up with a plan, number one, to first and foremost, to enhance your track, the things you need for the seating and things like that, that will make the races for the participants, number one, as good as you possibly can make them. Number two, help with the crowd. And then number three, maybe come back with another proposal soon that we can take a look at as far as the building itself. Because I think there's a lot of questions that really cannot be answered this morning. Do you understand what I asked? Does that makes sense? Thank you.

President Abell: We're going to need some type of a motion to do something. We're either going to defeat the thing entirely – my thought would be, and I don't make the motions, since I'm the president, but I'd certainly like to see us at least give them the money to do the track lighting and the bleacher seating because that doesn't have anything to do with the building. And then, maybe come back later

with some – like maybe within the next 30 days with something about the building. I am concerned about the accessibility. Someone may want to go up there and do some viewing. And if they can't get up to the upper level, we could be in for a lot of trouble ourselves.

Ben Kunkel: I think you'll find, with a little research, that that private viewing area is not going to be part of the ADA accessibility. You're not going to put an elevator in to make that happen. The second floor event room, you would, if you own that and you're the public entity. The reasonable accommodations that you could make, as a private entity, would be to say, okay, yeah, you're right, I don't have an elevator to get you up to that event room, but how about I rent you the Discovery Lodge instead? That's certainly a reasonable accommodation to make. You don't have that ability as a municipality because you're a government entity and that person needs access to everything that's the government's, effectively.

President Abell: What's the pleasure of the Council?

Councilmember Sutton: So is there, along the lines of what we're discussing, is there a breakout that we could have where we pull the building out of this maybe initial motion, and just look at all the other aspects that –

President Abell: It's right in front of the yellow page that says lease. The last page of the "About Burdette Park BMX".

Councilmember Leader: But can we do that? I mean, can you effectively renovate the track and get the bleachers and do the lighting, if we pull the building today?

Ben Kunkel: Can we start with that? Sure. We also can make the building one story, if that's the pleasure of the Council.

Joe Vezzoso: Maybe we can help you out a little bit. I hear a lot of the concerns of the Councilmembers. What if we were to withdraw our request at the current time and we regroup and then come back before you with a new plan? Would that be easier?

President Abell: It would be easier for me. What's the pleasure of the Council?

Councilmember Sutton: We're saying, though, it's the building, I think, that's where the most questions are. I mean, if we were to have a motion on the floor to address the bleachers, the lighting, –

Joe Vezzoso: They have made it this long and I think if it's 60 more days before we get to the end of the road of this to bring it back to you, I think it's worth that time to bring it back as a total project. So it's just what is easier for you all.

Councilmember Shetler: I thought there was a time constraint, though, that it needed to be done. I thought that's why we had this special meeting today, too, and I don't want to –

Joe Vezzoso: Mr. Shetler, I think they wanted to move as quickly as possible. I don't know whether there's a time restraint as far as attracting people in this year because the schedule is pretty well set. I, you know, it just sounds like there's a lot of concerns: there's ADA concerns, there's can you get rid of the second floor and make it all on one level. You know, I just think that maybe we need to relook at the



whole thing and bring it back to you all. If that makes it easier for the County Council, we'd be glad to do that.

Councilmember Goebel: The field itself, those kind of changes can be made rather quickly anyway, can't they, before August, if we approve next month? Chairs and lighting and all that?

Joe Vezzoso: I have a feeling –

President Abell: Mr. Vezzoso, can you hold one moment? We didn't put in a long enough tape because we didn't think we were going to be here that long. We have to change the tape. And with our new system, it's not as easy as it used to be.

(Tape changed)

President Abell: I think we're back on the record.

Joe Vezzoso: Our next meeting of the Convention Bureau is May the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Kunkel Group has indicated to me that they can have it redesigned and refigured by that time. So if we were to meet on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we'd be taking a look at bringing it back to you all. I think if you try to do the lighting outside of the scope of the entire project, I think some of the electrical panels and things are within the building. So as they put that new lighting in, it would be – I think we'd just better take a look at it again, ma'am.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I would propose that you prepare two proposals. One is the existing proposal with an entrance that could be utilized for other events including two restrooms upstairs, and with the understanding that the County would probably have to pick up the additional cost of the restrooms. And then the second, with some clear understanding, legally, as to the ADA, you know, assuming that we don't have to be ADA compliant. And then the other is to do the single floor facility.

Joe Vezzoso: Yeah, we'll take into consideration all your comments today so we'll have a little better handle on it.

President Abell: Ms. Fowler, when you get ready to prepare the paperwork, would you let Ms. Deig know it will be a late transfer or a late appropriation or whatever? I think we probably need a motion to table this.

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Fellow Councilmen, thank you for your time this morning. We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of June in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, will you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Good morning, and I'd like to offer my apologies early this morning, first, for starting a little bit late, and second, because I don't have any glasses with me this morning, so if I say something wrong, it's because I can't read it. And the older I get, the harder it is to read it.

(Inaudible)

President Abell: Are those – will they work? Okay, so now I'm wearing cheater glasses. I hope my optometrist is not watching.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 7, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MAY 14, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING</b></p>
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President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the special meeting of May the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: And I will turn the meeting over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda today, under Public Defender is 1303-3948 Death Penalty in the amount of \$32,441. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes. And, Mr. Raben, I just wanted – I spoke with Tri-State Reporting Service, they have an outstanding bill of \$12,000 at this time, that they will be submitting to us also.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3948	Death Penalty	32,441.00	32,441.00
Total		32,441.00	32,441.00

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

### **SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Thank you. Next under Superior Court, 1370-3054 in the amount of 3,500 and 1370-3050 Patient/Inmate in the amount of 750,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I did speak with the Judge on this and, if you recall, at budget time they did request 1.1 million dollars and we granted 500, so this is still about 150,000 less than what they actually requested for this year. And the numbers appear skewed from what you may see looking back because last year, if you recall, we had a fully funded Patient/Inmate line which their services weren't available at the beginning of the year. So there was roughly a half million dollars that was transferred from that line into Patient/Inmate. So this will probably get them through the rest of the year, but there's no guarantees.

President Abell: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1370-3054	Juvenile Home Detention	3,500.00	3,500.00
1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	750,000.00	750,000.00
Total		753,500.00	753,500.00

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

**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Next under Burdette Park, the first five line items, starting with 1450-1240-1450 down through 1450-1910 PERF, should all be set in at zero. And 1450-2210 Gas & Oil in the amount of 15,000, for a total of 15,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1450-1240-1450	Sec/Receptionist	58.00	0.00
1450-1270-1450	Carpenter/Ironworker	68.00	0.00
1450-1280-1450	Office Assistant	36.00	0.00
1450-1900	FICA	13.00	0.00
1450-1910	PERF	17.00	0.00
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		15,192.00	15,000.00

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

### **CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next Children's Psychiatric, 2045-35700, in the amount of \$195,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?



President Abell: Yes.

<b>CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2045-35700	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services	195,000.00	195,000.00
Total		195,000.00	195,000.00

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

Councilmember Raben: I do have a question on that. I don't recall that line item number. Is that a typo or —

Teri Lukeman: It's correct.

Councilmember Raben: It is, okay. That's the correct line.

**LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next Local Roads & Streets. We have a request under 2160-2210 Gas & Oil, 2160-2550 Sand & Gravel, 2160-2230 Garage & Motor, and 2160-2220 Tires & Tubes, for a total of 85,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>LOCAL ROADS &amp; STREETS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2160-2210	Gas & Oil	50,000.00	50,000.00
2160-2550	Sand & Gravel	20,000.00	20,000.00
2160-2230	Garage & Motor	10,000.00	10,000.00
2160-2220	Tires & Tubes	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		85,000.00	85,000.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Center Township Assessor, under Reassessment, Travel & Mileage in the amount of \$1,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		1,000.00	1,000.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: And last under Transfers, under Center Township/Reassessment, we have three transfers in the amount of \$1,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED**

From:			
2490-1110-2820	Red & Blue Books	300.00	300.00
2490-1110-3380	Photo/Blue Prints	500.00	500.00
2490-1110-3390	Plat Sheets	200.00	200.00
To:			
2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00

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

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I believe that concludes what we have today from me. I'll turn it back over.

President Abell: Is there anything anyone has under old business? Under old business, we might note the nice little thank you card we got from Mr. Sutton's son.

Councilmember Goebel: Madam President, I do have one question, last month you reported that our insurance return was going to be something like 485,000...

President Abell: Mr. Tornatta is here. Is it 458 or 485, Mr. Tornatta?

**(Inaudible)**

Councilmember Goebel: I think you reported 485 according to the minutes. Since this reverts to the General Fund, is there a way we could dedicate that amount of money toward next year because, is that about the same amount of money we might be – projected shortfall with the property tax lowering as far as our revenues?

President Abell: I'll leave the answer to that to Mr. Fluty and Mr. Ahlers.

Bill Fluty: Well, that money will go into the General Fund and then its looked at as a miscellaneous revenue as many of our revenues are, which total up to about half of our budget. I can't see that you can actually dedicate it but you know its there, and I guess it is – it wasn't a revenue we were using for projections. So I guess in a sense it's a windfall. So I think you can always look at it – you know, when you do your budget for insurance, you will actually – it will be part of the process or something you can consider. But dedicating, since we don't move it out into a separate line item, it's co-mingled with all the miscellaneous revenues which, in turn, we're projecting out for an 18 month period. So, my answer is probably not really a dedication, but it is good news for us, and it is a windfall.

Councilmember Goebel: Is your estimation going to be somewhere between two and 500,000 off, from property tax revenue next year?

Bill Fluty: Meaning in collections?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Bill Fluty: I'll know more when we settle in June. Right now our date for collection is the 6<sup>th</sup>, which is this Friday. We are going to try to settle by June 30<sup>th</sup>, so all the taxing units actually have their money. At that time, hopefully, we would be somewhere around 50% in collections. There's a lot of things that change that: either appeals, but we also have further collections with penalties and so forth and so on, and new AA's which we put on our new assessments that may have been missed. But at that time, I would know that. But historically, we collect around 98 to 99% of what we bill. And I would say we would probably be in that range.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the only reason that I'm bringing this up is, we know that we're going to have a shortfall next year. And if this money is not in the general fund, and we could put it someplace else, we won't be touching it and we might answer some problems for next year, right now, and not have to worry about other ways of gaining revenues. Just a thought. Thank you.

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC  
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK  
LOT 12/WBK, LLC  
LOT 12/GRAHAM PACKAGING COMPANY, LP**

President Abell: I think we're ready for the preliminary resolution of Council on the Economic Revitalization area, tax phase-in on the redevelopment of real property located in Vanderburgh Industrial Park, Lot 12. Who is presenting?

Libby Au: Good morning. For the record, my name is Libby Au, I'm with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. I'm here today presenting the Preliminary Resolutions for both WBK as well as Graham Packaging. WBK is planning on building a 120,000 square foot addition to their existing building, with an investment of 6,000,000. And Graham Packaging is investing 12,000,000 in additional manufacturing equipment that will be installed during the first quarter of 2009. WBK scored a total of 125 points in addition to 30 bonus points and Graham Packaging scored a total of 120 points in addition to 17 bonus points, for a total of 137 points. Both projects scored a phase-in of ten years. I'm joined by Mr. Evan Beck and Mr. Jeff Lombard if any Councilmembers have any specific questions about the application or the projects.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have some questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I did. I don't know on the score card that we have, and I think it's a great format for us to determine this, but I don't know if any of the Council had input on the scoring, especially where it might be subjective as far as some of the points go. I think it graded high. That's all.

Libby Au: Well, and it's certainly the Council's discretion regarding the amount of years. I mean, if you have any specific questions about how the points were assessed, I would be happy to answer that.

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to make a comment. I think that we're very happy to see the potential growth and expansion. There's no doubt about that and there is no doubt also, that Jeff and this company have done, Graham Packaging have been a good corporate community partner, I just, looking back on a few of the decisions we've made, like decisions, we did grade a little bit lower as far as the number of years we granted.

Libby Au: And I did look at the previous Graham Packaging project. Unfortunately, in the original file, the score sheet was not there, but I do believe it did score similarly for a phase-in of ten years, but again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding how I assessed points, I'd be certainly happy to discuss that with you.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll pass for right now.

President Abell: Okay, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't have any questions, but I'd be prepared to make a motion if the chair is...understanding Mr. Goebel's concerns and perhaps those of others, I would just comment before I make the motion. This is the first expansion phase-in that's come before us in a while. We've had a couple

relocation phase-ins: Brake Supply and Creative Press. But this is the first expansion that we've seen in a while. So I applaud Graham and Woodward for bringing this before us. And in the interest of keeping the project here and trying to address concerns of the other Councilmembers, I would move at this time that we set in an eight year phase-in for WBK and Graham Packaging.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Any questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Madam President, I have a question just real quick on this. Ms. Au, I have a question for you, not necessarily on this but its somewhat related. The applicants who apply for tax phase-in, they pay a \$750 fee, where does that money go to?

Libby Au: That goes to the administration of the funds, copies, staff time. It goes to the Growth Alliance.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, is that what the fee has always been? Is that a change?

Libby Au: No, that's not a change. That's exactly what the Department of

Metropolitan Development charged.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and so that all goes to GAGE?

Libby Au: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright. Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, I think you were going to ask a question.

Councilmember Winnecke: (Inaudible)

President Abell: No, I don't think we necessarily –

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Let's pass the preliminary resolution. Mr. Ahlers thinks we should also do that.

Councilmember Winnecke: We just did one, didn't we?

Jeff Ahlers: I guess I understood, and we need to clarify it in the record or have a separate motion, because I understood your motion was to set them both in at eight years. I guess the question is now, is whether, to clarify the record, you want to make an additional motion to actually pass these preliminary resolutions with the eight years in to clarify for the record –

Councilmember Winnecke: That's fine. At this time, I would move that we pass the preliminary resolutions for both WBK and Graham Packaging for eight years.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes. It passes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONSIDERATION OF SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET</b></p>
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President Abell: The next thing on our agenda is the consideration of the salaries for the county employees for the proposed 2009 budget. We need to talk about it, think about it. Its getting close to that time. Does anyone have any feelings about a percentage they want to start out with for budgeting purposes for Ms. Deig?

Councilmember Sutton: When are we asking that they submit their budgets? How much time do we ask?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, this is a tough one in that we've got some revenue issues with all the changes from the state, reductions in our property tax allotment on the county side, that this is not quite what we've seen before. And, of course, we haven't been hit locally as far as our economy is concerned like some other areas, but I think, still, people are a little bit skittish. I think it's a little tough to make a recommendation here without maybe getting some idea, gauging what the state is going to do. I know we've got the meeting here in a week or two up among County Councilmembers from all over the state, that will give us an idea of what our responsibilities are going to be, what revenue impact we may potentially have here locally. I think kind of absent that information, it's a little tough for us to give a recommendation. I know you need to have that information now?

Sandie Deig: In the past, the Council has made a recommendation. You can always come down, but you can't go up at the end of the budget session. So I think just because you make a recommendation doesn't necessarily mean that the Council is going to vote on that particular amount of increase.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess my question would be to the Auditor. I mean, based upon what you know at this point about the changes in revenue and the expenses that the state is going to take on that we no longer have, have you been able to come up with any preliminary numbers that show what the expected impact will be upon us in '09?

Bill Fluty: I think you're all aware that '09 probably isn't the year that it's going to hit us the hardest. It seems to be that '10 will be the year that it seems to be coming around. It was just passed the 14<sup>th</sup> and I think many people are just trying to see the impact of it now. Good news is the Council has always been very prudent and watched their dollars. We're in good shape to weather some of this that's coming up. But with that said, I think that next year we have to prepare and we'll have to be very cautious in this year's budget. I think that today we're just looking for a recommendation. The budgets will go out Friday and asking for offices to submit



them and they'll have them back the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. So we're giving them a starting point. Then again, some of this information is going to keep filtering through as I know you all have meetings to go to. I think its in the month of June, and I think you'll bring back information to see partly how its going to affect. But I think, as you said, Councilman, that Vanderburgh County has done well through some of these times and I think we'll still be able to – may be able to consider that, but some of that is going to come out in the next month or two.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the number, I guess, that was kind of rolling around, I guess, what I was thinking is around the three percent range which will give us at least some cushion one way or either side of it, to make some adjustments. But that's just my thoughts on it.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Shetler: Any idea how much it costs, every percent of increase?

Bill Fluty: I've done that several times. Councilmen have asked that in the past, and, of course, each year it moves forward. I'd hate to just spout that out right now. But I can give you a 1%, 2%, 3% or 2 1/2%. Any numbers that you think at any time, I can provide those within a couple days if you'd like to see – kind of give you some heads-up before this budget season really starts up.

Councilmember Shetler: I'd be interested in that and also what the CPI is and, you know, any other information that we might have that affected the economy, and stuff, and inflation.

Bill Fluty: And back to Councilman Sutton's original question, I think the original LSA figure is, about how it would affect Vanderburgh County, was under a million dollars, around 600,000. So a loss of income because of circuit breaker for next year.

President Abell: Having been a previous officeholder maybe I could, if the officeholders understood, because they're going to do their budgets and they're going to do the three percent if we come up with three percent. We might ask the officeholders to see if they can't keep the same bottom line they would have if that was zero percent, and see if they can't make some cuts in the rest of their budget, and allow their employees to get an increase in pay. I'm sure there could be some – matter of fact, I'm positive there is some fat in every budget. Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Well, and one of the comments I made at a previous meeting was, in light of our anticipation of these dramatic loses of income in 2010, I guess it would be, I think we should ask every department to consider where they can save money because its going to result in less staff, ultimately, if we don't do something else. And I agree with what Mrs. Abell says, I think it would be important for them to understand that this is the year that they can help themselves in the future, too, because obviously, the first thing that's going to happen to us, the thing that costs the most are the salaries and wages, insurance and other benefits. So, in light of laying people off or whatever that might result in, in 2010 because of our loss of income, perhaps we can communicate with them in a way that makes them understand that it must be done now.

President Abell: I'll draft a letter to go out – are you sending the budgets out Friday? I'll draft a letter on the Council stationary to go out to every officeholder with your

budgets. Does that sound okay with everyone? But now, where do you want to set the salaries in?

Councilmember Leader: I would like to hear from Mr. Raben, the Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: I've been sitting here listening, and I share everybody's concern. I mean, even though the biggest impact doesn't affect us until 2010, you have to start preparing yourself in advance to that. And next year, you know, 600,000 is a lot of money to have to do without. You know, I've got mixed feelings on it. I know our standard has probably been three percent. It's hard for me to say today that three percent is not doable. What we could do, I would offer a suggestion, possibly, maybe set it in at two. That kind of gives you some cushion and, you know, hopefully, we can find the extra one percent. Or, you know, leave it at three. I think we all have to understand that, and I think today, most officeholders and employees understand that just because its requested, doesn't mean that they always get it. So for the sake of what we do, I don't think it really matters. I mean, let them set it in at the three or two, if that makes people feel more comfortable. And we'll have to see what the budget brings us. You know, we're just so early into this game, I don't have a crystal ball to look at. And I think in your letter, Madam President, you'll probably state something that there's no guarantees with whatever is proposed. So if everybody likes the number of three, let's say today, three.

President Abell: If everybody is happy, its basically a uniformity thing so that all the offices have the same percentage and we don't have some coming in all across the board and have to cut more out of one than another, and we can always – we're going to deal with it in August anyway. I mean, this is not set in stone. This is just a starting point. So if everybody is comfortable with three, we can do that. We can always reduce it if we have to.

Councilmember Raben: Mike brought up a good point. Has anyone heard what the city's plans are?

President Abell: No, but I do have a meeting with the mayor after this meeting and I'll be happy to ask him.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Because their budget is a little –

Councilmember Raben: Because their situation is much worse, probably, this year than ours, and we'll definitely be in, in 2010.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Well, because of printing the budget information and sending it out to the offices, yeah, you need this information from us today, don't you?

President Abell: We need a starting point. This isn't the ending point, this is just the starting point.

Councilmember Shetler: My only thinking is that if we put it in at two and a half, suggest that now, that it may be giving a signal to the employees that there is a possibility that this year we may do a little less than what we've done traditionally, in the past with a three percent. I'm afraid that if we go at three, that if we end up having to go to two or two and a half, it's going to be a cut in pay when its not really a cut in pay, it's still an increase in pay, it's still two percent. But the feeling would be that there is a cut in pay. Where, if we tell them two and a half, that it will signal that we are looking at this real closely. We may go to three if we have the money, but we may end up having to go to two. And we're giving them something up front to let them know, kind of a hint that there is a possibility.

President Abell: How does everybody feel about that? Everybody okay with that? Is that you okay with you, Mr. Sutton? Okay. Mrs. Leader? Mr. Goebel, are you okay with that? Mr. Raben? Okay, let's do that. This is not something we have to vote on? We're going to go at 2.5.

### **FILING DEADLINE FOR JULY MEETING**

President Abell: We might also note that the filing deadline for our July meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **STATUS OF 2000 GRADALL**

President Abell: I received a phone call yesterday from Mr. Duckworth and he and Mr. Tornatta are here and I think they wish to address the Council.

Mike Duckworth: After that discussion, I'm not sure I want to, to tell you the truth.

President Abell: We're not sure we want you to, either.

Mike Duckworth: I understand. Its part of my responsibility, as I said the last time I was here, to bring information to you regarding expenditures and equipment and those kinds of situations. And as I had indicated to you at the last meeting, my fears have come true in looking at this piece of equipment that we depend on greatly. In talking to the company that we're dealing with, I would just tell you that the prognosis on the life expectancy of this piece of equipment is not good. It's a 2000 gradall. Gradall, themselves, have put about \$10,000 worth of repairs in it within the last week. Its still in the shop, not operative. They could anticipate putting another 30 or \$40,000 into it to get it to where its operative. And at that point, the value of it would probably still be 30 or \$40,000.

Councilmember Raben: Can I interrupt? What is that \$30,000 worth of repairs? What's it consist of?

Mike Duckworth: Well, if I'd known you were going to ask me that, I could have asked some of those folks to come in. There is a pin that turns the apparatus that swivels. And from what I understand, that pin is the major component of the machine. And they have done everything electrical, they've done everything mechanical, and it still is not operating correctly. It goes back to, I believe, an engineering flaw. We've got a 1997 gradall that does not have those problems. We've got a 2004, of course, that's a much newer model, that does not have those problems. But as they tell me, this was a flaw in that engineering process and they are allowing us, you know, its an eight year old piece of equipment. They are

allowing that, understanding the problems that we've had and the money that we've put into it to this point, concessions toward a purchase or a trade or a lease or whatever is available to do. The life expectancy of these pieces of equipment, they're telling me is ten to eleven years, this one is eight years old, its got 4,800 hours of operation on it. And some of the questions that were asked last time, it would cost us – there is a QPA INDOT price for rental that they adhere to and that is \$7,500 a month. Folks, I don't know. I mean, I don't operate them, I don't fix them, but I do know that I've been through this upside and down trying to figure out a way to keep this piece of equipment working and it's just not good news. The cost of a new piece of equipment is right at \$250,000. With a trade-in and discounts, they would allow right at \$45,000, with a balance of 205,000. They would utilize our trade-in value and discount for the '08 payment and then the decision would be to either put it on a three year or a four year lease to purchase option. I guess the second option there is to rent. Like I said, \$7,500 a month, we use these pieces of equipment year round. I came to you, if you'll remember, a year ago in regards to purchasing a crane truck. The reason for that was that these gradalls had done a great deal of lifting and that's really not what they're intended to do. They're a digging apparatus. So we got the crane truck so that we wouldn't crack a boom. You crack a boom on these, its 30 or 40,000. So I think we've done due diligence in trying to protect these pieces of equipment the best we can. We have had them maintained, we've had them serviced, and I guess the last thing is to basically do nothing at all. We have two operative gradalls right now that I provided to you a stack of work orders that we are continually getting behind on. There is 110 work orders right there, and they grow every day. And county residents have silt and mud from our storms and our runoff in their ditches, and to be very honest with you, we're getting to them as fast as we can. We've got the bottoms that we have to deal with, the flooding that happens there. South Weinbach, we have an extreme amount of flooding there. And, you know, I feel like part of my responsibility is to keep you informed of these situations. And I did meet with county attorney, Ted Ziemer. This could be constituted as a special purchase under the statute. He feels that it meets the requirements. I have discussed it with the Commissioners. Commissioner Tornatta is here today. They did give me permission to come to you today and seek your input and to see what we can do to remedy this situation. So I feel as though I've done as much of the legwork and investigation that I can and I would just ask you that if we're going to enter into this kind of a purchase agreement, that the sooner the better, because I want to get something out there to help us knock down these work orders.

President Abell: Mr. Tornatta? Would you like to address the Council and then we'll take questions?

Troy Tornatta: Well, obviously, this is not a very popular – Troy Tornatta, County Commissioner. This is not a very popular request and I know that we've had quite a bit of equipment that has come before this Council in the past. And the one thing that I can say, I don't like Mike very much, but he's done a good job of getting the equipment built up out there at the county highway garage. He has taken care of a lot of constituents that might not have been taken care of in the past. And in doing that, we have run through some equipment and obviously we have had a need for equipment. And I believe, right now, to have three of these gradalls out there working for us, we're going to keep men out there on the road. There has been a question about the time and the amount of time that these guys are out there on the road in that gradall. I think that's a very appropriate question and its something that we will continue to address. But at this time, it does seem that with the circumstances we have, we would need that gradall. And in talking to Counsel

Ziemer, he believes that because this is a local company, and it's a company we can get parts from and we have a relationship with, and they're going to actually give us some money back for some of the monies that we've spent out on the fixing of this one piece of equipment, that this might be advantageous for us to do it sooner than later.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, and then just come around.

Councilmember Goebel: Mike, when we bought the last major piece of equipment, you had brought us three possibilities, photos and descriptions and life expectancy and that, is there any way we could have that information for this possibly?

Mike Duckworth: I guess I don't understand your question. You're wanting three –

Councilmember Goebel: No, just some information, photos and description of the piece of equipment, life expectancy, and things like that.

Mike Duckworth: Sure, are you talking about the new piece?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Mike Duckworth: Yes, I'd be glad to do that.

Councilmember Goebel: And maybe compare it to the old piece that you have so that we have something, you know, to compare it with.

Mike Duckworth: I'd be glad to do that, no problem.

President Abell: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, lets kind of recap the expense here or the costs. So you're talking roughly 200,000 for the replacement piece of equipment?

Mike Duckworth: With the trade-in allowance and discount, it would be 205,000. I broke that down into a three year payment plan. Both payment plans are zero amounts in 2008. The three year would include payments of \$74,815 per year. And the four year would be \$57,347 per year.

Councilmember Raben: So what's the rate on the five year? Interest rate?

Mike Duckworth: I believe its 4 percent and I do not have what the overall impact of that would be at this point. Mr. Ziemer and the company are looking at situations regarding tax exempt lease purchases as well as the interest as well.

Councilmember Raben: Looking at this, and I'm by no means an authority on heavy equipment, but, you know, right off the bat, 4,800 hours on a piece of equipment is nothing. I mean, that's a long way from its life expectancy. You know, I guess my next question is, I know you say that we use these pieces of equipment all year long, but outside of the good months, you know, May, June, July, August, you know, how often in January is a gradall going out of the shop or how often in February?

Mike Duckworth: Well, I would just tell you that whenever –

Councilmember Raben: Outside of a catastrophe. I mean, we're not –

Mike Duckworth: We try to do shoulder work and ditch work every day. We have crews designated to do that on all sides of our county. And its apparent with the backlog of work requests that we have, this latest onslaught of rains and drainage off of these fields has caused those problems. Now –

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me ask this –

Mike Duckworth: Now we can go two months and not have any rain and not have any problems and catch up with it, but you get two or three inch, inch and a half, two inch rains and again,

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me ask this, when do we start doing ditch work and when do we stop?

Mike Duckworth: We do ditch work year round unless its three or four inches of snow or conditions that aren't safe to have those out there.

Councilmember Raben: So in February we're out cleaning ditches?

Mike Duckworth: Most definitely.

Councilmember Raben: With three pieces of equipment?

Mike Duckworth: Well, the one piece of equipment, the newest piece of equipment is designated to the bridge crew. They set culverts and they do work around bridges with that piece of equipment. On occasion, if we have a situation where we have, like in the bottoms, silt or mud across the road –

Councilmember Raben: Actually, I thought that's why we bought the boom truck was to set culverts. But –

Mike Duckworth: Well, you have to do digging and the crane truck doesn't dig.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, this is just a lot of money for a piece of equipment. And, you know, if we spend the 30,000 that you say we need to replace the pin, the king pin on the boom, I mean, should that fix – should that – we're still saying there's further problems with it after that?

Troy Tornatta: What we've been dealing with is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000 that we've spent since this truck has been in our hands.

Councilmember Raben: I know, but some of that 50 is PM services. I mean, that's not all breakdowns. You're probably looking at every work order for every oil change, every grease job, every everything, probably.

Mike Duckworth: It's a combination of everything from electrical to mechanical problems that we've had with this piece of equipment over the years. I would say, since we've had it in 2000, I pulled the work orders and the invoices, and we've spent right at \$50,000 in those eight years on keeping that piece of equipment operative. And most of it;s since the warranty has run out. Now if you invest 30,000 or 35,000, whatever it is to do major repair on this, the company will not warranty it again, they will not guarantee that two or four weeks or months down the road, it's not going to have similar problems. And my feeling on that is, my recommendation to you is, not to put that kind of money into something that has the

potential to cause us more problems, and more delays, and more time off the roadway.

Councilmember Raben: Have we looked at used equipment?

Mike Duckworth: I have not and I'll tell you my feeling about it: you can find them out there but its an exhaustive search. The crane truck we bought as a used piece of equipment. It was a local company that had dissolved and it was an individual that was selling it. We just happened upon that and they're dealing with this company. We were able to obtain it at a very advantageous price. As far as others, you know, I'd have to look into the history of how they were used. We've got one eight years old and used 4,800 hours, that's not worth a darn. Some of them that are taken care of very well may be okay, but I have not found any available in this area. And then you have to talk about service and parts and if its not a gradall model, we have to ship these pieces of equipment off to be worked on. Its just a real logistic concern of mine.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mike, when you say this vehicle has 4,800 hours on it, is that a lot in your mind?

Mike Duckworth: Well, its not. I think Mr. Raben was correct in that. I would just tell you that the history that I've had with this piece of equipment is that it seems that every time we start catching up or we start getting overloaded with calls or concerns, it's in the shop and it's draining our repair budget and –

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, for as little as we've used it, I mean, an average of 50 hours a month, which again, I mean, doesn't seem like a lot to me, I mean, do we have any recourse, is this a lemon that we have recourse with the manufacturer?

Mike Duckworth: Well, that's who I've met with and their offer was to give us a \$30,000 trade-in plus a \$15,000 allowance for discount for the problems that we've had, for a total of \$45,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean, if you consider an average work week and figure that we've only used this one piece of equipment 50 hours on average, a month, I mean, I don't think it speaks very well.

Mike Duckworth: If you count the time that thing has been down, when we've had it, we've used it.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm just telling you, I'm just doing the math that you've provided. I'm not trying to argue, but you've given this data. My point is, you know, maybe there is another way to approach this. Maybe there is another manufacturer, I don't know.

Mike Duckworth: Well, there aren't any local. And that's the problem with heavy equipment and mowers and these things that are used in terrain, that is conducive to breakdowns is, that if you don't have a local vendor that pay local in the local tax base, and you don't have a local vendor that you can have them come out and assist your mechanics or take it in and have it fixed, you know, the down time is what hurts us. And here we're in a season when we could really be knocking some

of this work out, that we're in the shop. And two weeks later, we're in the shop.

Councilmember Winnecke: How many hours are on your other two gradalls?

Mike Duckworth: Well, the 2004 is – I just don't know at this point. I'd have to research that. We've had no problem with the '97 model. Its on the road every day. The 2004 is with the bridge crew and digging culverts every day. No problem, whatsoever.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I guess one thing I'm sitting here thinking about, Mike, on the 7,500 per month, is that on a rent or a lease, do they take care of maintenance?

Mike Duckworth: They would take care of the general maintenance, but they would not take care of any major breakdowns. We would probably be responsible for that. And –

Councilmember Raben: Anything that would be considered neglect, you're probably responsible. But if you blow a hydraulic line or something, that's probably their baby. But would it not be something to consider just renting or leasing, during this time of year. You know, rent one for two or three months, get all your major ditch work completed, then you've got two to work with back and forth between the bridge crew and your regular highway crew for the balance of the year.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I equated that to what you allocate to our department for rental of equipment, which is about \$12,000 a year. So occasionally, we have to rent an obscure piece of equipment to do something that we don't have the equipment for. Now that we've built up our equipment, we don't use that as much, but, you know, in one month, we're going to wipe that out. And, I guess my feeling is, its just like renting a house or buying a house. You know, its an investment and if you don't have it, you do what you have to do. If you do have it, its probably best to put that money toward something that's going to last, hopefully, an extended amount of time. That's a decision you all –

Councilmember Sutton: I know its not your decision to make, but what – and we don't have a request before us today, I guess we anticipate it next month, what fund are you, I guess, Commissioner Tornatta, what fund are you anticipating you want to pull this from?

Mike Duckworth: Well, I would ask for – here is how I would envision it. I've talked to Mr. Fluty about this, what's available because I don't have any idea what the cash amounts are. I know that this appropriation we just got today, there is a lean side to one account.

**(Tape Changed)**

Mike Duckworth: – may be in better shape in regards to Local Roads & Streets and Highway. We do have a Motor Vehicle account and we have a –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm asking because you've got 945 in Local Roads & Streets. You've got two million in Cum Bridge. You've got 800,000 in CCD.

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, I don't have any of that information because that's not what is budgeted to me. That's balances that Mr. Fluty keeps. I would tell you that in our



Motor Vehicle account 4230, our balance right now is right at \$5,600 and Miscellaneous Equipment, which is 2030-4250, we have \$26,000. In Equipment Lease & Rental, we have \$12,000, and in Road Equipment, we have 25,000, for a balance in those four accounts of \$69,309. Those are our regular budgeted items, monies that we have available right now. What was attractive to me was that we could utilize this discount and all that, and not paying anything in '08.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, are you guys, are you thinking, Commissioner, about a General Fund request?

Troy Tornatta: You know, and this might be a place for Auditor Fluty would have an idea as well, but, you know, one of the things that we can look at is leasing this piece of equipment if we can make the numbers work. And, I mean, we're open to that. But at that point we'd have to have some money put in the lease of rental equipment, have to upgrade that from \$12,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess the other thing I'm looking at, too, is, if we're looking at a request like this, I know we had a request from your department today, but are there any other areas, any line items, have you gone completely through your budget to see where there might be some cost saving measures, some areas where you may have had an appropriation where it doesn't appear that you're going to maybe need as much as what you were allocated that we could then revisit? I mean, I think that needs to be a part of this as well.

Mike Duckworth: I understand and I agree. I would tell you that in the three and a half years that I've been there, that we have updated quite a bit of equipment because the Council has been gracious enough to allocate that money to do so. I don't know what they did in the past, but when I got there, we still had crews going out to work sites in Sheriff's cars that had over 300,000 miles on them. We've upgraded all of those things for safety purposes as well as just general practice. I just told you that in those four accounts, we currently have \$69,000. I don't know what the rest of the year is going to bring to us. I mean, we've been through tornadoes, and snow storms and ice storms and, you know, locusts wouldn't surprise me at this point. So my point is, that what I would envision is, you know, we're going to squeeze this as much as we can. At the end of the year, you may want to encumber money into the lease/rental account that we don't use to help pay for the lease of that next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, then as well, I think in light of the question, which I was going to ask the same question that Councilman Winnecke asked, and it was in relation to the other gradalls, the other two that you have. Looking at the number of hours that you have on those, because I was doing the same calculation he was doing and I came up with just over 11 ½ hours per week of use on this gradall that you're wanting to replace. And if that was only being used 11 ½ hours a week, you know, some of it may have been maintenance issues, just trying to get an idea of just the degree and the amount of gradall work and maybe you need three, maybe two is fine, but if you could provide that information for us, that will at least help us to see the amount of hours that are being put in on this type of work.

Troy Tornatta: The one gradall, keep in mind, is supposed to be for bridge crew, we bought it out of Bridge Funds. So that's their first, that's going to be their first line of defense on the Bridge side. So we're trying to keep that on that side. Can we move that over, potentially, when there is a necessity? And I think that we'll look at that. Let me recommend this: we're going to go back and get those numbers on

hours for the other two gradalls. At that point, we're going to find out what exactly a lease would entail. If it's a triple net situation, or what exactly they take care of. At that point, we can get the exact number of what that lease is, and can get that to you in the next two or three days via email. And at that point, if we could get that email back and get a consensus on maybe a direction to go. This was more a fact finding mission. From the Commission, we did not say that we wanted the Council to purchase this, it was one option and we had some discounts put into the purchase price in order to make it a little sweeter, but we do want ideas and we wanted to just say hey, we think there is a need for this whether we rent it, lease it, buy it, whatever the case is. And so that's what we presented to you. I have one other –

President Abell: On the same subject or different subject?

Troy Tornatta: Different subject.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler has a question.

Councilmember Shetler: One other point on that, I'd like to see, maybe daily work logs. You keep work logs and what the crews do and where they're going and all that kind of stuff, so that we could get a handle, and they're assigned to what piece of equipment and all that kind of – that way we could kind of get a handle of how often those gradalls are used in what I'm going to call the off season, because my recommendation at the point, I'm just sitting off the side here, not sitting in the saddle like I ought to be, but would tell me that maybe renting it for four months when we have the driest, heaviest time, the best time and the most efficient time to use it is going to be pretty much half of May, June, July, August, September, four, four and a half months. And if we rented that for the four months, you're talking about \$30,000, which, for seven years, you could rent this thing for what you're buying it for. So, I'm thinking that might be the most efficient use of the monies as we're looking at it. Plus, there is no maintenance on that. There is usually some servicing you have to do, like oil maintenance and hydraulics and things like that, but as far as, if there is a major deal, my experience, a rental or leasing even, is that a major deal usually fits underneath some kind of a warranty. And its always a relatively new piece of equipment, so you don't have the breakdowns. But anyway, that would be my recommendation and in order to get to that point, I think we need to see what kind of daily work logs you have in the past and how often that's being used and the crews and how efficiently they're being utilized.

Troy Tornatta: Alright, we can get that.

Councilmember Leader: Mike, I have a question as well, please. And Mr. Tornatta, rent and lease, right? It would be three options: purchase, rent or lease?

Troy Tornatta: Yes. Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Mike, I noted in the work orders, thanks for supplying those, its good to see, but in about eight days, 22 of those are a year old. Do you communicate back to the citizens of Vanderburgh County when you're not going to be there for a year?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, well, not for a year, but what we do is, we prioritize them. And what happens is, part of those work orders may just be a very minor situation. What happens is, that as we try to get back to those, other major things happen,

and we have to redirect our workforce –

Councilmember Leader: I understand. I understand that we'll never have enough staff to do all the things we want to do, or money. But my question is, I was at my neighborhood association meeting this past Monday, and four different people just went on and on about communication. That's all it was. You know, and one was with the animal control officer. I mean, all this kind of stuff. Its communication. And my question is, I see that Abby and Jamie and Kimberly take all of these calls – when you can't get to somebody, do you get back to them and say how come and all those things?

Mike Duckworth: Those work orders are assigned to the foremen. And the foremen prioritize those after they go out and inspect and assess the situation. When they go out and do that assessment, they normally meet directly with the –

Councilmember Leader: But do they say I'm not going to be back for a year? I mean, that's what concerns me.

Mike Duckworth: Well, as you can see, there's a 110 we're behind on, with grass mowing and –

Councilmember Leader: I understand that. I'd be happy to call them, too, but I just think somebody needs to –

Mike Duckworth: I agree with you, that needs to happen, but again, we try to do what we can do with the equipment we've got and, you know, this is also a time period when –

Councilmember Leader: Well, I'm not questioning, believe me, staff or manpower, equipment. I'm just asking if we have a policy that dictates that we get back to our citizens if we can't come to service –

Mike Duckworth: Well, I will definitely follow up on that, but I would tell you, I leave that in the hands of the foremen to do that. I'll have a little tighter –

Councilmember Leader: But even the office staff could do so, if they communicate.

Mike Duckworth: Sure. Sure.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. I'd appreciate that.

President Abell: Mr. Duckworth, you might think about having some kind of a postcard printed up that says we plan to be in your area on such and such day, or we plan to not be in your area. I think that's what Ms. Leader is talking about. Mr. Tornatta, did you have something else you – oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Shetler: One further point and I'm just kind of taking away Councilman Sutton's point that he usually brings up. But since you didn't today, and that is, I would really like to see us go to a couple other manufacturers. I mean, sometimes it will sound like a pretty good, rosy deal when they're giving you a trade-in on an eight year old piece of equipment, but that may not be such a hot deal. And I'd like to see us go to two or three other vendors out there to see what kind of price we really can get.

Mike Duckworth: We can do that but I would tell you, the reason I did not was, number one, the immediacy of our need, and number two, the fact that any repair, any part, there is not another dealer in this local area. So that piece of equipment would have to be transported to be worked on and that's down time. And then brought back. I've got a mower right now I just traded in because every time it breaks down, it has to go to Brazil Indiana because the dealership moved their operation to that location.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess my point is, you're not going to get anything through in the next 30 days anyway. So for the next 30 days, as part of the homework and due diligence here, I would say that we ought to check out a couple other vendors that might give us \$205,000 without a trade-in, or whatever.

Mike Duckworth: I'll be glad to look into that.

Troy Tornatta: I got that. Any other questions?

President Abell: Any other questions or comments on this subject? Okay, Mr. Tornatta?

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BUILDING COMMISSION PROPOSED AMENDED INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT</b></p>
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Troy Tornatta: Okay, real quick, the city is proposing and they will have before the City Council, and it came before the County Commissioners, that for the Building Commission, they would like it to go back to a setup on a 50/50 basis, with revenues coming in on a 50/50 basis. I do not feel like, without hearing from the Council that I can vote affirmative for that, in light of where it has been in the past. In the past, we have seen the permitting at a higher level in the county than in the city. The revenues have been at a higher level in the county than the city. The city has had to actually put money into the Building Commission's budget at the end of the year, where the county has had money in its coffers at the end of the year. And so I'd just ask the Council to kind of reflect on that and see a direction they would like the Commissioners to go. Get back with any of the Commissioners, just to give an idea, because if we want to go 50/50 and just split it down the middle, it goes in the county funds. At the end of the year, we divide it up on a 50/50 basis and give the city theirs and the county theirs, and then have a \$50,000 cushion that's held. And, Mr. Fluty, I don't know, is that held in the county's....on the city's side. So, I mean, its your budget and it's the county's money to do with what they will, but I would like to have some type of input from the Council.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you talking about the revenues and the expenses?

Troy Tornatta: Right now, it's 50/50 on the expenses.

Councilmember Sutton: And what's the present split?

Troy Tornatta: The present split is where the revenue came from, that's where it goes. So if the revenues come from the county, which is predominately where the revenues are coming from, then it would go directly to the county. But those that come from the city would be then sent over to the city. Now the shift used to be a lot more city and now it's a lot more county. And the thought is, Roger Lehman said the thought is that it's leaning a little bit more toward the city. And that's speculation and I would rather seven people plus three people in the Commissioner's office

chime in on this, than to ramrod it through just because it's brought up from the city.

Bill Fluty: This came up last night. I know it's been in discussion for almost over a year, but I'm gathering some information for Commissioner Tornatta. I think you all need that same information. Basically, I'll get what we're doing now and what they're proposing to do, just in a nutshell to give you just exactly, so you can go that way and see how you want to go forward. And I can get that out, probably be the first of next week.

Troy Tornatta: And then we're doing about 21 miles worth of paving so far this year, with \$158,000 left over, for those that we missed. If we grossly missed a spot, then we do have some money left over. About, I think, nine miles in district three, ten miles in district two, and a little over two miles in district one. So if anybody has something that they think we've missed, we'd be happy to entertain picking that up on the second round, but there's about 158,000 left in that line item.

Mike Duckworth: If I can just add to that briefly, we are being inundated with complaints from subdivisions regarding, especially Evergreen Acres. There's two or three others where streets are basically caving in and its because of the standards that were set back when these subdivisions were established. We dug up a road in Evergreen Acres and that road was laid right on top of mud. And there are caverns that I've been told by Bill Jeffers, that workers can walk under, underneath there. Its those kinds of problems that we're going to be facing down the road in regards to replacing these streets completely and restructuring them. I've been meeting with John Stoll about it. I don't know what else to tell you about that other than Band-aids can only last for so long. And I know we are establishing a lot of new roadways and new access to different areas in this community. But we need to look at allocating some money, in my opinion, to the repair and reconstruction of some of our subdivision roads. So just a thought on that.

President Abell: Any other comments? Mr. Tornatta, I think you were in a meeting I had with Mr. Stoll where we talked about making sure that the requirements for today's roads were good enough so that the taxpayers wouldn't be picking up these subdivisions in the future. I don't know where you all are on that, but I hope you continue to look at that.

Troy Tornatta: And that's what we want to push. I mean, we want to make sure that we have quality standards and I think that's where our engineer is promoting all his people to address those issues at the time of the incident, rather than to wait until a later date.

President Abell: We appreciate that. Can't do anything about the past, but we can about the future, and we appreciate that. Thank you.

Troy Tornatta: Absolutely. Thank you very much.

President Abell: Does anyone else have anything they wanted to bring before the Council? I'd just like to point out, you do have an invitation on your desk from Bernardin Lochmueller and Associates. They're putting on a seminar on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> here at the Evansville Marriott, co-sponsoring it, about funding for local government projects. This, of course, won't help our operating budget, but certainly for projects, it will be a seminar that's going to show you how to explore available revenue sources. If any of you can't make the meeting up next Saturday, you might want to try to make this one. There is an RSVP card and

information in your packet, so take a look at that. Anything else? We stand adjourned.

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

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 2, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of July in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: Good morning. I'd like to call to order the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Raben, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2008 MINUTES</b>
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President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: And for the Appropriation Ordinance I will turn the meeting over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

**APPROPRIATION REQUESTS**

**JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. We're going to get out of turn for just a bit. We're going to skip over the Treasurer and come back to that. So the first on the agenda under Jail for Civilian Uniform Allowance in the amount of \$532, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-1751	Civ.Uniform Allowance	532.00	532.00
Total		532.00	532.00

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

**AREA PLAN**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Area Plan, Legal Services, 1240-3610 in the amount of \$20,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? I just have one comment. I received a letter and I suspect some of you did from Mr. Harrison about the breakdown of which ones of these were city and which ones were county. It appears the county has most of them. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>AREA PLAN</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1240-3610	Legal Services	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: County Commissioners, 1300-1930 Unemployment in the amount of \$30,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	Unemployment	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

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

**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court, 1370-3722 in the amount of 15,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1370-3722	Medical Expense & Drug Testing of Juveniles	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		15,000.00	15,000.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/TREASURER**

Councilmember Raben: We will address the Reassessment Fund – well, let’s go ahead and take that. County Treasurer 2490-1030-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$2,000, I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>TREASURER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1030-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		2,000.00	2,000.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, that concludes the General Fund requests and Reassessment. We'll move into Transfers. First, --

Councilmember Sutton: Did you get the Pigeon Township --

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me. I'm sorry. Pigeon Township Assessor, Travel & Mileage in the amount of \$2,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		2,000.00	2,000.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE  
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)**

**LEGAL AID  
REASSESS/PIGEON  
COUNTY ASSESSOR (LATE)  
REASSESS/ASSESSOR (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now for the transfers. And we also have some late transfers for Cum Bridge and for County Assessor. I might call attention to the County Assessor late transfer. We will have to follow this up next month with an

appropriation request to put money back in those first three lines. But this will pay all the Real Estate Deputies along with the first three individuals through the payroll that extends through August 22<sup>nd</sup> – well, August 8 through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Again, in August we'll have to re-appropriate these funds. And with that, if no one has any questions on any of the transfers including the late transfers, I will move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions? Does everybody want to take a minute just to look at these transfers on the Assessor? This is the first time we've seen them. Any questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1050-1130-0005	Captain	12,271.00	12,271.00
1050-1130-0017	Deputy	7,530.00	7,530.00
1050-1130-0028	Deputy Sheriff	21,619.00	21,619.00
1050-1130-0064	Deputy Sheriff	5,700.00	5,700.00
1050-1130-0074	Deputy Sheriff	607.00	607.00
1050-1130-0082	Deputy Sheriff	20,600.00	20,600.00
1050-1130-0084	Deputy Sheriff	10,600.00	10,600.00
1050-1130-0089	Deputy Sheriff	15,600.00	15,600.00
1050-1130-0090	Deputy Sheriff	583.00	583.00

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1050-1130-0093	Deputy Sheriff	200.00	200.00
1050-1130-0094	Deputy Sheriff	225.00	225.00
1050-1130-0104	Deputy Sheriff	9,399.00	9,399.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	104,934.00	104,934.00

**LEGAL AID** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1460-3140	Telephone	2,148.00	2,148.00
To: 1460-3600	Rent	2,148.00	2,148.00

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

From: 2030-4420	Hogue Road Culvert #587	14,000.00	14,000.00
To: 2030-3930	Other Contractual	14,000.00	14,000.00

**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2490-1150-3540	Maintenance Contract	670.00	670.00
To: 2490-1150-3410	Printing	670.00	670.00

**TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 3600-4073	Sports Complex	325,000.00	325,000.00
To: 3600-4070	Burdette Park-BMX	325,000.00	325,000.00

**COUNTY ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1090-1110-1090	Assessor	23,305.00	23,305.00
1090-1120-1090	Chief Deputy	10,863.00	10,863.00
1090-1140-1090	Inheritance Tax Dep.	9,987.00	9,987.00
To: 1090-1370-1090	Real Estate Deputy	5,855.00	5,855.00
1090-1380-1090	Real Estate Deputy	5,700.00	5,700.00
1090-1390-1090	Real Estate Deputy	4,260.00	4,260.00
1090-1400-1090	Real Estate Deputy	3,939.00	3,939.00

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1090-1410-1090	Real Estate Deputy	3,552.00	3,552.00
1090-1420-1090	Real Estate Deputy	3,815.00	3,815.00
1090-1430-1090	Real Estate Deputy	3,948.00	3,948.00
1090-1440-1090	Real Estate Deputy	2,436.00	2,436.00
1090-1450-1090	Real Estate Deputy	663.00	663.00
1090-1320-1090	Real Estate Deputy	663.00	663.00
1090-1340-1090	Real Estate Deputy	1,350.00	1,350.00
1090-1350-1090	Real Estate Deputy	4,272.00	4,272.00
1090-1360-1090	Real Estate Deputy	3,702.00	3,702.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1150-2030	Laborer	5,636.00	5,636.00
To: 2030-1970	Temporary Replacement	5,636.00	5,636.00

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	3,775.00	3,775.00
To: 2490-1090-3600	Rent	2,475.00	2,475.00
2490-1090-3140	Telephone	300.00	300.00
2490-1090-3200	Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00

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

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS (CONTINUED)</b>
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**TREASURER**

Councilmember Raben: And that concludes – well, are we ready to go back to the Treasurer?

Z Tuley: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Raben: A request was made – what the holdup is with regards to the Treasurer, there was a request made Wednesday with the Building Authority to break out the structure that enclosed the vault and the new counter separate from the whole enchilada that was requested. And there might be a drop in communications somewhere, but Dave Rector is on vacation this week, so we don't have that breakdown. So without that, at this time, Madam President, I'm going to move that we defer this request until next month.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.



President Abell: Any questions about that? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-4210	Office Furniture	100,000.00	Deferred
Total		100,000.00	Deferred

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that concludes the appropriations and transfers, we'll move on to Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Everyone has been given a copy of all the amendments; there are several account numbers along with position titles. Rather than read all these into the record, Madam President, if you are okay with this, I'm going to simply ask that this document be made part of the minutes and move for approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 12/WBK, LLC</b></p>
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President Abell: Is that all you had, Mr. Raben? Under old business, resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for real property located at the Vanderburgh Industrial Park, Lot 12.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I move that we confirm the previously adopted resolution.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 12/GRAHAM PACKAGING COMPANY, LP</b></p>
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President Abell: The next one is a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of the economic revitalization area for acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at Vanderburgh Industrial Park, Lot 12.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I move that we confirm the previously adopted resolution.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Mr. Beck?

Evan Beck: Just one closing comment. Representatives from Graham Packaging could not be here today. They asked me to express their thanks in you all's assistance in providing these incentives to help bring this project to Vanderburgh County. And our thanks to you, as well. Thank you very much.

President Abell: Is there any further old business?

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING EXISTING BONDS ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO FINANCE CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES</b></p>
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President Abell: New business, a resolution of the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana providing preliminary approval of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of refunding existing bonds originally issued to finance certain economic development facilities. Mr. Ziemer.

Ted Ziemer: Thank you, Madam President. I'm Ted Ziemer, the attorney for the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission and the Vanderburgh County Commissioners. I won't go through this in detail because we did last Wednesday. Just to give you, I think, some new information, you'll recall the 1998 bonds were issued in the amount of \$1,750,000, and the interest rate on those bonds currently is 4.62%. The 1999 bonds were issued in the amount of \$3,250,000, and the interest rate currently on those bonds is 4.41%. And those bonds are held by Regents Bank. It is proposed that if the refunding bond issue is approved, the new bond issue, the refunding bond issue in the amount of \$3,135,000, which is the balance remaining on the 1998 and 1999 issues, will be 3.25%, well below the 4.62 and the 4.41, and that's estimated to save the diocese approximately \$100,000 over the remaining seven year term of the bonds. There was a meeting of the Economic Development Commission yesterday afternoon and I want to tender to the Council a certified copy of those minutes certified by Steve Guebler, the secretary of the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission. And attached to that is an original signed copy of the resolution adopted by the Economic Development Commission giving preliminary approval to the issuance of these bonds. I have with me today, Scott Stratman, the attorney for the Catholic Diocese of Evansville with respect to this bond issue, Don Rupprecht from the Diocese, Jeff Bone from Old National Bank, and if you have any questions, myself or any of those individuals would be happy to answer them.

President Abell: Anyone have a question? Okay, I think that's it, Mr. Ziemer. Thank you.

Ted Ziemer: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, if it pleases the chair, I would move that we approve the resolution providing the preliminary approval of the bonds for the purpose of refunding the existing bonds, and the resolution that's before us.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Announcements under new business – thank you, Mr. Ziemer. Thank you, gentlemen. Mr. Raben, did you want to – its up to you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION CONCERNING BMX BUILDING MANAGEMENT, AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: I can. At this point it might be tough to, I'll pull a phrase from our legal counsel, put the toothpaste back in the tube, but with the transfers, along with that was the sports complex, the BMX Complex at Burdette Park. If anyone had issues with that, that did not get discussed, I'll be happy to move to reopen it. I am kind of asking if everybody is okay with the transfers as they were voted.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: I have a comment. Can this body mandate that that building be accessible to other groups?

President Abell: Who holds the title? We don't hold title? Do the Commissioners hold the title? I thought the BMX was going to hold the title. They're going to lease it. Okay, Mr. Ahlers –

Councilmember Raben: It will be part of the Burdette complex, so –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, the Commissioners, the County owns the building, the Commissioners would control that. Now, if its leased out, the Commissioners would need to make that a condition of the lease. I mean, if they lease out the facility in total, they need to make sure to make that a requirement, probably. I mean, I don't

know how the lease is going to be structured, whether they're just leasing it on certain days or whether it's a total, 100% control lease. If that's the case, there would probably need to be a provision in there excepting out these things. If they're just leasing it on certain dates, and the county then retains the control to lease it to other people or let other people use it, then the Commissioners would make that call. That, and who they delegate the authority to at Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe, would a simple resolution voted on today as an overture to the Commissioners, requesting that that facility be made available to other outside parties? I mean, would that help in regards to what we're talking about? I mean, –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, you can make a resolution. It won't be binding on, you know, the Commissioners in terms of them negotiating a lease or whatever, but you can certainly do that.

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to see a resolution made, at least a statement made from this group. I think this should be a community – it is a community building, but it should be open to other volunteer groups in the community to have meetings and so forth, if its not being used by BMX first.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you want to make a verbal resolution?

Councilmember Goebel: I could make a verbal but I might defer to Mr. Winnecke if he can come up with the best verbiage.

Councilmember Winnecke: Maybe Mr. Ahlers could. No, we could – I would move that this body accept a resolution that encourages the Vanderburgh County Commissioners to ensure that future lease arrangements with the BMX organization also provide that that facility be open to anyone who has the ability to lease it from the county in an appropriate manner.

Councilmember Goebel: That's fine.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Abell: We could take a roll call vote.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Abell: We could take a roll call vote on it and rather than have a resolution typed up, we could have it made part of the minutes and send the minutes over to the Commissioners if that's sufficient with everyone. Is that okay with you, Mr. Sutton? You're looking dubious over there.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm – do we need a resolution, I guess, to this effect? I mean, we're not the contract-making body. I mean, if anything, its more of a recommendation as opposed to a requirement or mandate per se. We are the financing body, so obviously we've got some leverage from that standpoint. Have there been any discussions with the Commissioners on this topic about this issue? I don't see anyone.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I shouldn't – that's not necessarily correct, either. If you recall, last month, when we discussed this at length at this very same meeting,

that was conveyed by a few of us or several of us that whether the facility would be made available particularly at that time, and had the second floor for other rentals. And I think it was pretty much conveyed to us that, yeah, they would allow for that, but I don't think this hurts. I mean, it kind of tells them what we expect and, you know, whether or not they follow it or its different, but...a vote for a simple overture or resolution really, you know, I don't think it hurts us.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have one other question as far as the actual building. If this building will be accessible, will it be – I think we discussed this last time at BMX, the building itself, outside that fenced area, so they still have security for their track, but the building itself for other groups be accessible without getting into the track area. And I think Mr. Kunkel, at that point, said that building could be built outside of the fenced area so they can protect the track but let the building be available to other groups.

President Abell: I would think that we probably should leave that decision up to the people that provide the security at Burdette Park. That BMX field is not right at Burdette Park and I would think we might end up with some vandalism. I mean, its at Burdette Park but its not within where there's a lot of people around. Its on up further and I would be a little concerned about vandalism to that building. But that's my opinion, and –

Councilmember Goebel: Maybe I should just express this to Mr. Craig and Mr. Kunkel.

President Abell: Okay. We'll send them a copy of these minutes and they will see our concerns and maybe they'll make their decisions based on that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and that's why I think an overture and some discussions with the Commissioners maybe with Burdette Park officials there. Perhaps, maybe these are just pretty much nonissues that can be – I didn't sense that when we did have them here that there was resistance from them. I think some of the ideas were new that we were suggesting, they hadn't considered those things before, but that's where I think even making that open to other – if that is locked in – within the gate, then that puts additional responsibility upon the park to then have to open it up if there is another group and all the other things. Perhaps maybe that's not much of an issue either, maybe we're making more of it than it is. But I think, clearly, if the Commissioners are listening to some of our concerns, they'd want to proceed forward with it. So, I mean, who is the liaison for the Commissioners?

President Abell: I don't know. I am not.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll talk to them.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could. I mean, not to say – I guess I see the resolution, I mean, I think it's a good idea but it doesn't really have the teeth, I guess, since we don't contractually obligate that group. So –

President Abell: Well, I have it on the floor, so I've got to do something with it.

Councilmember Goebel: I say we vote.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess a little bit of – just the point that I'm thinking is if

somehow, it can all be managed through the management of the Burdette Park officials, so that if three or four different groups would come to have meetings and they could just tell them here's what we have available and that they're actually kind of guiding and directing that and here are the restrictions to each one of those facilities or what would work out best for your group.

Councilmember Goebel: As they would with any other building.

Councilmember Shetler: As they would with anything else. And I think that ought to be a part of, somehow, the resolution there that we recommend that this be a part of the Burdette facilities and managed over – that they do the overseeing of that property like they do any other facility on the grounds.

Councilmember Goebel: I agree.

Councilmember Shetler: Not trying to get this long winded and drawn out here, but –

Councilmember Winnecke: So I could amend my – I would amend my motion to include that the BMX facility be – pardon me? The BMX building be managed as part of the rest of the Burdette facilities and be offered...

Councilmember Goebel: To other volunteer groups or parties.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. There you go.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, I think our management ought to have keys to the place. I mean, I think they ought to be able to have access to it and be able to routinely check on it, just like they would anything else that's on those grounds and so, that's all part of it. Thanks.

President Abell: Jim, will you amend your second?

Councilmember Raben: I will amend my second.

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Craig has come back. Maybe he can answer some questions. Do you want Mr. Craig up here?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, please.

President Abell: Okay, come on up, Steve. We have some questions about the BMX building. We sort of reopened it.

Steve Craig: Okay. When they had passed the transfers we thought that...

Councilmember Raben: We've reopened, and one of the questions that we have is will you oversee the building itself as far as making it available for other outside parties when its not in use for BMX events?

Steve Craig: Yes, I will.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Will the construction be – or the building itself be maybe



outside or right next to the fenced area to protect the BMX but still accessible to other groups when –

Steve Craig: They will have to open a gate to get to it if, you know, other groups do use it for meetings and stuff like that. We will remove part of the fence right now and the building will go outside the perimeter of the existing fence.

Councilmember Goebel: Can it remain there?

Steve Craig: The whole building?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, for other groups, otherwise, you're going to expose the track itself to the other groups that may be using that facility.

Steve Craig: We can look at putting the chain length fence where it will make it not accessible to it if that needs to be. I mean, the fence is what makes it accessible and not accessible to the public. And a fence would be easy to change and put in different areas.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I think Mr. Kunkel addressed that last time. I think the building itself should be outside of the fence so other groups can use but still provide the fence security at all times for the BMX track.

Steve Craig: Well, I think that's very possible. I don't think there would be a problem with it. Like I said, fences can be moved and put to where you need them.

Councilmember Raben: In short, we don't want anything that will prohibit anybody outside of the BMX organization from renting that property. So –

Steve Craig: I don't think that's a problem.

Councilmember Raben: So if you understand that. Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: So is a resolution needed? I mean, if he seems –

Councilmember Raben: Let's go ahead because we're not (inaudible) the lease. Let's go ahead and pass it. The motion is on the floor, let's go ahead and take a vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Can we repeat that resolution because we've had some changes, amendments, additions, subtractions, so what did we last leave it? Teri, were you writing all this down? Sandie?

Councilmember Raben: Do you want me to recite the resolution as I recall seconding? The resolution basically stated that we were requesting that the Vanderburgh County Commissioners, along with Burdette Park, through the lease agreement within the BMX organization, would allow for outside parties outside of BMX to use the facility when there's not an event taking place and that the building and structure itself would be accessible to all other parties. I think that is the motion. And that the facility itself be controlled and managed by the management at Burdette Park.

Councilmember Sutton: And placed outside of the fence.

Councilmember Raben: And placed outside of the fence, yes. And I am the seconder.

President Abell: Yeah, he –

Councilmember Raben: Does the maker agree with that?

Councilmember Winnecke: That was certainly the essence of my motion.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, not a question, more of a comment. If we can get a response back maybe next month from the Commissioners to this resolution. If we could bring this back to know what their comments are on this.

President Abell: Okay. But we still have it on the floor and we're going to vote on it now. Okay. Any other questions? Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Craig.

Steve Craig: I have a question. Are they allowed to proceed with building this?

President Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: We transferred the money.

Steve Craig: I knew the money was transferred, but then after we left I wasn't real sure what happened.

President Abell: Well, we sort of went out of order.

Councilmember Raben: I think you have a clear understanding of what our wishes and our visions and our –

Steve Craig: I understand what you did today. Everything is fine, so they can go ahead and proceed. Thank you very much.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you. There is a note on the bottom of the agenda that all of you, I think, have seen, that there will be a public hearing July the 29<sup>th</sup> in room 301 between the city and the county on our budgets. I also want to inform you that there will be a date set up when the Association of Indiana Counties and the Association of Cities and Towns representative on House Bill 1001, will be here to talk to a joint meeting of the City Council and County Council, and I will advise you of that time, and Mr Ahlers, of course. I have asked Mr. Jarboe, the City Council, to give me some dates that he thinks would be good for them. I haven't gotten those so we'll just have to play with what we get from Indianapolis. Any day that's terrible for anybody here?

Councilmember Sutton: How soon are you looking at doing this?

President Abell: I think we're going to have to do it before budget hearings because they're going to be explaining to us how we're going to hear these other entities present their budgets, like the library board and the others.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you suggesting during the month of July?

President Abell: I am.

Councilmember Goebel: That's good.

President Abell: I am suggesting during the month of July. Is that okay? Alright, I will let all of you know by e-mail. If there is no further business –

Councilmember Raben: Is it possible to have it in the evening?

President Abell: Have it in the evening? I would suspect that its probably possible to have it in the evening. The City Council has their meetings in the evening, so they probably don't care. Is that okay with everybody else? Yes, and we'll let Mrs. Deig know so she can reserve this room for us. Any other business to come before the Council? We stand adjourned.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of August in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: Good morning. Welcome to the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call, please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

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President Abell: The Finance Chairman isn't with us this morning. And Mr. Winnecke, will you handle the duties of the Finance Chairman for us, please?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, ma'am.

President Abell: I'm sorry, I guess we need to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**TREASURER**

President Abell: And now, Mr. Winnecke, would you take over?

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, starting with the appropriation requests, starting with the Treasurer, line 1030-4210 Office Furniture, I'll move that we set this in at \$5,000.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll offer a brief explanation. As we discussed in depth last week about the merits of budgeting \$100,000 for the entire renovation of that office, we know that there is going to be a renovation of the old jail sometime in the next year or less. This money, the \$5,000 that I made a motion to approve today is for office furniture, some chairs that apparently are needed. So that's the reason for the \$5,000.

Councilmember Sutton: I did want to note, too, on this request, we had some discussion at our meeting last week concerning some other options or alternatives that could be considered for the two tax payment days that – around those periods that cause a great amount of traffic and inflow into the office and oftentimes security is an issue, and the flow of work and privacy, all those things that have been previously discussed. And the suggestion I made last week about the possibility of using the Centre during those two periods or in particular maybe using it for the November installment. We do have a meeting set up for next week to discuss that with Dave Rector, Z Tuley, the Sheriff, as well, that's going to be involved with that meeting and we're still trying to coordinate with the CIO. But it looks like something that might be an option for us that may happen but we'll see what happens, but we've got the meeting set for next week.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. When you have that meeting, would you discuss with the Sheriff putting out some orange cones or something? I can envision people walking into this building to pay their taxes, having to walk across the street, and that gets dangerous running back and forth to the Centre because there is only one walkway there.

Councilmember Sutton: We'll add that to our topics of discussion.

President Abell: Okay, thank you. Any other – Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I do have a note from Treasurer, Z Tuley, and she asked me if I would read it in regard to her request.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: It says, "County Councilmembers, since taking office in 2001, I have listened to the repeated concerns of taxpayers about the length of time spent in line. In early 2003, I explored renovations to address taxpayers' requests to do something about the lines. Those who need to pay in person deserve to get through as quickly and efficiently as possible. At that time, I was asked to postpone those plans since the county was spending several million building a new jail. I complied with the request to postpone then and will withdraw my request again today. Although I feel there is a strong need to address the current layout for this office, do recognize that the current fiscal situation that not only Vanderburgh County is facing, but all counties here in Indiana are dealing with. President Abell mentioned at the last Council meeting that a building-wide renovation plan was now in the works. This was the first I had heard of the plan. I commend the Council for exploring such a project. As a result of our discussions, I strongly urge that when the Council discovers the financial means to tackle this project, that the Treasurer's office would be the first to be considered or addressed in this endeavor." And I think she also recognized that her time as Treasurer is winding down and she wanted to be specific that this was not for her office, its for the general well-being. So I think she did the right thing in withdrawing. I think the point was brought across clearly, so she's trying to work with us. Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Goebel. Anyone else? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-4210	Office Furniture	100,000.00	5,000.00
Total		100,000.00	5,000.00

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

**SHERIFF**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Sheriff, line 1050-2210 Gas & Oil in the amount of \$28,000; line 1050-3200 Utilities in the amount of \$12,000, for a total appropriation of \$40,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions or comments from Council? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	28,000.00	28,000.00
1050-3200	Utilities	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total		40,000.00	40,000.00

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

**JAIL**

Councilmember Winnecke: Jail, line item 1051-2260 Food, in the amount of \$213,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.



Councilmember Winnecke: And just for the record, as the Sheriff indicated, this would pay us through December.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-2260	Food	213,000.00	213,000.00
Total		213,000.00	213,000.00

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

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR (TWO REQUESTS)**

Councilmember Winnecke: County Assessor line 1090-1110-1090 County Assessor in the amount of \$23,306; line 1090-1120-1090 Chief Deputy \$10,863; line 1090-1140-1090 Inheritance Tax Deputy in the amount of \$9,987, for a total appropriation of \$44,156, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second? Mr. Shetler, did you second?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

President Abell: Comments? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1110-1090	County Assessor	23,306.00	23,306.00
1090-1120-1090	Chief Deputy	10,863.00	10,863.00
1090-1140-1090	Inheritance Tax Deputy	9,987.00	9,987.00
Total		44,156.00	44,156.00

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

Councilmember Winnecke: County Assessor, line 1090-1971 Accrued Payments, the correct figure is \$4,952; line 1090-1900 FICA the correct figure is \$379; and line 1090-1910 PERF the correct figure is \$360, for a total appropriation of \$5,691, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Comments? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1971	Accrued Payments	5,638.00	4,952.00
1090-1900	FICA	431.00	379.00
1090-1910	PERF	409.00	360.00
Total		6,478.00	5,691.00

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

Councilmember Winnecke: County Assessor, line 1090-1320-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$2,277; line 1090-1340-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$4,631; line 1090-1350-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$14,662; line 1090-1360-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$12,705; line 1090-1370-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$20,096; line 1090-1380-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$19,564; line 1090-1390-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$14,625; line 1090-1400-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$13,519; line 1090-1410-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$12,191; line item 1090-1420-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$4,551, line 1090-1430-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$17,238; line item 1090-1440-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$13,223; line 1090-1450-1090 Real Estate Deputy in the amount of \$2,277; line 1090-1900 FICA \$16,869; line 1090-1910 PERF \$15,980; line item 1090-1972 Level II Certification \$4,376; line item 1090-1990 Extra Help \$14,012; for a total appropriation of \$202,796. I will move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Comments? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think maybe you could explain again, this is money that was put back into the General Fund with the transfer of Township Assessors back here, so its really not a new allocation, is that correct?

President Abell: That's correct. This is money that was in a different budget that could not be transferred, so we are repealing that budget and allocating it out of this one.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: There are repeals later in the meeting.

President Abell: But in case someone turns off their T.V. before we get to the repeals, that was the reason. Thank you. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1090-1320-1090	Real Estate Deputy	2,277.00	2,277.00
1090-1340-1090	Real Estate Deputy	4,631.00	4,631.00
1090-1350-1090	Real Estate Deputy	14,662.00	14,662.00
1090-1360-1090	Real Estate Deputy	12,705.00	12,705.00
1090-1370-1090	Real Estate Deputy	20,096.00	20,096.00
1090-1380-1090	Real Estate Deputy	19,564.00	19,564.00
1090-1390-1090	Real Estate Deputy	14,625.00	14,625.00
1090-1400-1090	Real Estate Deputy	13,519.00	13,519.00
1090-1410-1090	Real Estate Deputy	12,191.00	12,191.00
1090-1420-1090	Real Estate Deputy	4,551.00	4,551.00
1090-1430-1090	Real Estate Deputy	17,238.00	17,238.00
1090-1440-1090	Real Estate Deputy	13,223.00	13,223.00
1090-1450-1090	Real Estate Deputy	2,277.00	2,277.00
1090-1900	FICA	16,869.00	16,869.00
1090-1910	PERF	15,980.00	15,980.00
1090-1972	Level II Certification	4,376.00	4,376.00
1090-1990	Extra Help	14,012.00	14,012.00
Total		202,796.00	202,796.00

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

**ELECTION OFFICE**

Councilmember Winnecke: Election Office, line 1210-1120-1210 Election Assistant

\$15,000; line 1210-1900 FICA \$600; for a total appropriation of \$15,600, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Comments? Is Connie Carrier in the audience? I thought I saw her. Is this for two election deputies? Oh, this is from the Election Office. Sorry. These are from the Election Office, not Voter Registration. I'm sorry. Thank you. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	15,000.00	15,000.00
1210-1900	FICA	600.00	600.00
Total		15,600.00	15,600.00

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

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Winnecke: Voter Registration line 1220-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$2,720; line 1220-1900 FICA in the amount of \$209, for a total appropriation of \$2,929, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Comments? Now, Ms. Carrier, is this for two extra people?

Connie Carrier: Yes.

President Abell: Thank you. The answer was yes. As all of us know, Voter Registration is a dual party office. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>VOTER REGISTRATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1220-1990	Extra Help	2,720.00	2,720.00
1220-1900	FICA	209.00	209.00
Total		2,929.00	2,929.00

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

### **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Councilmember Winnecke: Cooperative Extension Service line 1230-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$6,038; and line item 1230-1900 FICA in the amount of \$462; for a total appropriation of \$6,500; I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Comments or questions? Roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, I had a question on this. Is there someone here from Co-Op Extension?

President Abell: There wasn't anyone here last week to answer our questions. Has anyone had a chance to have any discussions with them on this? This appears to be a new grant that they have received.

President Abell: Ms. Deig, do you know anything about what this is?

Councilmember Sutton: This is matching that they received? This is for a new grant that they received or this an existing –

Councilmember Winnecke: A project with St. Mary's, apparently.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I hate voting on something that they don't appear before us. I'd like for people to give a response and have some discussion about their requests when we have things that come before us. That shows that there is actually some concern and interest in their requests that they're making before us. I'm going to vote no.

President Abell: We're ready for the roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: You've got mine.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

<b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1230-1990	Extra Help	6,038.00	6,038.00
1230-1900	FICA	462.00	462.00
Total		6,500.00	6,500.00

**(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Abell opposed)**

#### **PUBLIC DEFENDER (TWO REQUESTS)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Public Defender, line 1303-1620-1303 Chief Public Defender \$2,530; line 1303-1900 FICA \$194; line 1303-1910 PERF \$184, for a total appropriation of \$2,908, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	2,530.00	2,530.00
1303-1900	FICA	194.00	194.00
1303-1910	PERF	184.00	184.00
Total		2,908.00	2,908.00

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Public Defender, line 1303-3948 Death Penalty in the amount of \$30,262, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions or comments? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: I asked the Public Defender to answer some questions. I have heard nothing from him and in lieu of the fact that he does not answer my questions, I vote no.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3948	Death Penalty	30,262.00	30,262.00
Total		30,262.00	30,262.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)

### SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Winnecke: The appropriation for Superior Court Drug Court has been withdrawn.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1372-1130-1372	Day Reporting Officer	8,593.00	Withdrawn
1372-1900	FICA	658.00	Withdrawn
1372-1910	PERF	623.00	Withdrawn
1372-3530	Contractual Services	574.00	Withdrawn
Total		10,448.00	Withdrawn

### BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll move down to Burdette Park, line 1450-1180-1450 Other Employees, 75,000; and line item 1450-1900 FICA in the amount of \$5,738, for a total appropriation of \$80,738, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Comments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	75,000.00	75,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	5,738.00	5,738.00
Total		80,738.00	80,738.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, moving to the Reassessment Fund, County Assessor, line 2490-1090-1900 FICA \$1,183; line 2490-1090-1990 Extra Help \$15,432; line 2490-1090-2600 Office Supplies \$4,448; line 2490-1090-2700 Other Supplies \$2,328; line 2490-1090-2840 Recording Fees \$50; line 2490-1090-3130 Travel/Mileage \$2,214; line 2490-1090-3200 Utilities \$1,328; line 2490-1090-3310 Training \$500; line 2490-1090-3410 Printing \$1,938; line 2490-1090-3520 Equipment Repair \$1,250; line 2490-1090-3530 Contractual Services \$112; line 2490-1090-3540 Maintenance Contract \$7,448; line 2490-1090-3600 Rent \$9,160; line 2490-1090-3700 Dues & Subscriptions \$1,715; line 2490-1090-4220 Office Machines \$1,750, for a total appropriation of \$50,856, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, do you have a question?

Councilmember Shetler: I do. Is Mr. Weaver here, by chance or...

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning.

Councilmember Shetler: Good morning. Does this have to do with bringing the township assessors here?

Jonathan Weaver: We have a bunch of different funds we dip into, Reassessment is one of them, the General Fund, so yes, part of the transfer from the townships to my office.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and then part of the – some of this stuff was in their budgets and I guess we'll be recouping that later on?

Councilmember Winnecke: There is a series of repeals of over \$200,000 later.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. I'm hoping, and I know its way too early, because this was thrown at you at the last minute, but I'm hoping that we'll be able to get some efficiencies out of the consolidation in bringing everybody downtown and sharing supplies and equipment and that whole business.

Jonathan Weaver: Oh, this is great. I mean, yeah, next Tuesday is the moving date as you probably heard. Mr. Rector made the announcement yesterday. Yeah, we're going to have a – looks like we're going to have a left over copier and Pigeon, I believe, came before you guys a couple of months ago, hopefully, we'll be able to share that with them to save the county money. So we're combining all these resources and things are going to be wonderful, and I think the taxpayers are going to see the streamlining and the efficiency of this office, my office.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Weaver. I'm sorry, Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: Sorry, Jonathan, you're not getting off that easily. On the Office Machines –

Jonathan Weaver: This was all money budgeted last year, so – it's there already. Go ahead, sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: The office machines that you're purchasing, do you have an explanation of exactly what you're buying or –

Jonathan Weaver: I wasn't aware that we're purchasing something, since we're inheriting everything.

Councilmember Winnecke: We're just re-appropriating money –

President Abell: He's just moving that money and its out there and we've got to put it somewhere.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Jonathan Weaver: Thank you.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1090-1900	FICA	1,183.00	1,183.00
2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	15,432.00	15,432.00
2490-1090-2600	Office Supplies	4,448.00	4,448.00
2490-1090-2700	Other Supplies	2,328.00	2,328.00
2490-1090-2840	Recording Fees	50.00	50.00
2490-1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,214.00	2,214.00
2490-1090-3200	Utilities	1,328.00	1,328.00
2490-1090-3310	Training	500.00	500.00
2490-1090-3410	Printing	1,938.00	1,938.00
2490-1090-3520	Equipment Repair	1,250.00	1,250.00
2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	112.00	112.00
2490-1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	7,448.00	7,448.00
2490-1090-3600	Rent	9,160.00	9,160.00
2490-1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,715.00	1,715.00
2490-1090-4220	Office Machines	1,750.00	1,750.00
Total		50,856.00	50,856.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS**

Councilmember Winnecke: PTABOA, line 2490-1091-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$15,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Comments? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>PTABOA</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1091-3530	Contractual Services	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		15,000.00	15,000.00

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

### **REASSESSMENT/COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Winnecke: County Commissioners, line 2490-1300-3120 Postage/Freight \$2,334; line 2490-1300-3140 Telephone \$2,947, for a total appropriation of \$5,281, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1300-3120	Postage/Freight	2,334.00	2,334.00
2490-1300-3140	Telephone	2,947.00	2,947.00
Total		5,281.00	5,281.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Winnecke: County Council, line 2490-1480-3860 Contractual Computer \$1,093; line 2490-1480-3372 Computer Software \$1,486, for a total appropriation of \$2,579, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1480-3860	Contractual Computer	1,093.00	1,093.00
2490-1480-3372	Computer Software	1,486.00	1,486.00
Total		2,579.00	2,579.00

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

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, I'm going to interrupt you if you don't mind. I've told Mr. Lehman he could come forward. He has a meeting and he's last on our agenda and he has to leave. Mr. Lehman, if you'd like to come forward.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's good. I need a breather anyway.

<b>INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT CITY-COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT</b>
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Roger Lehman: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and President Abell. I'm here today on behalf of the Building Commission. Roger Lehman, Building Commissioner, requesting the County Council ratify and approve the inter-local agreement between the city and the county for the operation of my department. This change, basically, is changing the way the revenue is handled. That was not addressed in previous inter-local agreements, it was kind of left unclear and unstated on how that was to be done and this one restates it and makes it very clear how the revenue is to be handled. And I would request that you approve it and I'm open to any questions anybody has.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Lehman?

Roger Lehman: This has been approved by the County Commissioners and the City Council.

President Abell: That's what I thought. We're the last body to approve this.

Councilmember Leader: Good morning, Mr. Lehman, just for the general public's information, would you explain just a little bit what we're talking about before we vote? Thank you.

Roger Lehman: Absolutely. In the past, the revenue that we received from the county for permits and for citations has been returned to the county. The county does provide 50 percent of our operating expenses in addition to the permits and the citation revenue, the county receives half of the license revenue. And in the past what has occurred is, if the county was having a very good year, we would be returning more money to the county than the 50 percent that we were being paid, which left the city paying the difference. And in this year, that trend has kind of reversed and if this had been in place this year, the county probably would be receiving a little bit of revenue. The way it is now, under the current system, you probably won't be getting anything back, you may actually be paying more expenses than you are getting in revenue. Its going to be very close. So what we were looking at is a method to kind of balance the way that we budget, balance the way that you can predict your income from year to year and keep it from, did the income come from the county or did it come from the city. So now, at the end of the year, we take whatever revenue is in excess of expenses and we split it in half, the county gets half, the city gets half, regardless of where it comes from. And that just

makes our job in budgeting a lot easier and it also provides you folks and the city a way of kind of dealing with the revenue a little bit more efficiently than they have in the past. Thank you.

President Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just offer, I think this is really in the spirit of what a jointly funded city/county department is all about. I think it's a good idea.

President Abell: Thank you. And also, Councilmen, I had several meetings with the city officials and Mr. Lehman, and you know, we should always be aware of the fact that the city also lies in the county, so this is, I'm with Mr. Winnecke, this is a very good agreement. Appreciate all your work on this. Do I have a motion to accept this — ?

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

President Abell: And do I have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Lehman.

Roger Lehman: And thank you. I appreciate your consideration on the agenda today. You all have a good day.



President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, I'll turn the meeting back over to you.

<b>REPEAL REQUEST GENERAL FUND</b>
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**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR  
PERRY ASSESSOR**

**GERMAN ASSESSOR  
SCOTT ASSESSOR**

**UNION ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you. Since our repeals are lengthy, if it pleases everyone, I think I'll group these. I would move that we accept the appeals from the General Fund as presented and those total repeals total \$239,294.18 and I would make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any comments or questions? There's your money back, Mr. Goebel. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1100-1110-1100	Armstrong Assessor	2,939.23	2,939.23
1100-1120-1100	Chief Deputy	8,510.25	8,510.25
1100-1900	FICA	952.80	952.80
1100-1910	PERF	221.66	221.66
1100-1972	Level II Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,623.94</b>	<b>13,623.94</b>

<b>GERMAN ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1120-1110-1120	German Assessor	5,981.00	5,981.00
1120-1120-1120	Chief Deputy	18,933.28	18,933.28
1120-1130-1120	Real Estate Deputy	16,406.79	16,406.79
1120-1900	FICA	3,328.17	3,328.17
1120-1910	PERF	1,703.97	1,703.97
1120-1972	Level II Certification	750.00	750.00
Total		47,103.21	47,103.21

<b>PERRY ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1140-1110-1140	Assessor	25,950.29	25,950.29
1140-1120-1140	Chief Deputy	25,263.97	25,263.97
1140-1130-1140	Real Estate Deputy	18,884.04	18,884.04
1140-1140-1140	First Deputy	17,457.58	17,457.58
1140-1150-1140	Real Estate Transfer	15,742.26	15,742.26
1140-1900	FICA	8,320.56	8,320.56
1140-1910	PERF	4,123.97	4,123.97
1140-1972	Level II Certification	1,250.00	1,250.00
Total		116,992.67	116,992.67

<b>SCOTT ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1160-1110-1160	Scott Assessor	8,365.90	8,365.90
1160-1120-1160	Chief Deputy	21,185.15	21,185.15
1160-1130-1160	Real Estate Deputy	15,658.44	15,658.44
1160-1900	FICA	3,507.48	3,507.48
1160-1910	PERF	2,117.65	2,117.65
1160-1972	Level II Certification	626.00	626.00
Total		51,460.62	51,460.62

<b>UNION ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1170-1110-1170	Union Assessor	2,939.23	2,939.23
1170-1120-1170	Chief Deputy	5,502.00	5,502.00
1170-1900	FICA	759.58	759.58
1170-1910	PERF	162.93	162.93
1170-1972	Level II Certification	750.00	750.00
Total		10,113.74	10,113.74

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

<b>REPEAL REQUESTS REASSESSMENT FUND</b>
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**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR  
PERRY ASSESSOR**

**GERMAN ASSESSOR  
SCOTT ASSESSOR**

**UNION ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, now to the Reassessment Fund repeal requests, and I would also move that we accept those repeal requests as presented, the total \$57,651.64.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1100-1900	FICA	114.37	114.37
2490-1100-1990	Extra Help	1,484.00	1,484.00
2490-1100-2600	Office Supplies	363.77	363.77
2490-1100-2700	Other Supplies	453.33	453.33
2490-1100-3120	Postage/Freight	564.00	564.00
2490-1100-3130	Travel/Mileage	120.00	120.00
2490-1100-3140	Telephone	1,148.50	1,148.50
2490-1100-3141	Communications	340.30	340.30

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2490-1100-3540	Maintenance Contract	171.12	171.12
2490-1100-3600	Rent	660.00	660.00
2490-1100-4220	Office Machines	350.00	350.00
Total		5,769.39	5,769.39

<b>GERMAN ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1120-2600	Office Supplies	478.81	478.81
2490-1120-2840	Recording Fees	50.00	50.00
2490-1120-3120	Postage/Freight	0.27	0.27
2490-1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	262.70	262.70
2490-1120-3141	Communications	270.85	270.85
2490-1120-3373	Computer Software	550.00	550.00
2490-1120-3410	Printing	237.42	237.42
2490-1120-3520	Equipment Repair	128.00	128.00
2490-1120-3530	Contractual Services	111.80	111.80
2490-1120-3540	Maintenance Contract	69.24	69.24
2490-1120-3600	Rent	1,750.00	1,750.00
2490-1120-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	300.00	300.00
2490-1120-4220	Office Machines	400.00	400.00
Total		4,609.09	4,609.09

<b>PERRY ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2490-1140-1900	FICA	832.62	832.62
2490-1140-1990	Extra Help	10,877.50	10,877.50
2490-1140-2600	Office Supplies	1,439.50	1,439.50
2490-1140-3120	Postage/Freight	200.00	200.00
2490-1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	603.40	603.40
2490-1140-3200	Utilities	2,327.26	2,327.26
2490-1140-3310	Training	500.00	500.00
2490-1140-3380	Photo/Blue Prints	936.00	936.00
2490-1140-3410	Printing	863.32	863.32
2490-1140-3520	Equipment Repair	200.00	200.00
2490-1140-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,800.00	1,800.00
2490-1140-3600	Rent	4,625.00	4,625.00

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2490-1140-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	885.00	885.00
Total		26,089.60	26,089.60

**SCOTT ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

2490-1160-1900	FICA	235.41	235.41
2490-1160-1990	Extra Help	3,070.50	3,070.50
2490-1160-2600	Office Supplies	1,804.55	1,804.55
2490-1160-2700	Other Supplies	1,873.79	1,873.79
2490-1160-3120	Postage/Freight	1,200.00	1,200.00
2490-1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	706.30	706.30
2490-1160-3140	Telephone	1,139.39	1,139.39
2490-1160-3141	Communications	430.30	430.30
2490-1160-3410	Printing	554.90	554.90
2490-1160-3520	Equipment Repair	500.00	500.00
2490-1160-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,500.00	1,500.00
2490-1160-3600	Rent	4,250.00	4,250.00
2490-1160-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	500.00
2490-1160-4220	Office Machines	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		18,765.14	18,765.14

**UNION ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

2490-1170-2600	Office Supplies	178.70	178.70
2490-1170-3120	Postage/Freight	369.00	369.00
2490-1170-3130	Travel/Mileage	391.10	391.10
2490-1170-3140	Telephone	816.41	816.41
2490-1170-3410	Printing	282.21	282.21
2490-1170-3520	Equipment Repair	250.00	250.00
2490-1170-3540	Maintenance Contract	101.00	101.00
2490-1170-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	30.00	30.00
Total		2,418.42	2,418.42

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**AUDITOR (TWO REQUESTS)  
WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

**SURVEYOR  
HIGHWAY (LATE)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we have a few transfer requests and one late

transfer. I would also move that we accept the transfers as presented.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions or comments? Did everyone see the late transfer?  
Okay, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>AUDITOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1020-2600	Office Supplies	2,400.00	2,400.00
To: 1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	2,400.00	2,400.00

<b>AUDITOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1020-1280-1020	Transfer Clerk	1,827.00	1,827.00
To: 1020-1290-1020	Transfer Clerk	1,589.00	1,589.00
1020-1900	FICA	122.00	122.00
1020-1910	PERF	116.00	116.00

<b>SURVEYOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1060-3310	Training	2,450.00	2,450.00
To: 1060-2210	Gas & Oil	2,450.00	2,450.00

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1302-3130	Travel/Mileage	400.00	400.00
1302-3141	Communications	800.00	800.00
1302-2700	Other Supplies	200.00	200.00
1302-3520	Equipment Repair	200.00	200.00
To: 1302-2210	Gas & Oil	1,200.00	1,200.00
1302-3140	Telephone	400.00	400.00

**HIGHWAY** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2010-1920	Insurance	11,346.00	11,346.00
To: 2010-1971	Accrued Payments	9,622.00	9,622.00
2010-1900	FICA	737.00	737.00
2010-1910	PERF	987.00	987.00

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, these are rather lengthy and short of doing another dramatic reading, I would propose that we accept the amendments to the salary ordinance that have been presented to each of us.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you.

<p><b>ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NO MORE THAN \$3,135,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2008 CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, INC OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA</b></p>
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President Abell: Under old business, we have someone here to speak to an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of no more than three million one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars economic development revenue funding bond series 2008, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, Indiana, Inc. of Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

Ted Ziemer: Good morning, Madam President, and members of the Council. I'm Ted Ziemer, Jr., representing Vanderburgh County and the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission. You'll recall at your July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Council adopted a resolution authorizing going forward with the process for the issuance of these bonds. Since then, the Evansville City Council, on September 28<sup>th</sup> of this year, met and adopted – that's because the project is in the city of Evansville – they met, and approved and authorized going forward with the issuance of the bonds. And then the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission met on August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year to adopt a resolution approving the form of ordinance, which you have before you today and consenting to the adoption of that ordinance by this Council, if this Council wishes. I want to present to the President, a certified original copy of the minutes of the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission. So, anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Ziemer, I just have a comment. You said September 28<sup>th</sup>, I assume you meant July 28.

Ted Ziemer: I'm sorry, if I said that. Yes, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. Just for the record.

Ted Ziemer: Yeah, we really move fast but not that fast.

President Abell: Does anyone else have any questions or comments? I understand that this is of absolutely no financial consequence to the county, is that right?

Ted Ziemer: That is correct.

President Abell: Okay.

Ted Ziemer: The county has no financial obligation in approving these refunding bonds.



President Abell: Okay. Before we vote on this, I need a motion from someone and a second that we will accept this as our final vote.

Councilmember Leader: I make that motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: You just need to state that the motion is just, the motion would be that if passed unanimously, that this would be a first and final reading. If it's not unanimous, then there would need to be a second reading. So the motion would be that this would be a first and final reading if passed unanimously.

President Abell: Okay. Will that be your motion then?

Councilmember Leader: That is my motion.

President Abell: And that will be your second?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second, yes.

President Abell: Alright. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Now we need a motion to pass the ordinance.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Ziemer.

Ted Ziemer: Thank you. And just as an aside, Madam President, as a former President of the Evansville Museum, I'd just like to say that I'm in favor of whatever the Museum is in favor of.

President Abell: Mr. Ziemer, my understanding is, they're going to ask you for a million dollar contribution.

Ted Ziemer: I didn't get that note.

Councilmember Sutton: Don't let him leave out the door.

Councilmember Winnecke: They'll call you for lunch.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONVENTION &amp; VISITORS BUREAU ANTICIPATED GRANT TO THE EVANSVILLE MUSEUM OF ARTS, HISTORY AND SCIENCE DISCUSSION</b></p>
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President Abell: Under new business, Convention & Visitors Bureau, anticipated grant to the Evansville Museum of Art, History and Science. Is Marilee here? Yes, she is.

Marilee Fowler: Good morning. We are very excited about this. First of all, its been

a great week in the fact that we opened Amazonia at the Mesker Park Zoo and that was funds that have come through the Tourism Capital Development resources that we have to do these types of projects. So the next exciting project we're here to ask for you to support is the expansion at the Evansville Museum with an immersive theater and an expansion of how they're going to change the look of the facility and what they can offer visitors as well as local residents. At this point in time, before we get into what it is we're here to ask about, there is a short video they have prepared, so I think this is an opportunity for everyone to see just exactly what this new expansion will be.

**(Video presentation)**

Marilee Fowler: I think you'll agree with me, this is a very exciting project for the Evansville Museum, and certainly another way to bring our community to an incredible place, not only for the people that live here, but for the visitors that come. With me today is John Streetman, the director of the Museum and Rita Eykamp, who is the chairperson for this campaign. You should have also received information about this project and how it's all going to come together and the funding sources that they've already captured for this project. But I know the question you have for us is, how is the Convention & Visitor's funds involved? We're looking at contributing \$750,000 to this project and what we look to do is in 2010, make a payment of \$400,000 and then complete that in 2011, with \$350,000. As you know, about a year ago, September of last year, we increased the Innkeeper's Tax by two percent. And that two percent goes directly to the Tourism Capital Development fund, so that fund is growing very rapidly, and we're very comfortable that money will be there to accomplish this project in those coming years. So I welcome John and Rita to join me. If you have questions regarding the funding or the project, we'd be glad to answer any of them.

President Abell: I think there will be some questions for you if you'd stay after they finish their presentation. Thank you. Mr. Streetman?

John Streetman: Good morning, President Abell and members of the Council, thank you very much, and also Mr. Ziemer in absentia, thank you, too. We appreciate the opportunity to just share with you the museum's exciting plans for expansion. As you know, this is the most ambitious project in our 104 year history. We feel that it comes at a key moment in the life of the tri-state community with so many wonderful changes already underway that will make our city and county a better place for all of us. To give you a brief history, the concept for a public museum for Evansville was born in the 1870's and it was housed in the then new Willard Library with a rather auspicious name of the Temple of Fine Arts. At the turn of the century, its contents were moved to what once had been a private home on the banks of the Ohio River. In 1959 the present facility was completed on that same site. As I'm sure you know, from 1997 to 2001, the museum moved forward with a series of major facility additions and improvements, not the least of which was the construction of the new Evansville Museum Transportation Center or EMTRAC on the museum's campus in 1999, principally made possible by a grant from the Evansville Convention & Visitor's Bureau and the County Council. Perhaps the story of our dreams for the future was best explained in the short film that you've just seen. In it you saw a plan that will increase the museum's floor space from 55,000 square feet to 70,500 square feet, bringing the latest technology available in planetarium presentations and importantly, linking us with our neighbors just up the river at the LST 325. We're presently in the project's design phase and hope to begin construction early next summer with completion scheduled by the

beginning of 2011. Our chairperson for the drive is Rita Eykamp, as I think you know, and she would like to share with you our progress thus far towards the fifteen million dollar goal. Following that, museum staff and trustees who are involved with various aspects of the project will be happy to answer any additional questions that you may have. Thanks so much.

Rita Eykamp: President Abell, members of the Council, its nice to be here today. I am Rita Eykamp, chairman of the Reaching for the Stars capital campaign for the museum, and would like to bring you up to date on where we are in the \$15,100,000 goal that we have for this campaign. As of August 4<sup>th</sup>, we have signed pledges of \$9,300,000 plus. With your approval of the \$750,000, we will be over the two-thirds mark as we go to obtain the last five million dollars in the campaign. In addition to that, we have another half million dollars that is pending final approval and calls have been started for our corporate campaign. Very little of the \$9,300,000 are from the corporate community at this time. We're just beginning that campaign. We are also just beginning the leadership campaign to individuals in our community campaign. Both of those have just gotten underway. We all know that the final dollars in raising for any campaign are the most difficult, the most challenging and the most time consuming, and so we are now in the process of the final dollars, the last third of the campaign. We ask you for this approval of the recommendation of the Evansville Visitors and Convention Bureau, and we tell you that we feel the \$15,100,000 is reasonable and reachable, and we ask for your consideration, and we, again, are available for any questions that you might have.

President Abell: Councilmen, does anyone have a question of Ms. Eykamp or Mr. Streetman at this time? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I have a question for Mr. Streetman, please. Would you mind coming up?

John Streetman: Whatever you think.

Councilmember Leader: Well, we want you on television, John. People actually watch us, believe this or not, middle of the night and Sunday mornings.

John Streetman: It's a good show.

Councilmember Leader: Isn't it a good show? No commercials. I have just a general question, I'm, obviously, love the project having been involved with the museum all my life. Today, many members of the general public are able or, I guess, organizationally, able to use the old gallery for special events, and I see this beautiful new board room and I'm trying to envision the rest of it. Will we have access to use your boardroom and the old gallery as we have in the past?

John Streetman: Yes, as a matter of fact, the boardroom will be made available for meetings. Our present plan is to make the seating station as you saw in the pictures so that it really looks like – well, like this. And also the old gallery, in the plans, and I'm not sure that that was thoroughly enough mentioned, but the old gallery is going to be completely renovated and its going to look better than ever. It also will have an anteroom at the Riverside part of the room, of this 5,000 square foot room facing the river, that will be made into a separate room which will also be made available for smaller meetings. So we will have these three alternative spaces, so we're going to make the old gallery look better than ever and all of this will be made available to the public for use. And we love to have people come to

visit the museum because that gets them into the building and gives proper use to our community.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

John Streetman: Thank you. Any other questions while I'm here?

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Streetman, can you talk a little bit more about the parking and obviously, that's impacted and how you're realigning that and the ingress and egress issues and how you're handling that?

John Streetman: Absolutely, we have a committee called the facility planning committee and considerable attention and study is being given to that right now because, obviously, we're going to reconfigure the building. We're going to, the immersive theater will be open at nights just as a theater would be. And people will come, so those considerations also will have to work in concert with what's going on at the Pagoda. But Bill Beard is the chairman of our facility's planning committee and he can sort of speak to where we are at this point. Bill?

Bill Beard: Good morning. I am Bill Beard and I am working on the business end of the project, trying to get the construction done. And we're looking very seriously at the parking. What we have today, what we will have after the construction is done, because we will probably lose a few parking spaces, and how it can all best be utilized for both the museum and the visitors and convention center. Where we end up remains to be seen but if it is necessary that we expand the parking, it's possible for us to go farther south towards the tennis courts and add parking places if they're needed. Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: How much of that do you guys presently own or is that city property?

Bill Beard: Its all city property. We lease it.

Councilmember Sutton: And have you had discussions with the city about that possibility?

Bill Beard: Not directly as this point. It would require an expansion of the lease. The property line for the lease is right off the end of the current parking lot.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, obviously, you're in a land locked situation on the parking, you've got the levee on one side and you've got Riverside on the other side of you, and further down you've got the tennis courts, but there is some green space there. How much are you projecting additional spaces that you would like to have in that green space that you presently do not have?

Bill Beard: We kind of have to squash out to the south, that's the only direction that we can move.

Councilmember Sutton: And how much parking are you anticipating being able to get out of that?

Bill Beard: Oh, we could easily get twenty or thirty more spaces there without taking

up too much of that, of the green space.

Councilmember Leader: How many spaces do you have now? Do you know?

Bill Beard: Just a little over 200 and that's counting the spaces at the Pagoda.

President Abell: Any other questions? This may be – wouldn't be directed to you but maybe toward Mr. Streetman and Ms. Eykamp, but I would certainly like to see some signs around town of where they could catch the trolley and park their car away from the museum and ride the trolley down to the museum. In fact, with the gas prices the way they are and pollution as big an issue as it is to this area, I'd certainly like to encourage everyone to park elsewhere and take the trolley to all the local attractions.

John Streetman: President Abell, that's a very good point, and I think you all know that within the last two or three years we've founded something called MADE, the Museum Alliance of Downtown Evansville. And we've even been talking about the idea of a possible round robin, where people can get on the trolley and visit all the museums or make their selections of where they'd like to go, particularly on the weekends and in the summer. So that's very much in our thoughts and that's a great idea, anything that we can do to kind of decongest that area would be great.

President Abell: We'd like to see public transportation used more.

John Streetman: Absolutely, thank you.

President Abell: Okay, thank you. Any other questions? Ms. Fowler, I think there's some questions of you.

John Streetman: Thank you so much.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Marilee, thanks for the description on the – sort of the expected revenue and outflow for projects over the next few years. I think one of the things that's kind of curious to me is the whole issue of where this fits in. I'm all in favor of the project and I don't have any problems with the project. I'm curious about how the sports complex fits into that. It seems to me when we talked about the sports complex many, many months ago, wasn't that like a ten or twelve million dollar project?

Marilee Fowler: It is. We're anticipating that sports complex to be a ten or twelve million dollar project.

Councilmember Winnecke: And in your narrative for us, when you say that in 2009, you would like to budget \$765,000 to start the sports complex, and then another – I can't find the – and another several hundred thousand in 2010, how do you see the whole funding of the big project being paid for?

Marilee Fowler: We are looking at doing this big sports complex similar to what we did when we renovated the Pagoda and helped build the transportation center at the museum. We worked with the banks, we took out a loan so the money was there and then over the course of just a few years we paid it back well in advance of the final payment. So that's what we would do is to have the money up front with

bank loans and then pay them back accordingly. But this fund is growing so rapidly, that the resources will be there to do that. That's what's so exciting about that, is that we can help that. That's why we were able to help Amazonia. We've added over 200 hotel rooms just this summer. We've had two new hotel properties open, so that's about a total of 230 rooms. Our revenue from Innkeeper's Tax is as high as it has ever been for the month of July. The payment we've just received, it is the second highest payment we have ever had in Vanderburgh County on hotel rooms. So when they talk about a recession and we see these numbers and these figures that are coming in, obviously, Evansville is doing quite well as far as visitors and business for people to come and have meetings and that type of thing. So we're very optimistic that this is going to grow and happen. We've also had conversations that if the arena, downtown arena is committed, they would look for resources from us. We feel very comfortable with the fact that this money has been increased, its growing quite rapidly, that we can accomplish our project with the sports complex and probably help with the city's arena as well, and help the museum. So the money is there for us to do it.

Councilmember Winnecke: So just for clarification, you anticipate the entire sports complex to be paid for through this fund, and in your discussions with the city, have you kind of earmarked or had any discussions about what percentage annually would be dedicated to an arena if an arena is constructed?

Marilee Fowler: I have not seen any final figures as to what the city is looking. The figure that keeps surfacing is eight million dollars from our resources to help with that project.

Councilmember Winnecke: Over the life of the project?

Marilee Fowler: Over the life of the project.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think you've answered. Do you foresee any other major projects that you're going to be throwing our way or asking...

Marilee Fowler: Last January, the last thing on our radar screen was to help build the welcome and entrance at Mesker Park Zoo. But that happened and we saw that the resources could be there, so it worked. And if we can continue to continue being successful at bringing visitors to Evansville, and if that continues to happen and more hotels are built, obviously, there is resources to do other projects. So I know there is always a waiting line of organizations to see who we can help build and help with projects. So we're always interested and if the resources can be there, we'll certainly come back and ask for your assistance to do it. But at this point in time, it's the museum, it's the sports complex and probably the arena.

Councilmember Goebel: I would hope that you might put the brakes on a little bit at this point. Those are very worthy considerations, and I think the museum plan, I commend those people who have put all the time and effort in. And I think it's just going to be great for our generation and all generations coming forward, all the school children and visitors coming in. So, such a worthwhile cause.

Marilee Fowler: I totally agree and I commend them to have that kind of

commitment for the funding of this even before they approached us, that they were so far along. So we're very excited to have that in our neighborhood as the expansion of that. And again, everything we do with the museum, with the LST, with the children's museum, with the African-American Museum, all of those just enhance what Evansville has and certainly just makes us that much more appealing to bring visitors.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: With regards to the state's initiative on trying to take over state and local government and put kind of the brakes on our revenue streams, have that done that to you guys? I mean, is this revenue stream that you have in place look like its going to stay in place?

Marilee Fowler: This was special legislation that was written close to forty years ago, just specifically to set up our organization and make the funds there. And I think it was very visionary when the community leaders at that time earmarked a portion of it to go back to capital development. So at this point in time, because of special legislation, it would require going back to the legislators to change it. So at this point, we're okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Abell: We would lobby strongly against that.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you. I have a summary I had prepared when I was here last time about BMX and that funding source that Mr. Winnecke was referring to. If you'd like a copy of it again, I'll be glad to share these with you.

President Abell: Okay, are there any other questions of Ms. Fowler? I have a comment, not necessarily a question: luckily for me since I took this part-time job, I'm able to travel around some places and see how other communities do things, and I would like to see our community put together a coalition of all of our outstanding features, the zoo, all of the museums, the LST, everything that we have, and people to be able to come to different locations, buy one ticket to ride on one trolley, get in any event. In the other cities that I've gone to, I'm sure I didn't get my money out of what I paid for it, but I got the luxury of getting to go anywhere I wanted to go, and I think that it would get people into areas that they might not would otherwise buy a ticket to go to. And I think that would be an outstanding thing to see all of you work together toward.

Marilee Fowler: As Mr. Streetman said, the MADE, the Museum Alliance of Downtown Evansville, that's exactly what they want to see done with the trolleys, is that you pay an admission, you can hop on and off that trolley all day. You can see all the attractions and, again, it's a good way to get a lot more cars off the street, but a way that they probably will visit attractions that they wouldn't have done, otherwise. So it is something that we do want to see accomplished. I think this new addition will certainly make that even more appealing and it is something that we're working on.

Councilmember Leader: Good. What I think Ms. Abell is saying, Marilee, a visionary, we need to think about including the zoo, and other venues and being able to take people to the shopping centers, you know, like a tour of the city, as you can do in major cities, and that kind of thing. I think there's a great opportunity for



historical venues, that we have in the community as well, to make that all one opportunity and attraction for people if we have to end up investing in our own mass transit kind of system. I don't know what that, you know, busses or whatever that might mean, but that's a great opportunity and although we're suffering from this gas shortage right now, our mass transit system, our trolleys and all those other venues are not used to capacity, so that would be a great opportunity to investigate.

Marilee Fowler: Well, we will continue to pursue that because we feel the same way.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? This is not before us for a vote, just saying that for the people who are watching at home, just a presentation, and we thank you. Thank you members of the zoo – yeah, members of the zoo, the museum, whatever. Thank you for coming this morning. We appreciate your time.

<p><b>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO PAY TWO EMPLOYEES STIPENDS HIGHER THAN SALARY ORDINANCE ALLOWS</b></p>
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President Abell: Prosecutor, letter requesting permission to pay two employees stipends higher than County Council's salary ordinance allows. Let's give a few moments for our museum friends to go about their daily chores. Just a moment. Well, that pretty well cleared out the chambers. Alright, it's your show, Mr. Brown.

Doug Brown: Good morning, Doug Brown, Prosecutor's office. We're actually not asking for money, we're asking you to let us spend our own money on a couple employees. A letter was sent to Sandie on July 1<sup>st</sup>. These are two employees: one of them had an, Jonathan Parkhurst, had an increase from the Job Study, and was granted up to a five year. It was kind of an unusual meeting. We were going to have him unclassified, it went back and forth, and ended up settling on the five year increase when he rejoined the office late last year. For Jonathan, we would ask an additional bump of just about \$4,600. It would make give him the salary if he worked for ten years. This money would come from our discretionary fund. Jonathan can't go back in front of the Job Study until 2009, so Stan would ask that you allow us to pay this out of our own money and if the Job Study did not approve it at that time, he would quit funding it. The other request we have is for another employee, Camala Cooley. We did submit a form to the Job Study for last August, and for whatever reason, I don't know if it didn't, I don't know, Sandie kind of knows the history, too. We don't know what happened, but we've only had maybe one Job Study meeting since then, I believe. It didn't make it on there and through no fault of that employee, its never been reviewed and she's been here a year. She worked here four years previously. We're asking for an increase in her salary to the five year level, which we think the Job Study, in the history of the Job Study normally approves that, but she's been here almost a year without that salary. We would ask that she be raised and then when the Job Study does review it as with Mr. Parkhurst, if it was not approved, Stan would quit funding that. And all this money is coming from our own discretionary funds.

President Abell: Well, I know there are going to be a lot of questions, so who wants to start? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I guess first of all, just let me, I'd like to point out, not really a question here, but I don't recall the exact date, but sometime early in the year we had sent out a memo explaining that we were going through an extensive review of the different positions. I think we had hired BKD to do that work, and that there

really, we would not be reviewing any individual circumstances because we've gotten, over the years, the entire personnel for the county is kind of totally out of whack. And we just didn't want to get into the middle of something that, a fairly comprehensive plan that we were trying to draw up so that things did get on a more equitable basis, I guess, for all county employees. So that's the reason why we have not entertained that particular subject at this time. Now if my recollection is – well, I guess where I have a big problem with this, is that, and I don't mean to keep referring because I know government is not private business, but we in private business don't have the luxury, you know, that happens to us. We lose a very good employee because the grass is greener. They go off, they decide that grass wasn't as green as they thought, they recognize the benefits and the things that they were receiving at the prior place and they want to come back. Its happened to me. At that point, I've got a decision to make. The person that I put in to replace him, you know, after two or three or four months, do I let him go or is this guy better or how do I work that out? That's a management decision. Its not always easy, its tough, it's a tough decision to try to make, to decide whether you want to bring back the old guy and usually at that point in time, I have to do what we really recommended here for Mr. Levco to do, and that is if the guy wants to come back at a lower rate and as a typical employee would, because you no longer have that position available, then that's the way we've had to do it sometimes, in our own private. And my mind has not changed in the last six or seven months since we first discussed this.

Doug Brown: And I understand your argument regarding that employee. The other employee, it was just, the request was made on time, it fell into a black hole somehow, she should have been on our last Job Study meeting, and she – and I can only use history – I don't know how the Job Study would have voted – but I've probably been through five, six, seven, eight, nine years of them, they've always been granted in her situation, the bump up to the five years. So we have two different situations here: hers was just an – I don't want to use the word oversight, it just didn't make it on the agenda for whatever reason. And again, we're asking to pay this out of our own money.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, what do you mean, out of your own money?

Doug Brown: Discretionary funds from our office.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. In this case, I mean, I hate to usurp and assume that any particular body is going to do, take a certain kind of action, and so I have a problem from that standpoint. But –

Doug Brown: And I can't speak on that, eight, I can only speak from history. I don't know what exactly would have happened since it didn't occur.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Abell: Other Councilmen? No one else? Well, I do. I have a lot of problems with this. I have a lot of problems with this Council going beyond what the salary committee does because that's the whole purpose for setting them up is because this Council couldn't give the attention to it that a committee can. I realize what you say about history, but history was also that we could increase taxes if we needed to, and we can't any longer, so things change. And this has changed. I don't know who in you office follows this, but I can tell you that when I was sitting as an officeholder, if I put in a request for Job Study to look at a someone's job, and

I didn't hear something back in a couple of weeks, I was calling Ms. Deig. And no one followed up, so I don't think that it is an oversight. I hate that word because I don't think it was an oversight. And if it was an oversight, it was an oversight on a lot of places.

Doug Brown: Sure.

President Abell: And usually, oversights don't happen in separate offices all on the same issue.

Doug Brown: Sure. And I sit on the committee myself. So, I mean, I was there and didn't realize it, either.

President Abell: So I would think that this one needs to go back to the committee. Sorry it didn't happen when it did, but it still needs to go to the committee. On the other one that we're discussing, we bought out that gentleman to the tune of \$23,460 when he left here. And in less than a year later, he came back, we bumped him up to a Step III, which he really should have stayed at a Step I, and he has gotten more consideration than anyone in this county, and I am certainly not at all – I mean, I will tell you up front right now, I'm going to vote no on both of these issues because this Council has asked officeholders to give up their raises next year, done everything we can to try to make it equitable for all of our employees here. And there are a lot of employees that might think, well, this is a pretty good idea: I'll quit, they'll give me my payout, I can pay off my mortgage and then I'll come back to work in a few months and I can start all over again where I was. It doesn't work that way. So I have a lot of problems with this. I'm surprised that it came back before this Council, to be honest with you, Mr. Brown. Do we have a motion to consider the request of the County Prosecutor? It looks like you're not going to get a motion. Would you tell Mr. Levco we got his letter that said he was going to do this anyway, and that's against state statute, we would certainly advise him not to do that?

Doug Brown: I will.

President Abell: Thank you.

Doug Brown: Thank you for your time.

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY  
COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX  
PHASE-IN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND/OR REHABILITATION OF REAL  
PROPERTY AND FOR ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING OR  
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 2415 LOCUST CREEK  
DRIVE BERRY PLASTICS OPCO, INC. A SUBSIDIARY OF BERRY  
PLASTICS CORPORATION**

President Abell: Moving on, preliminary resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for redevelopment and/or rehabilitation of real property and for acquisition of manufacturing or manufacturing equipment located at 2415 Locust Creek Drive, Berry Plastics OpCo, Inc., a subsidiary of Berry Plastics Corporation. Good morning.

Julie Gorman: Good morning, my name is Julie Gorman, representing the Growth

Alliance for Greater Evansville. This is the preliminary resolution for Berry Plastics OpCo. The total cost of the real estate improvement is 1.142 million and 1.86 for the manufacturing equipment. Upon completion, the project will employ twenty-five people full-time within the next five years. This real property project scored one hundred points and ten bonus points, that is equivalent to eight years, the personal property scored one hundred and five points, five bonus points. That is equivalent to nine years. I have been also made aware that the project is seventy-five to about eighty percent completed and there are representatives that are here from Berry Plastics if you have any specific questions.

President Abell: Does everyone understand that the project is almost completed? Does anyone have a question about that? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't have a question, I guess just a statement and that is that whether its on the city's side or the county's side, I don't recall, but I do recall that there is precedence that we have, that it has been approved before for projects that are underway. So with a company like Berry who has been, I think, so vital to our community, I certainly wouldn't want that to detract from the overall issue, and that is to approve just so that they can have the tax abatement that other companies have enjoyed.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Winnecke: Isn't it true that the statement of benefits – I'm trying to ask a question to our legal Council, this application is out of, technically, out of compliance based on the progress of the project, is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Based on Indiana Statute, you know, the statement of benefits should be in place before the hearing and –

Councilmember Winnecke: Which it is.

Jeff Ahlers: Correct. And that then, what needs to occur is that, you know, you have your hearing to get your phase-in before you begin your project. In this case they've already, you know, begun the project. I think as Mr. Shetler alluded to, there is a procedure under Indiana Statute where a public hearing can be held by this body and there can be a waiver of non-compliance passed and then you can go ahead and proceed with it. But, at best, it would fall in to a gray area. But, you know, I've also checked with, because I know we've tried to make both the city and the county in terms of tax abatements, we've adopted, you know, as much as we can to be consistent on the scoring systems and how these matters are handled. And the way they handle it on the city's side, they would also consider this to be non-compliant with the statute and have undertaken the same process before if that needs to be done. I mean, the risk is, if you don't have a waiver of non-compliance, if at somewhere along the line its determined its non-compliant, then you know, the phase-in may be a nullity. So, that would be the recommended course if you want to proceed in that regard. I mean, typically, what needs to happen is, and for the future, and I know I've had some discussions with some and if Berry ever does it again, and maybe now they know, but you need to have, you know, your statement of benefits, application and hearing before a project has begun or before new equipment is implemented or put in place.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, maybe it would be good to hear from Berry about why we're in this position, and the timing, for the record.

President Abell: If someone from Berry Plastics would like to approach the podium?

David Berkman: David Berkman, with Berry Plastics. We understand and it was exactly why we ended up filing late, we did and we apologize to the Council and want to assure you that it will not happen again. And we appreciate your positive consideration.

President Abell: I would think that we should set this for a public hearing at our next Council meeting.

Councilmember Leader: I want to ask Mr. Berkman, if I may, do you feel the answer to your question about why this happened? Do you know why it happened, Mr. Berkman?

David Berkman: I know that they were considering moving the – unfortunately, I was not involved in the preliminary discussions in setting up the project. And that it moved fairly quickly because they had determined that our lease, I believe our lease is up in September at the Chicago, Illinois facility and it just – to find out exactly why or what one certain thing happened, you know, I don't know.

Councilmember Leader: I'm certain it wasn't one certain thing, but when we have, if we put this on our agenda, you might talk to others and determine what kind of a statement you might be able to make to us regarding that, if you don't mind, sir.

David Berkman: I will.

President Abell: Well, I would think that they would have to make a presentation because we could have members from the public here that would want to ask questions also and I don't think we want to do this at a Personnel & Finance meeting because its not an official meeting, so it would have to be month from today. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is unrelated, but it is, do you know if Berry has any other long-term plans to continue its expansion in Evansville, Indiana with other buildings and business? I know its been rapidly growing and its very important to our local economy.

David Berkman: I'm really not – like I said, I'm not involved in some of the (inaudible) at a very high level, but I would believe that Berry has a strong foothold in Evansville and Vanderburgh County and that it's going to continue.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. I just think for future consideration for Berry to remain here because it is obviously a global corporation, and it has other options. This would be a good thing for us to consider. Thank you.

President Abell: Any other comment? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just because of newspaper articles and stuff, but there is that corporate headquarters that they opted to do at the end of last year, that they're purchasing property for now where the Boys Club off of Illinois and Indiana, you know, right behind Willard Library. So I think they do have some big plans for Evansville and that's where I'm coming from. I really don't want to see us, probably our largest – one of the largest at three billion dollars plus companies, I want to do what we can to help out and keep this on the right track for them.

President Abell: Well, I think having a public hearing doesn't mean its going to be turned down, it just means that we're going to be – it will all be done above board, properly, and we'll all be in compliance. We won't have to worry about the State Board of Accounts or someone coming down our backs in six or eight months and saying you did something wrong.

Councilmember Shetler: No, I think it's a good suggestion and I think that's best for them in the long run, so it doesn't come back to bite them.

President Abell: Okay. We'll advertise it, we would ask that you have someone here and you can work with GAGE, and at our September meeting we'll have you on the agenda and you can make a presentation.

David Berkman: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do we need a motion?

President Abell: I guess we should have a motion –

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Jeff Ahlers: What I would suggest is that you move that we have a resolution for waiver of non-compliance be set for a public hearing at the next scheduled meeting and that the vote on the preliminary resolution for the phase-in be deferred until either that date or another date so that the record is clear that no vote was taken on the preliminary resolution at this meeting and its just being deferred.

President Abell: Okay, is that your motion, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Okay, roll call vote on Mr. Shetler's motion to put this for a public hearing the first meeting in September.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you.

Julie Gorman: Does this mean that you are going to vote on the preliminary as well as the waiver of non-compliance at the next meeting?

President Abell: No, we're going to vote on the preliminary after the public hearing. We'll have the public hearing and then we'll either vote on the preliminary at that meeting or even the next meeting after that.

Julie Gorman: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Ms. Deig is pointing out that that's going to be a busy day because we have budget hearings that day but, you know, every day is a busy day. I don't see any reason to change it. Let's just leave it like it is. Any other business to come before this Council? Did you have something?

<b>2008 TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE INFORMATION</b>
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Libbie Au: Yes, I have the 2008 tax phase-in compliance information that was submitted in the packets. I believe I emailed all of the Councilmembers with that information. I can look into anything. The figures remained relatively stable. Employment did drop a little bit, but with the economic conditions, that wasn't too surprising. So if anyone has any questions, I'm here to answer them at this time or at a later date.

President Abell: Libbie, they tell me the Auditor's office need a copy. They need a copy of everything. Could you make sure they always get copies?

Libbie Au: Sure.

President Abell: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there any information that you may have on QTR? They've got four years remaining on their agreement and –

Libbie Au: In regards to their employment figures?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, they projected sixty-five and they're at fifty-two.

Libbie Au: I don't, but I can request a letter explaining why that figure is and have that submitted for all Councilmembers.

Councilmember Sutton: I know from time to time, businesses will have issues that may come up that may not be related to their immediate, it's not within their immediate control, maybe vendors and that what have you, and we've brought in other companies in the past. I'd be interested in hearing what's going on with the

compliance being that there's only four years remaining on that abatement request.

Libbie Au: I will look into that and have them submit a letter.

Councilmember Goebel: How do you determine compliance as far as employees?

Libbie Au: They submit information on a compliance form, so they could full-time employees, how many they were able to retain and how many they were able to add as a result of the project.

Councilmember Goebel: But how do you verify that? Are you taking their information at their word?

Libbie Au: That is correct. Unfortunately, we've looked into other ways to verify that information through Workforce One, but they aren't able from their – they had to check with the state and they aren't able to give us that outside information.

Councilmember Goebel: I would think that would be beneficial as far as finding out if people or these companies truly are in compliance, for us to verify their – I don't know if you verify payroll or whatever, but to make sure they are actually at the levels that they say. That would help us a lot.

Libbie Au: Certainly, and we've been talking with the city and we can have the same discussions with the county about our business retention and expansion division going out and having meetings with them to not only verify this information, but possibly help them with other issues that might come up.

Councilmember Leader: Would it be possible if it's simply notarized? It would be at least one step toward being assured that it – when they send it to you, send it in written, notarized form or something like that?

Libbie Au: That could be another option as well.

Councilmember Goebel: It may be something we want to add to our phase-in schedule, that they have documented proof that they have a certain number of employees.

Libbie Au: And you would, I believe, be within your rights to require that.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it's an area we should investigate. Thank you.

President Abell: I agree with you, Mr. Goebel. Thank you. Anyone else? Thank you, Libbie.

Libbie Au: Thank you.

President Abell: Anything else to come before the Council?

Councilmember Leader: Mrs. Abell? I just wonder if we could ask Mrs. Deig to email all of us the dates and times of all the upcoming budget hearings since we've got about fourteen of them. Would you mind doing that? I know you've told us, I've seen it here and there, but if we could each get an email from you with kind of a summary of those dates. We begin on the 11<sup>th</sup>, right? Would you mind?



Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Abell: And for the interest of our viewing public, budget hearings do start on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., 12<sup>th</sup> and also the 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. each day, we plan to finish by noon each day. I have a couple little things I just want to – I went to the grand opening of Amazonia, what a fantastic thing. I wish all of you would go see it. It's really, it's much, much more than I thought it was, and we did very well with our money, giving that to Amazonia. On a not so nice note, I have been pursuing some questioning and working on that humongous utility bill from the Levee Authority or the proposal for budget, and since this body is now charged with reviewing all budgets, we're charged with reviewing that one also. And even though we had it in the joint budget hearings the other day, I think its incumbent upon us to make sure that those figures are correct. I understand Mr. Harrison is talking to them about reworking their contract and I will follow up with that. If any of you have any comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call me or send me an email. Email is probably easier, I can read it after midnight and I don't take phone calls that late. I would tell you that I have gotten numerous phone calls and emails from the general public about everything from buying generators and sinking diesel tanks into the ground to buying power from Big Rivers in Henderson. So, you know, it's a subject that the general public is very concerned with, so if any of you have any great thoughts, please don't hesitate to pass them along to me. Is there any other business to come before this Council? We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 11, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I would like to welcome everyone in the audience, and also our T.V. viewing audience to the first day of our budget hearings. Being ever mindful that there are cities across northern Indiana that are laying people off and reducing services, we're going to attempt to keep our budget in line and not do either of the above. So, with that said, we will get started. The first person on the budget hearings is the Treasurer. Ms. Tuley?

**TREASURER**

President Abell: The Treasurer's budget is on page ten.

Z. Tuley: Good morning.

President Abell: Good morning.

Z. Tuley: Z. Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions of the Treasurer?

Z. Tuley: I believe I left everything exactly the same as this year, per your request. There was an adjustment on the bill printing. Other than that, there are no changes.

President Abell: You said on bill printing? Are you getting to print the same bills that you were last year? Is the state making you do new ones?

Z. Tuley: They're going to want that new form. There has been another Treasurer that came up with a different version and actually got all of the information on one piece of paper. The only problem with his version is that when you rip off the remittance form, you're ripping off the information and submitting it back to the Treasurer. So, the taxpayer, if they wanted to keep that information with the comparison on the back, they would need to make their own copy of just that one side, which isn't exactly a bad plan, because, from my experience, a lot of people do want that information anyway. The legislators just, they wanted it, and they insisted that it be made available to the taxpayer, which is not a bad thing, information to the taxpayer is good. I believe that the Association may be getting behind him in order to present that so that there's not two pages, or the cost of the postage because of the weight, and it will speed up the process. I like it. When I saw his version it was very impressive. He's also a print shop owner.

President Abell: He sort of knew a lot more than the legislators. That's not difficult. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Z., with the, I guess, new streamlining from the state, as far as Assessors and all that, are we going to have a uniform billing system for the entire state, instead of each year trying to change?

Z. Tuley: It is intended, at this point, that the vendors that are going to produce tax and billing services for each county be required to be certified by the state as to their abilities to perform tasks and to keep up with any legislative changes that may come

out in the future. At this time, there is not one single vendor selected. There are various vendors that are going to be appealing to the DLGF for certification and going to go through that process. I think competition in this area is a good thing. I think it may hold costs down. Typically competition does, not always.

Councilmember Goebel: I know we have a long morning, but the point you make of competition, I think, would be good. It would be the same form they're competing for, or does each vendor have his own form?

Z. Tuley: Right now the tax bill itself has been designed by the DLGF, and that comparison that goes with it was designed by the DLGF. Those forms are the ones that they are requiring.

Councilmember Goebel: And that's uniform across the state?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else? If you want to turn to page 152, this is in the reassessment budget, and it's the same as last year on your help, is that correct?

Z. Tuley: Yes.

President Abell: Any questions? Thank you, Ms. Tuley. County Clerk? Well, we'll skip over the County Clerk, and we'll go to whoever is here next. Prosecutor?

**PROSECUTOR**

President Abell: Prosecutor, page 38. Good morning, Mr. Brown.

Doug Brown: Good morning.

President Abell: May I ask why Mr. Levco isn't here?

Doug Brown: He had a planned family vacation. He is not available.

President Abell: Okay.

Doug Brown: He should be here in two weeks, I believe. Hopefully, I can answer your questions.

President Abell: I'm sure you can. Anyone have any questions of the Prosecutor?

Doug Brown: Actually, not to interrupt, but I do have a couple of things.

President Abell: Okay.

Doug Brown: You should have all been provided a rationale for our 2009 budget where we've outlined any changes that we have from last year. Basically, our budget is the same, requests are the same. There are a couple of big differences though. One would be in our Drug/Law Enforcement program—

President Abell: Let us find it. What page is it?

Doug Brown: Okay.

President Abell: Does anyone know where that is in their yellow book? It's not in the yellow book?

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Abell: In the yellow book?

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Abell: Is it on our desks? Since you say it was provided, I want to make sure everyone has it.

Doug Brown: Yeah, it should have been. It's entitled rationale.

President Abell: Does everyone have it? Does anyone have it? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: This is what I'm looking at. They have the same thing (Inaudible).

Doug Brown: Yeah, right.

President Abell: It looks like this?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Doug Brown: No.

Councilmember Sutton: No, it's in our yellow book, if you just follow...it's department 108 is what it's termed as.

President Abell: Okay. Well, that's what...you said it was there, and then they said it wasn't. Okay. Now, everybody has it, so.

Doug Brown: I thought I would just go through that briefly.

President Abell: Okay.

Doug Brown: The first one can be disregarded. We were going to be transferring our, at the time we made the budget out, our head of IV-D to the regular office, but we had another person (Inaudible) quit, so he's going to be staying there, for the time being at least. So, that request for a salary increase will not be made at this time.

President Abell: So, we can eliminate the first one?

Doug Brown: Yeah. At the bottom, I'm kind of skipping around here, we are asking for, and a request to cover our domestic violence prosecutor, and that's just purely on seniority. He took it over last year, and he's almost a 30 year employee, so that is just simply a request to get him up to speed with his matching seniority. Directly above that is, as we have for the last, every year, I think, we've requested additional enforcement officers for IV-D. You've given us an additional one each of the last two years, and it's been great. We have, with the one we added two years ago, it increased our collections of current support 53 percent, and back support 55

percent, and our total collections went up approximately a million dollars that year. Last year you gave us another additional enforcement officer, we had similar increases, everything went up about another million dollars. The reason I'm pointing that out is, if there's something to cut from our budget this year, we could live with you not, I know the situation that the county is in, if you would want to, I would understand you not giving us an additional enforcement officer. I wanted to thank you for what you've given us in the past, and just point out that is an area we could trim. We're doing great with our additional staff. We could always use more staff, but I just wanted to point that out.

President Abell: How does your staff compare in the IV-D Prosecutors across the state?

Doug Brown: Well, as far as the total ranking, I think we've moved up nine spots since last year. Our collections continue to increase. Just on pure numbers wise, as far as cases per employee, we have 975 cases per staff employee. Elkhart has 920 per employee, St. Joseph, 670, and Allen County, 800. So, I mean, our employees are doing a great job handling more cases than similar situated counties and our collections continue to increase. Our biggest request we have is because of the Byrne grant, and it's a federal problem, disappearing with our drug program. We're going to be asking the county to pick up the entire budget for four employees in our drug program. You've contributed to the matching portion of that grant for years. Last year we made the Council aware that this grant was drying up, and that we would be coming back and making this request. Dan Miller, the head of the drug program is here today to answer your questions and give a small presentation regarding that.

President Abell: Okay. Anyone have any questions before Mr. Brown sits down? Okay.

Dan Miller: Good morning. I'm Dan Miller, and I'm currently the director of the drug/law enforcement program with the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's office. A coordinated team approach is an effective tool to prosecuting drug dealers. Since 1989 the Prosecutor's office has had a team of prosecutors devoted solely to prosecuting drug crimes. Our division has made great progress over those years. It has been funded by a combination of federal funds and county matches. In the most recent year, the drug division has received its funding through the Edward Byrne state justice assistance grants, which are awarded through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Those grants fund multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, which our office helped perform with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff Department and the Evansville Police Department, and which we are currently an active participant, and hope to remain so for the year to come. Unfortunately, Congress has reduced spending on the Edward Byrne justice assistance grants by 67 percent, and that is even after reducing it for the past two years in a row. So, we are asking for full funding of the Prosecutor's drug division staff, which includes three attorneys, who do drug prosecutions full time, and one secretary. Last year the county funded those petitions to the tune of \$132,308. This year we are asking for \$258,923. You all did receive a two page description of what our office does and what our request is. That is the paper that is outside of your yellow book that I saw someone pick up. Yes. That basically describes, in part, what we do. Some highlights, we file, our division alone files anywhere from 750 to 900 cases per year. Last year that represented approximately 33 percent of all the felony files in our office. I find it interesting when I talk to other prosecutors that our case load in the drug prosecution unit exceeds the entire felony case load of many Indiana counties. Our drug

prosecutors are not just 8:30 to 4:30, or 8:00 to 4:30 prosecutors. They work around the clock. We are available to all law enforcement agencies in Vanderburgh County 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist in search warrants and answering questions that come in about drug crimes and certain procedural issues. We also are very involved in the community, involved with the drug court, forensic (Inaudible) programs, as well as getting out in the community to the south sector, to the Evansville Police Department sector meetings, listening to the concerns of citizens who attend those meetings, and we're working through the weed and seed efforts as well. We think that we perform a very valuable service to the citizens of Vanderburgh County. We've done so for the last 18 or so years, with the help of the federal government; that is not coming this year.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a couple of questions. Dan, aside from the three deputy prosecutors dedicated to this division, do other prosecutors file and execute drug cases from the prosecutors office?

Dan Miller: Only misdemeanor marijuana cases in misdemeanor court. We do not file those cases in misdemeanor court. Other prosecutors are involved in that. But, in terms of felony drug cases, no. Those are entirely the realm within my three deputies and myself.

Councilmember Winnecke: And what would be the, how would the division have to be re-structured if the entire funding only totaled the \$132,300 versus the full amount that you're requesting? What would you do?

Dan Miller: I'm not sure what we would do. My guess is that I couldn't devote three people to what is currently being done. Given the activities and the duties of the other deputy prosecutors, I'm not sure we could do what we are currently doing as well, because there just would not be time.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you have a feel for whether that would be one attorney and administrative support, or two attorneys and, have you thought that through?

Dan Miller: I have not. When you're dealing with, last year it was 816 cases, and it's going to be that or more this year, it's hard to understand what I would do if I didn't have any help.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

President Abell: Is that 816 cases divided among three different deputy prosecutors?

Dan Miller: Yes, roughly, yes.

President Abell: Less than 1,000 cases in a whole year?

Dan Miller: Yes, but, I mean, that is still an incredible case load. Not all of them go to trial, but a good number of them go to trial, and my deputies now are preparing for at least three trials a week, all the time.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Did you say, you said 816 cases, so, what's the conviction rate, I guess, with that number of cases that you've got?

Dan Miller: I don't have that number. When we talk about conviction rates, that includes pleas of guilty—

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Dan Miller: —as well as trials. Our conviction rate at trial is better than 55 percent. Our conviction rate when you include plea agreements is higher than that. There are some cases we do lose, through motions to suppress. You will be hearing from the Public Defenders later, they sometimes are a thorn in my side. But, we, I think we do very well. I don't have an exact number, and I'm not sure exactly where to get it, but I could find the number for you.

Councilmember Sutton: So, when you say the 816 cases, is that a 2007 number? What are you using as a year span to come up with that number?

Dan Miller: That, 2007 was the calendar year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, a calendar year?

Dan Miller: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: How does that compare to previous, the past two or three years? Is that on par with what you've been doing before? Less, more?

Dan Miller: It is mostly on par with what we were doing before. I think, two years before I became the director, we had a year in which we had over 1,000 cases that we filed. My highest year was around 900. The year before last, 2006, I think we filed somewhere in the area of 836 cases. So, we were down a little bit last year.

Councilmember Sutton: And, is this grant being eliminated totally nationwide? Or is there certain class, certain size of cities, and are there no other funds that are available out there?

Dan Miller: Okay, that's two questions. The grant is not being eliminated. (Inaudible) I think, 1.8 million dollars for the coming fiscal year to distribute. I don't intend to stop applying for that grant. However, they've told us that prosecution expenses can only be 20 percent of the grant that we're applying for, which is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force. Last year, our total award was \$95,000, 20 percent of that was \$19,000, and that grant got cut 67 percent for the coming year. They have not posted that grant yet. So, I've not yet applied for it. But, if I apply for it and am successful in applying for it, as I have been, realistically, the most I can expect in prosecution expenses from that grant is \$6,000. That would not come anywhere close to a salary. Now, the second part of that is, yes, I have my eyes out there looking for other grants, and I even checked this morning, and so far I've not found anything that we qualify for.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Other questions? Mr. Shetler?



Councilmember Shetler: What is Congress' rationale for cutting back on this? Are they diverting funds into a different area of crime?

Dan Miller: That depends on who you're talking to. A few years back they were not satisfied with the statistics they were getting. This was not necessarily Congress, but the Bush administration was not satisfied with the statistics that they were getting. At that point, my reporting changed, because I wasn't being asked for what apparently the administration wanted. So, we began reporting different statistics, because I was being asked to report different statistics. They have, I think they have allocated money to other things. I'm not really too familiar with all the rationales for where all the additional money is going, or the money that used to be funded to us is now going.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm like Royce, I would be interested myself in knowing what the success rate has been then, statistically, particularly if that may be some of the rationale of why if their feeling is, if maybe the program isn't as efficient or productive nationwide as it ought to be, and if we're measuring up locally, beyond those statistics. Perhaps that could tell us a little bit, you know, there. Because, when you're telling me we've got three attorneys that are doing 810 cases, roughly, that's 270 a year, and that would tell me that they're doing basically one a day. I assume a great majority of those aren't even going to trial, but they're just handled without going to trial. So, it doesn't sound to me like there's a lot of pressure there, but I would be interested in knowing, you know, more of what goes to trial, the success rate for those that do, and, etcetera. Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning, Dan.

Dan Miller: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: I know, you probably were not in the position you are today, but, unfortunately, most of these grants, and I think it was discussed over many years with Stan, so many of these grants, while we approve them today, it's always been somewhat known, it's been a standing, a long-time standing agreement that, you know, when these grants dry up, that, you know, sometimes you suffer the consequences and lose them. My recommendation here, while it may not be totally what you want, but I'm going to throw out a recommendation, you know, we've been on the line for \$132,000, as an example, last year. We could, I would think we could at least do that this year. So, I might ask you to pick out the individuals that we could fund within that \$132,000. I don't think that we're going to be able to pick up all of these positions. I mean, it's highly unlikely because of the situation we're going to be in next year, and maybe even worse in the year after. So, I wonder if you wouldn't mind maybe getting back with us in the next couple days and let us know the two individuals here that we could fund within that \$132,000. You know, let's get that far, and then we'll see how to proceed through the budget, and see if we can add anymore of these individuals.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, I think Mr. Brown also wants to say something. He stood up.

Doug Brown: That's a difficult question for Dan to answer, because we would have to look at the total office structure, and we would take into account seniority and a lot of reshuffling. So, I mean, I can give you an answer, but just not give you

individual's names, about how many deputies total we might be able to get out of that amount of money (Inaudible) years experience, but I'm not going to be able to tell you any person.

Councilmember Raben: Just something to....right. Some sort of configuration for us to go by.

Doug Brown: For whatever it's worth, I mean, that, I don't know if you could break it down to a case a day, but that is an excessive case load for anybody. We could check some of the other drug departments around the state for you and try to get a comparison like that, that might help. But, I would also say, each week our office work, in both Superior and Circuit Court, to develop a trial list of what is, the likely trials that could go during any given week, and the drug program, at a minimum, always gets half of those trials, and there are weeks where they have every trial, literally, in both courts. So, I mean, they are the busiest portion of our office, by far.

President Abell: Just a minute, Mr. Shetler, I have a question for Mr. Brown while he's at the microphone. Last week you alluded to the fact that you wanted (Inaudible) salary, and that you would take it out of what you call your discretionary funds. I would like to know what the balance is in that discretionary fund account.

Doug Brown: Okay, I can get that.

President Abell: Would you get back with me?

Doug Brown: (Inaudible).

President Abell: I appreciate that. Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: On that, on the funding that's got salaries and FICA, and PERF, etcetera. What about health insurance? Do these guys get any health insurance?

Doug Brown: Yes, they do.

Councilmember Shetler: Is that—

Doug Brown: The county picks that up, as they do any county employee.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so, that's an extra cost that should be added in here?

Doug Brown: That cost has not been added into that figure. So, that is, that's an additional cost for the county to pick up. That is not part of that figure that we're giving you.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, so, the program actually costs us more than the \$258,000, plus the health insurance as well on those employees?

Doug Brown: Like all county employees, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

President Abell: Other questions on any part of the budget for the Prosecutor? Okay. Thank you.

Doug Brown: Thank you.

**CLERK**

President Abell: We'll go back to our schedule. I noticed the Clerk was here. Ms. Kirk?

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Abell: Ms. Kirk's budget is on page one.

Susan Kirk: I apologize for being late. I can't run as fast as I used to with these little short legs.

President Abell: She has a rationale for her proposed budget on the first page of your yellow book. Anyone like to ask Ms. Kirk any questions? Or do you have something you would like to tell the Council?

Susan Kirk: I know the only thing that usually comes up, that's our big cost, is our storage fees, and our microfilming and stuff. I think, I don't know, Council will have to make their decision, if we, we are in the process of really trying to destroy records, which costs more money. If we spend the money up front now, and maybe the next two years, and get caught up, in the long run it will be cheaper. But, you know, I know that money's tight. So, that would be the decision that you will have to decide. Do you just want to leave it the way it is? Or, do you want to give the extra money now, so that we can continue to destroy the records and get some of that cost down.

President Abell: Are you talking about the item number three from \$80,000 to \$100,000? Is that—

Susan Kirk: Yes.

President Abell: Okay.

Susan Kirk: It's a nightmare that's never really going to end, because we have so many new cases filed every year, but, like I say, as you go along, it's a decision that we need to make as to whether or not you want to spend the money now to destroy them to kind of even that out, or just let them accumulate and not spend the money to destroy them, but just continue storing them.

President Abell: And, obviously, due to the sensitivity of the cases, you are having to have them actually destroyed, not just thrown in the trash can?

Susan Kirk: The, I'm sorry?

President Abell: You have to destroy them. You can't just throw them in the trash can.

Susan Kirk: No, no. Right. They have to be shredded.

President Abell: Yeah.

Susan Kirk: We get bids for that.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Susie, what's the, in a best case scenario, if you had all the funding that you would need in this area, how long would it take you to kind of purge the old records and be kind of current?

Susan Kirk: I'm guesstimating, if we had the money, probably three years, because it is, as Marsha can tell you, I don't know whether any of you took the opportunity to go out to Kinder to see what that looks like, but it is just a monumental task. It will probably take us three years to actually get the things that can be destroyed, according to the statute, and get them out of there. So, a three year period of maybe asking for another, like \$20,000 more than what we would normally do, just to take care of Kinder. We have to pay them to pull the files, and then, of course, whoever gets the lowest bid to shred those records. Some of the records, you know, we have to keep them forever. So, they're not going anywhere. But, I would say three years, because it's going to take my staff that long just to, you know—

Councilmember Winnecke: To identify them?

Susan Kirk: At the rate we're going, right. Any spare moment that's what they work on is going through that list of records and the retention schedule.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just want to make sure that maybe it's just one of those semantics things that we're not just arbitrarily going in and just destroying records, but, you know, kind of just for our listening audience would you just, there's certain records that no longer need to be retained, that need to be eliminated for space purposes, and then there's others that you have to keep for an indefinite amount of time. Maybe if you could be a little bit, clarify your statement a little bit on that.

Susan Kirk: Yes, the state has what they call a retention schedule, and on that retention schedule it tells you, there are some records that you have to keep for three, some ten, some 20, some forever. What we have to do is, we have to go through every case that we have, and see where it falls into that retention schedule, which is, you know, there's, I don't know, Marsha, you got any idea of how many hundred files are out there? It's a warehouse. It's huge. So, no, it's not a matter of going out there and saying, oh, okay, let's just pull these boxes off this section and get rid of them.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Susan Kirk: It isn't. These files are intermingled with other ones. Some of the cases, you know, you may file today, they may sit dormant for a year, then they're re-opened, and some of these things go on and on. So, it isn't sometimes a matter of going to one place for one case and pulling one file, you know, it may have started here in Superior, it may have been transferred to Circuit, so, it's a very complicated thing. But, no, it isn't just going out there, pulling them off the shelves and just moving them out. You have to go through every file to see where does this fit on the retention schedule. Someone pulls that file, puts it in the area where we're going to

destroy the records. So, it's really time consuming. I wish it was just really easy to just-

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Does the statute allow us to do imaging on any of the files?

Susan Kirk: Almost every case that is filed, we do, you have to put it on a CD, and also on microfilm. Now, we have gone back and tried to get some of the older cases on microfilm and CD so we can rid of them. Because you can't get rid of them until that is accomplished. So, we are trying to even back date on some of those that we can get rid of, do the CD, microfilm so that we can get those cases destroyed. But, yes, everything is.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, maybe I'll rephrase the question a little bit, are there some cases that you must maintain hard copies of, paper copies?

Susan Kirk: Yes, forever.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, and you cannot image those in lieu of a paper copy?

Susan Kirk: Well, actually, we have to keep the hard copy and we have to image them also.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Susan Kirk: So, we have it basically three different ways, hard copy, CD, microfilm, according to the state.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I don't, Susie, I don't really understand exactly how, I mean, are you filing these cases by date, by, is there a classification? Or, I mean, how do you file?

Susan Kirk: We file by case number. Within, a case number is reasonably long. One of the first two numbers that you see is going to be what type of case it is, and then there's the year, like this year, '08. We file by case number and try to keep them in order by case type, whether it's small claims, Circuit, Superior, Juvenile, Misdemeanor. So, by number, by year, by number, by case type.

Councilmember Raben: By number, by case type?

Susan Kirk: Yes, by year, 2008. Say you start off 2008 and the very first, just to make it easy, the very first case you file is case number one, then two, three, four, and you do the same thing in Superior, Circuit, Misdemeanor, Juvenile.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Maybe I didn't pick up on the answer, but is it by case type that these records can be destroyed, or what? I mean-

Susan Kirk: It is by case type and how many years have you had them.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Susan Kirk: Some cases, depending on what it is, like Small Claims cases, say, for instance, maybe you only have to keep those for ten years.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, going forward is there a plan, maybe filing those case types separately where we're not going through large files, sorting through for the ones we can destroy? I mean, can you develop a plan where those files can be totally separate, so ten years from now we can identify those files and say these are the ones to be destroyed? Where we're not burdened with, you know, going through case by case files.

Susan Kirk: That's the goal. That would be the goal. Eventually, I mean, it's out there now, it's e-filed where they file by the Internet. Our only problem, I mean, it's there, it's there to use, but one of the problems that we have is that some people still like paper, and I don't want my Clerk's office—

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I understand—

Susan Kirk: —didn't file my paper.

Councilmember Raben: —that. I've been—

Susan Kirk: But, eventually, you're right.

Councilmember Raben: Let's don't put these in the same box with ones we can never destroy. Let's figure out a system where—

Susan Kirk: And we are doing that now.

Councilmember Raben: You've got a yellow box and a brown box, you know, as an example, or something that you can go through and very quickly identify those boxes where we don't encumber a lot of cost, outside of shredding.

Susan Kirk: We've been doing that for the last three years. Filing them to where we will know, actually, this section can go. They won't have to rifle through files. We are doing that, but, my gosh, I mean, it's like a piece of sand on the beach, since we've been doing it for three years, because it's just huge. It's just huge. So, like I said, three years probably just to get it organized to where we're up-to-date on the retention schedule. Three years ago we started filing, just as you said, Jim, trying to do it to where we knew this was the ten year section, the 20 year section, the best that we can. So, it's just, like I said, it's a huge task.

President Abell: Let me help you out just one little bit.

Susan Kirk: Okay.

President Abell: Because you still will always have to look at every file, because people misfile things. If you misfile a felony into a small claims and you destroy it, you're going to have a very unhappy judge if that case gets pulled back (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: That's fine, you can do that—

President Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: –but, if the boxes you’re getting ready to destroy are easily identifiable, and there’s ten of them, instead of 100 percent of all the boxes you’re fishing through. I mean, yeah.

President Abell: Well, I think they’re pretty well to that point, but things do get misfiled.

Susan Kirk: They do, and I agree. If you have a box that you know you can destroy, it doesn’t take long to go through it rather than, pulling one here, one there, one over there, and, hopefully, maybe one of these days it will be manageable.

President Abell: Mr. (Inaudible), did you have a question? No? Anyone? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Do you, currently, when a case is closed, do you today, put it on disk and microfilm, or whatever the other thing you had to do was? Do you do that today as you go?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Okay.

Susan Kirk: As you go, as each thing is filed–

Councilmember Leader: You have to catch up the old ones, but today, as you go?

Susan Kirk: Yes, we keep current, plus we are trying to catch up with some of the old ones.

Councilmember Leader: Thanks.

Susan Kirk: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, just one last question, you’re asking for an increase on storage. Now, do you have more coming in than you have going out?

Susan Kirk: I would say probably this year we may be running 75 percent, that we’re gonna, say 100 are filed, new cases filed, we can get rid of like 75. So, we’re 75 percent of getting rid of what we’re bringing in. That will be probably for the next three years. Then you will see that diminish quite a bit, to where, you know, we will have it pretty well caught up. So, it will just be new cases filed out there. Like I said, if we can ever get to the e-mail, the e-filing, to where we do not have paper, because we e-file, you can automatically put that on the disk, get that on microfilm, and there is no paper. But, people still, we still like that paper. But, that is coming, it is coming. It may be, who knows, ten years from now that may be the only way you can do it. They won’t even allow you to use paper anymore.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: It might be an improvement. Do you have someone working full time just on this, in this area? Or do you have different people pulling and shredding?

Susan Kirk: No, we don't have, I don't have a full time person for that. I have one of my employees is an archivist, and she, along with another of, my Supervisor of Administration, work on it more than anyone. We also, I also have each of my supervisors, because this is such a huge task, trying to check their cases with the retention schedule. So, there's probably five working when they have the time, to decide which cases are falling where on the retention schedule, and when we can get rid of them. But, no, there is not a full time person for this. That's why it's going to take a few years to get this job accomplished.

President Abell: Any other questions?

**CLERK IV-D**

President Abell: Let's go to her IV-D account, which is on page six. Questions? I have a question, is this what, is this the total of what you are assuming you're going to spend out of, in IV-D? Or, is this what's left after you get reimbursed from the state? In other words, is your record storage actually \$15,000? Or, is it like \$30,000 and you're going to get reimbursed half of that?

Susan Kirk: Well, as far as our storage, or Clerk fees, it's two dollars per case, and we do, what we use that for is for our microfilming and our CD's. That's what we use that for. Are you looking at-

President Abell: What about the IV-D money that you get back from the state, do you use that for any of these expenses too?

Susan Kirk: That's, well, that IV-D money, most of that, no, that's all used pretty well for microfilming and CD.

President Abell: Actually, the expenses here are greater than this, but you're paying a lot of it out of IV-D?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

President Abell: That's what I was asking.

Susan Kirk: Yes.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm just kind of, and you may not be able to answer this question, and, maybe Judge Dietsch can, is this a decision of the Supreme Court on how the records are kept? Or, is this a legislature issue?

Susan Kirk: When you say how the records are kept, you mean how they are stored?

Councilmember Shetler: How they are stored, or, you know, kept for a period of time.

Susan Kirk: You know, the only thing that I really know from that part of the state that handles that is that they prefer records, the only thing that I know of is that they say they would like to have it in a climate control optimum. I don't think there's, I don't know of anything in particular that says you have to store them this particular way.



Councilmember Shetler: No, I meant, I didn't know if it was coming down from the Indiana Supreme Court to say that these records need to be kept for 20 years, and this for ten.

President Abell: The retention schedule.

Councilmember Shetler: Or, if that was a statute by the legislature that actually develops that criteria and what needs to be stored.

Susan Kirk: I don't know.

President Abell: I think the Supreme Court does.

Councilmember Shetler: Basically, I want to know who we might want to talk to about electronically storing these, you know, in the future, particularly if we're talking about environmental reasons.

Terry Dietsch: In answer to your specific question, that's determined by the Administrative Rule of the Indiana Supreme Court.

President Abell: Any other questions?

### ***ELECTION OFFICE***

President Abell: Do you want to go to the Election Office, which is on page 68.

Susan Kirk: This is good news.

President Abell: Do you want to have the opportunity to tell us?

Susan Kirk: There's no election next year, but, I love good news, but I will say this, for the year after that, Council needs to be aware that the ES&S contract runs out. So, the things that were included in the contract, the on-site help, I mean, there's, I don't know how much, almost everything we do is pretty well, except printing, we do have to pay some printing costs over and above what's in the contract, we're going to have to pay for. Just as a sample, ES&S charges \$1,500 every time one of their staff comes down to Vanderburgh County, a day. Now, we do have days left. I did take, and I think Mr. Shetler probably remembers this, we had the precinct kits that were costing a fortune, and I got rid of that part through that end, with their support, that \$1,500. There was also some voter outreach money that's left, I've thrown that in there with the contract. I'm waiting to hear back from ES&S to see if they are actually going to accept what I've asked them to do, but, yeah, in 2010, it's going to cost, the budget is going to be big. It's going to be big.

President Abell: That will be a negotiation that the attorneys will do, and we might be able to call our own shots on some of that too.

Susan Kirk: Well, that's something that, like I said, be sure to keep in mind, because that's going to be a pretty good size.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: What do we have, 500 machines?

Susan Kirk: We have 550.

Councilmember Shetler: 550? Is that going to be adequate? Because I know there's been some talk and discussion about that in the past that, you know, we had tight lines, Presidential election, four years ago, that's here again, so, are we going to be in good shape on that?

Susan Kirk: I'm, it's kind of a wait and see right now. I mean, at the time that's all Vanderburgh County could order, because that's all we had room for. I think we're going to move to the old, I don't know what you call that now, the old jail, not the old, old jail, but, you know, the libraries being open, now, grant you, that does take some of the Ivotronics out of play for election day. Although they're ready to go out, that's kind of what we use for back up, but, that's really helped. It's, we'll try it for this general election, it will be our first big one, and, I think, if we that the libraries are keeping our lines down on election day, I don't see any reason why we should order any more Ivotronics. If that's not the case, then, if we have the room to store them, then that's something that Council can make a decision on it. You know, you have to weigh how many times do we have record turnouts? I mean, all of us have been around long enough, we can go back, not very often do we have record turnouts like in 2004, where they had to stand in line. Do you want to spend the money to purchase more machines, in case we have record turnouts? Or, do we just want to kind of plow through those bad times, and not buy anymore machines, and get back to the regular voter turnout? That's just, you guys, you'll just have to make that decision.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I certainly don't think you want to discourage people from voting, like last time, because some people on lunch hour simply couldn't wait any longer and left. But, I would hope we could explore more remote sites for early voting. It seems like that went over very well this spring, and I think a lot of people would vote early, and it might take a load off without buying anymore machines.

Susan Kirk: It is, but, now remember, when we take those machines out, it's not that we can't prepare them and get them ready for election day, but, the more you have, the more you're cutting it close, because we bring those machines back into the Election Office the Friday before the election. The inspectors come in like Saturday, that very next day. Now, they're not picking up the machines, but they are picking up the supplies that go with the machines. Those, the supplies are programmed, the little PEB's for certain machines. So, we have to be careful about doing too many more early voting sites, or we may have a little bit of a shortage election day, trying to get all of those ready to go, in case we need them. I would love to be able to, you know, I wish all the libraries were brand new and beautiful, because that has just worked out, again, fairly well.

Councilmember Goebel: I think that might be a good gamble to take, though.

Susan Kirk: Well, we're willing, but remember again, that's more staff, just remember the money, don't get mad at me if we ask for more money. But, please do try to prepare for 2010, because it's, any way you look at it, that budget's going to go way up.

President Abell: Susie, do you have voter outreach money left? I know you said you have \$1,500 and you're trying to negotiate, could you possibly, I know that the

machines, time when people vote, could you like do some kind of voter outreach and say these are the hours in which we have low voter turnout, you might want to think about voting between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., or whatever the hours are?

Susan Kirk: Well, like I said before, I've already asked them to take that outreach money and put it on something a little bit more, like our printing costs and having them come down. But, I think that's a great idea. I think maybe if we could get the news media to help us with some of that, I think that would be great. I think they would probably do some of that, and not cost us a dime, maybe. But, yeah—

**(Tape Change)**

President Abell: Because my husband voted during the heavy period and he walked right in. He voted at 2:30 in the afternoon. So, you know, there are times when you can get in.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, you're right, you're right.

President Abell: Any other questions of Ms. Kirk? Thank you.

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

President Abell: Public Defender. I'm sorry, Voter Registration is next. They won't be long, Mr. Owens. Page 70. Good morning.

Anthony Bushrod: Good morning.

Connie Carrier: Good morning. We were just working away.

President Abell: Give us your name for the record, and what office this is.

Anthony Bushrod: Anthony Bushrod, Voter Registration.

Connie Carrier: Connie Carrier, Voter Registration.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions? Well, that was very easy.

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

President Abell: Thanks, you two.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

President Abell: Public Defender, page 86.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

President Abell: Good morning. Would you give your name, please, Mr. Owens?

Steve Owens: Yes, I'm Steve Owens, I'm Chief Public Defender.

President Abell: Do you have anything in your budget you want to point out?

Steve Owens: I think the only, maybe in terms of importance, perhaps, despite the request not to make a request for any new positions, you may recall in 2007 we proposed a plan to the Public Defender Commission which called for us to phase in a number of positions, and bringing the Juvenile Court into compliance, and to make sure that our Felony Division stayed in compliance. As a result of that, we added an attorney in 2008, and we are now requesting a paralegal and investigator for 2009, which will bring us to the third phase of the plan that we proposed to the Commission. We would be, at that point, technically, still an investigator short, or the Commission has assured me at their last meeting, that as long as we have contract investigative services that are also available to us, that, notwithstanding that we only have two full time investigators, assuming this position would be approved, that we would be considered to be in compliance with the Commission standard. So, in terms of importance, I would think that's the most significant request that we've made. Probably the second most significant request would be the increase in the Pauper Expense line item. We have increased our case loads from 2001, then we had about 1,200 felony assignments, to a little over 1,700 last year. Our Appellate numbers have exploded. Last year we did, total for the whole entire year, roughly 20 some odd appeals, this year we have already hit that number, up to the end of June, and I don't see any indication that it's going to let up. That Pauper Expense line item has, was initially set in back in 2001 at \$50,000, and it has since gone all the way to zero, and it's come back up last year to \$20,000. We have been attempting to make up the difference through the Supplemental Public Defender Account. We've been successful in doing that over a number of years, but we are reaching somewhat of a critical mass in that account. So, as long as we are operating at that level, we probably will have either one of two options, one is we start refusing cases, which is going to make the judges very unhappy. Or, two, we've been coming back to you asking for an increased appropriation during the course of the year. I don't know any other way around it. I have submitted an alternative proposal, which we have floated on a couple of occasions with various members of the Council in the past. I don't know if you've had an opportunity to look at that. It is a way which we, given the current state of the Supplemental account, that we could maintain all of our non-personnel related items at 2007 levels, and still provide all of the services that they need to do in 2009. I said 2007, I meant 2008 funding levels.

President Abell: Questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, what if, I read the letter that Mr. Wiese sent to you, what's the, what is the mood at the state level for communities that are facing decreased revenue as a result of other actions the legislature has taken that may prevent us from being able to complete the phase-in that we had previously thought we could provide?

Steve Owens: Pardoned cooperation, perhaps. We're not the only county facing this, Marion County's got issues, Allen County's got issues. They would like to see us come into compliance. They stressed that at the June meeting. I assume that if the Council is unable to fund these positions because of the property tax reform, that in September I'll be back before the Commission with an alternative proposal of some sort. They have been fairly receptive. I would say maybe a little more receptive to the problems than they have been in the past. They've had a change of leadership. There's also, you might remember, there is some on-going discussions at the state level to have the state take over all or some portion of indigent defense. We don't know what they're going to propose to the legislature in this next session, but I think you'll see something coming in to have them take over some portion of that. Now, whether the state can afford to fund that, I don't know.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

President Abell: Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Good morning.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: Would you explain the Pauper Expenses for the general public watching us on television, please?

Steve Owens: Pauper Expenses, currently we pay out of that all of the mental health hearings that we get appointed to, we pay conflict counsel, we pay appeals, and any other things that our attorneys are unable to handle under their salaried positions that they get. If they get maxed out on their case loads, we have to farm those out. Right now we're running pretty (Inaudible)our numbers. So, most of that expense would be mental health appeals and conflict cases.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Most of your staff is part time?

Steve Owens: The vast majority of my staff is part time.

Councilmember Shetler: And, do they qualify for PERF and health insurance?

Steve Owens: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Abell: Other questions? Mr. Owens, what is the balance in your discretionary fund?

Steve Owens: You mean in the 2910 Account?

President Abell: I don't know what the number is. Discretionary Fund?

Steve Owens: I don't call it a discretionary fund, but, today I can't tell you what the balance is right now.

President Abell: Could you let me know that?

Steve Owens: Yes, Ma'am.

President Abell: Can you use any of that for this additional expense you have?

Steve Owens: We have been using that. I mean, we've paid storage, (Inaudible), we use that fund for that. We use it for 2910 expenses, conflict cases, appeals.

President Abell: Well, maybe you could give us a report of what you use it for, if you've got that written down. The Sheriff is good enough to give us one on his discretionary funds—

Steve Owens: Sure.

President Abell: –and I’m going to ask for that from all the departments that all have discretionary funds.

Steve Owens: And, I’ll be able to give you the balance as of probably last week.

President Abell: That would be fine. Thank you. Any other questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. Owens, on your rent number, was that provided to you? Because I see an increase there, was that a number that you guys came up with, or are you anticipating something different?

Steve Owens: That was the number that was provided to us. (Inaudible) current budget, I think you’ll notice that it went up a little bit, because the number that they gave me for square footage was a little low.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, an extra \$14,000. A \$14,000 increase there. Then, I know this is something that’s kind of hard to anticipate, but trying to get an idea, are you, there’s isn’t anything requested under the death penalty line item, and, you know, we had a pretty substantial amount that went out for that particular expense this year. Is there nothing now that you anticipate in 2009 that’s pending?

Steve Owens: There’s nothing pending right now. I would anticipate that we may have some minor 2009 death penalty expenses. The case is about ready to be briefed. We send the brief to the Indiana Supreme Court, and it will take them some period of time to make a decision. If that decision is to affirm conviction, we have to file a petition for cert to the United States Supreme Court, which I would anticipate would come in 2009. But, again, depending upon the, depending on where we are with that Supplemental Public Defender Account, I would anticipate we might be able to pay that money out of that account as, in lieu of coming back and asking for an additional appropriation.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Owens, could you get a memo to members of Council on what case that is? I don’t want to bring that up today, so we’ll know which case we’re talking about that you think may be ready to go. Also, any other case that you may think of that we might be looking at.

Steve Owens: I would, if I understand your question correctly–

President Abell: I just don’t want to do it over the microphone.

Steve Owens: That’s fine. Yeah, I can do that.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

**SHERIFF**

President Abell: Sheriff? Good morning.

Eric Williams: Good morning, Council. Sheriff Eric Williams.

President Abell: The Sheriff's budget is on page 14.

Eric Williams: Do you want me to answer the obvious one first? There's \$12,000 in Commissary.

President Abell: I was going to ask.

Eric Williams: I just figured I'd beat you to the punch this morning.

President Abell: That's how much is in his fund. So, we don't have to ask him that. Okay, would you like to continue?

Eric Williams: Sure. I believe my budget is flat, other than the personnel numbers. We put in basically the same numbers that were approved for last year's budget, across the board. Again, we will continue to do everything we can to save fuel costs. Inmate food is one of those that we constantly come back for, and that's one that's pretty much out of our control. But, in general, we're going to try to live by the same budget that was approved last year.

President Abell: Questions of the Sheriff?

Eric Williams: There's one line item in the personnel, but we can talk about that, it has to do with the Sheriff's pension (Inaudible), and that's what I was going to talk to you, Jim asked me to (Inaudible).

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't know how you have things set up there, as far as the patrols and stuff, but, do you have like dedicated, you know, squad cars or patrols that go into given areas of the county?

Eric Williams: The county is divided basically into four sectors, east, north, south and west, basically the four corners. We generally have somebody assigned to those sectors. We do what we call directed patrol and random patrol. Random patrol being you stay in your sector and drive around in areas that you think need attention, and you answer calls as they come in. With directed patrol, that's when we monitor things like vandalisms, high frequency occurrences, then we direct our patrols to stay in those areas and stay around. But, in general, the sector car, or the sector patrol unit would respond to a call that comes out now, and the neighboring one would be his backup, but we really don't limit that. Basically, we try to put a car on a call as soon as we can. So, we'll take them from anywhere. I don't know if that answered your question.

Councilmember Shetler: I think so. I guess, basically, the follow up question that I would want to ask then, is that if the Mayor's attempt at annexation is successful, will that allow you to reduce any number of—

Eric Williams: You know, (Inaudible) the annexation, you know, as it is occurring is not going to do much to reduce it. It's a really small chunk of the county that's being patrolled. In fact, it will create some difficulties, and I think that's what Council President Abell is talking to the city about with some exchange of patrol jurisdictions, because it just cuts out a pie from my, what we call district two, which we still are going to be responsible for those areas along the river and down in the southeast part of the county, because those are not under consideration for annexation. Quite

honestly, the run volume that we're seeing is occurring in the far, far west and the far north, way far away from the actual city limits. You know, a lot of the subdivisions, and I hate to use Sheriff Ellsworth's term, but the cornfields never did call 911, and the houses do now. So, we are spending a lot more time in the far reaches of the county, which are really not going to be affected by the annexation. My hope is that the run volume that is reduced by the city's annexation, will allow me to better respond to those calls further out in the county.

President Abell: Other questions? I have a question, on page—

Eric Williams: I don't have pages, if you just tell me—

President Abell: Oh, you don't have the book there?

Eric Williams: Well, I guess this is the book. I could find it pretty quickly.

President Abell: Well, it's Part-Time Clerk.

Eric Williams: Sure.

President Abell: And it went up, it was budgeted at \$9,220 last year, and you've got it at \$17,500 this year, oh, I'm sorry, Councilmen, it's on page 20. It's line item 0199. Are you taking on more part-time help, or going to work them more, or pay them more, what's the—

Eric Williams: I can't, my guess is without knowing the numbers by heart, that that is the Part-Time Clerk that's handling the sex offender registry, that we asked for the increase in.

President Abell: Someone's back there shaking their head yes.

Eric Williams: The sex offender registry, and that's where we back feed the money that we're obtaining from the registry into that account.

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Eric Williams: And put it back into the General Fund. I think that's what I approached you earlier this year about, to put her at work a few more hours a year.

President Abell: Okay, so, is this person just working more?

Eric Williams: Yes.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you.

Eric Williams: She's working the same as she's working now. We'll be repealing money from the, I don't know the exact word how that fund works, but we'll take money that we're receiving from—

President Abell: Transfer it.

Eric Williams: —the sex offender registries, and put that back into the General Fund—

President Abell: Okay.



Eric Williams: –to cover those increased expenses.

President Abell: Okay. Any other questions?

### **JAIL**

President Abell: Want to go to the jail on page 26? Any questions about the jail?

Eric Williams: It's full. I just thought I would throw that in, in case somebody was going to ask. Our continued daily population is hovering right in the, right underneath 500, so in a facility designed to house 512, operationally we're at capacity on a regular basis. But, it is continuing to operate much as planned. The facility works very well. I think we'll continue to increase our efficiency in different areas, especially with the addition of another video arraignment court. The last six months that's helped, and we're going to continue to strive to expand that. Anything we can do to reduce the number of people that we're moving is a great savings and security benefit. With the addition of the dentist now coming to the jail, that's going to help. We're going to be able to use the same dollars, probably see more patients, but we'll also not have to transport people outside the facility. That helps. I have a contract before the County Commissioners right now that will roughly be the same money, but it is an x-ray service that will come to our facility to do the x-rays, as opposed to hauling them to the hospital. It doesn't happen that frequently, but it does happen, and it's usually a fairly large ordeal. So, trying to look for those kinds of opportunities to keep it in-house as much as possible.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to ask, so, thank you. So, this year, at least, we're going to stay on two pods, instead of three?

Eric Williams: I didn't hear.

Councilmember Goebel: Two pods of the jail, instead of the third?

Eric Williams: Well, I've only got two out there, and I keep those full.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Eric Williams: You know, if you built the third one, we could fill it up I'm pretty sure. You know, there is a lot of opportunities still out there for federal inmates and state inmates to house those for fee. But, right now we have nothing in our facility other than our own local inmates.

Councilmember Goebel: This was just a question of curiosity, we had drug officials up earlier, do you have an idea just, roughly, the percentage of your inmate population that has drug related–

Eric Williams: I can't narrow it down to drug related, but the statistic that I generally quote in the tours of the facility and public speaking is that you can see our facility generally ranges about 80 to 85 percent of our inmate population are there for some addiction related reason. They were either involved in the sale of drugs, they are on drugs, they are producing drugs or alcohol, you know, drunk driving, there's some facet of their case that you could take back to some kind of addiction related issue.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, you're doing an excellent job. Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Eric, real quickly, what's the Jail Expense on page 31?

Eric Williams: Is it big?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, it's big. There's a comma in it.

Councilmember Raben: I might explain that.

Eric Williams: Jail Expense, that is the account that used to be zero for several years, and then last year the laws changed. I'll provide you with the Commissary report, I think you'll find from that that we spend that almost entirely on jail and Sheriff's office things, and we don't have to come and use General Fund dollars to use that for. A lot of that has historically been generated from the inmate phone fees, and that's not been any big secret, but with the changes at the state level, those phone fees were greatly reduced, especially when we moved into the new facility and had to re-negotiate how that all worked. When those reductions occurred, I approached you in my first budget and asked if you would put some money back in there to help us purchase things like flip flops, bedding, soap, sheets, towels, those kinds of items in the jail. So, basically, those are just the basic expenses to help keep the place operational. I'm not asking for an increase in there--

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Eric Williams: --but, as you can see, my Commissary balance is running relatively small compared to historically.

President Abell: Yeah.

Eric Williams: The receipts are not like they used to be in that account, the expenses are far greater with this new facility. So, it is what it is.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just real quickly, Medical Expenses, right in that same category, looks like our expenses, county-wide, are going down. Is this because of the (Inaudible)--

Eric Williams: Can I have credit for it?

Councilmember Goebel: Can you? Will you?

Eric Williams: I would give credit to my staff. I've got a medical staff that knows that I have to come up here and ask and beg for money. I make sure that they know how uncomfortable and unpleasant it is, and they take that very seriously. They do everything they possibly can to save dollars, while still providing the required, necessary health care to our inmates. We have taken some initiatives to try to do some things differently. The dental clinic has been one of those that we're re-evaluating constantly. Our pharmaceutical expenses and how those come about, and trying to find the best case, or the best way to provide the pharmaceuticals that

we need to provide to the inmates. I give credit if there is a reduction, and the other thing is, I have to be honest, is luck. You know, if you have a year where you don't have any substantial injuries, or you don't have an inmate with some serious, severe problems in there, that helps the budget. Right now, I believe we still have an inmate that's on dialysis, and that will filter out in the budget in the coming months, because that's a very expensive process, and we've got to provide that, and it comes at our expense.

Councilmember Goebel: Does the new layout of the jail actually help hold these costs as well?

Eric Williams: I don't know that it helps hold the cost down, but it helps us deliver the services much more efficiently, with fewer staff members. The layout allows us to bring the medical, or the inmates that require medical attention to the medical staff, as opposed to wasting a lot of time with the medical staff traipsing around through the jail to see people individually. We've got some other things going on, you know, we continue to participate with the University of Southern Indiana's nurse practitioner grant, they have a large federal grant that allows them to come into our facility. We co-sign on that and they provide some services that is educational for them, but it is beneficial to us, because that is more medical staff that are in there helping provide services that we otherwise we might have to go outside and do. So, I'm constantly looking for those kinds of deals where, you know, it looks like a win-win for both sides.

President Abell: Any other questions? I have a question, and I have three line items that I want to ask you about, and I have a feeling that they're all three connected.

Eric Williams: Okay.

President Abell: Civilian—

Eric Williams: Do you know the page number?

President Abell: Yeah, well, on my book it's page 30, it's at the very bottom of 30, Civilian Overtime, went from budgeted in 2008, \$2,000, to \$35,000. Civilian Overtime, Civilian Shift Differential went from \$2,000 to \$6,000, and Civilian Uniform went from \$375 to \$2,750. I assume those all three are related.

Eric Williams: Yeah, and I can't give you a specific answer, but I will (Inaudible) on the increase on those, often times it's going to be related to the Teamsters bargaining agreement and the selections that they make on how they receive their compensation. But, I'll get you a specific answer on those three line items.

President Abell: I appreciate that.

Eric Williams: It's not a problem.

President Abell: Any other questions? Okay.

### **JAIL MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

President Abell: Misdemeanor Housing, page 180.

Eric Williams: For your information that, again, is the grant basically that we get from the state. I hesitate to use the word grant, because I don't really have any choice in it. That's the state's basic way of reimbursing us for not sending misdemeanors to prison. It's based on a calculation that is legislatively enabled. You can find it in the statutes on how they calculate that number and distribute those funds.

President Abell: Any questions? Okay.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Abell: Community Corrections, page 95. Any questions on Community Corrections?

Eric Williams: This is, again, the Community Corrections, it's basically the same as the other ones, we did not ask for anything additional in there other than the salaries. This is one that I take the greatest pride in recently, is that we've been able to continue to keep our pledges of paying for food and things like that, and a significant number of salaries out of our User Fees. Our User Fee collections continue to be higher than they have been in the past. I took a lead from some of our other office holders and contracted with a collection agency that does it basically for free. I think it's the one that the Treasurer was using, and maybe the Clerk's Office. They also have an arm of their division that handled community corrections. So, we've brought them on board, and we know they're making progress, because our phones are ringing off the hook. So, that's a good thing. So, we hope to keep that budget in shape. One thing after meeting with the Department of Correction grant auditors this past week, they brought some things to light that would allow us, and I'm going to try to get back to you before you finalize this budget, it would make no net effect really in this, but changing the line items that are in there, which down the road would maybe allow us to use more state money to pay for some of these salaries. It was at their suggestion, but we would have to change the personnel that are in here. Because of the way the county, because of the way we hire and fire employees, I shouldn't say fire, but every once in a while it does happen, but the way that we transition employees and have to pay for them out of the line item, and let that line item sit—

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Eric Williams: —if we could do that in the grant side of it, that would free up our line item on the county side for a longer period of time and use their money to take care of that. So, but, we would need to put the employees that transition more frequently, and, basically, the Confinement Officers, as opposed to our Case Managers in the grant. So, we're going to try and work out some numbers that make that just an even swap.

President Abell: Okay. Any other questions?

### **MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER**

President Abell: Your last one is on page 179, Misdemeanor Offender, is that right? That's a small budget. Does anyone have any questions for that? I think you're finished, Mr. Williams.

Eric Williams: Thank you very much.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Williams.

Eric Williams: And, I'll get an answer for you. Can I just e-mail that to you, or do you want me to (Inaudible) the Council?

President Abell: You can e-mail it to the whole Council, will be fine.

Eric Williams: Okay.

President Abell: I won't keep anything from them. I'm having a request for a five minute break. Five minutes, is five minutes, okay?

(A five minute break was taken.)

### **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

President Abell: Five minutes is up. What did I do with my agenda? Oh, here it is. Is everyone ready to resume the meeting? Okay Judge, unless you have changed jobs with Marilee Fowler, I have a feeling you're going to have to sit for a few more minutes. Page 186, Convention and Visitors Bureau. Good morning.

Marilee Fowler: Good morning. Marilee Fowler with the Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

President Abell: Do you have any, your job is such a fun job, maybe you want to tell us some of it.

Marilee Fowler: It is a fun job. This has just been an incredible summer. You never know year to year what to anticipate, and, of course, with the economy everybody's a little frightened, we didn't know if we would have travelers. It's been a phenomenal summer. Our revenue from Innkeepers Tax last month was the second highest that's ever been recorded. I think a lot of it's due to what's happening in Owensboro with the closing of the Executive Inn, but I think there were a lot of good things going on here already. So, I wrote this budget with some changes in it, some declines in different areas of our budget, but, again, the uncertainty of what next year will bring. So, I feel very comfortable with this, but I think it's been an exciting year so far.

President Abell: I notice your Travel and Mileage went down and Gasoline is going up, that's pretty good.

Marilee Fowler: There were different areas under that line item; airfare, hotel accommodations, other things, rental cars, a lot of that falls into Transportation. So, there were some ways that we could make some cuts in that, and then kind of shift to some of the other areas that needed a boost. So, we were very excited that we could do that.

President Abell: Are there any questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Marilee, mine came to the four salary lines. As an example, 1130, the amount for this year is \$30,894, this is \$36,000?

Marilee Fowler: Well, I think the suggestion was a two and a half percent increase for salaries, plus then that's just the proportion for the other items that we have to show as an increase as well for the FICA items.

Councilmember Raben: No, FICA is an individual line.

Marilee Fowler: Okay, individual?

Councilmember Raben: My point is—

Marilee Fowler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: —that's about a \$7,500 increase.

Marilee Fowler: Right. That's two and a half percent for everyone.

Councilmember Raben: No, this is one individual. I guess, it's Service/Leisure Sales Manager.

Marilee Fowler: If you'll remember, we came back to you at the first of the year to increase two different people's salaries, and that reflects, comparing last year to this year. You approved us, you approved letting us make those changes in January. So, this reflects that change for the new budget in '09.

Councilmember Winnecke: What's the current salary for that line item?

Marilee Fowler: The current salary would be \$36,388.

Councilmember Winnecke: What were you proposing?

Marilee Fowler: That's what we're proposing. But, when you see that line item was changed last January.

Councilmember Winnecke: To what?

Marilee Fowler: Whatever the difference is between \$36,388 and two and a half percent.

Councilmember Raben: Alright. Okay.

Marilee Fowler: I think it was \$35,000 something—

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's fine.

Marilee Fowler: —is what we changed it to.

Councilmember Raben: That's fine.

Marilee Fowler: There's another one. Her title is—

President Abell: Probably line item 3570.

Marilee Fowler: — Office Assistant.

President Abell: Oh?

Marilee Fowler: It's 3570.

President Abell: 3570, oh, they're all 3570. It's 1160.

Marilee Fowler: Yes, 1160. We did the same thing for her. Hers was way under what it needed to be, and she'd taken on a lot more responsibilities as far as our computers and technology. So, we had made those changes back last January, but this print out does not reflect what those salaries are.

President Abell: Is that the same with line item 1200, Sales Executive III? It went from \$32,900 to—

Marilee Fowler: That was (Inaudible).

President Abell: Oh, that went down.

Marilee Fowler: We shifted that from that fund because we don't have anybody in that position currently.

President Abell: Okay.

Marilee Fowler: So, we took it from that particular staff salary and bumped these other two up.

President Abell: Okay.

Marilee Fowler: I forgot. We did that last January.

President Abell: Did everyone hear that and understand that?

Marilee Fowler: Did you hear it?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I understand.

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm just, I guess, a little bit confused. Is this department something that should be under the county's personnel, and go through the regular policies on personnel as far as being underneath the scrutiny as other departments are?

Councilmember Raben: That's been on again, off again. I think we've changed this budget, what, twice in the last ten years? Initially, they had their own program, then they asked to go on to the county's program, and then recently, maybe two or three years ago you asked to, they wanted to go back to the way they used to do it where they incentivize their people—

President Abell: Right.

Councilmember Raben: —you know, based on their output, their sales and what have you. So, I mean, we've been there and we're back to the old way now.

Marilee Fowler: It's very hard when we write these budgets in the summer to say six months from now if these sales people have accomplished (Inaudible) objectives, they have certain criteria they are to meet every year as far as sales and calls and people they bring into Evansville. So, we like to look at this that they certainly will be

encouraged to get this incentive, this increase, but they do have to meet their goals and objectives.

President Abell: Ms. Leader, do you have a question?

Councilmember Leader: Hi, can you explain to me what the \$100,000 for Contractual Services are?

Marilee Fowler: That would be for our legal fees and our accounting fees. Those are monthly, but those two go together for those services.

Councilmember Shetler: There's a separate line item for Legal Services, 3610.

Marilee Fowler: That's for things that occur that don't fall into the contracted services that our legal service provides. There are things that come up that fall outside those boundaries, so, we always have to have another line item that those things would cover.

Councilmember Shetler: So, you have an attorney on retainer?

Marilee Fowler: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Sutton: What would be an example of something like that?

Marilee Fowler: I was trying to think of something that might happen. Maybe some kind of research, maybe new legislation that's passed, and we need to have our attorney interpret it to see if we are following with the line of the law. So, it may take extra time on their staff side to do those types of things. So, it's just things outside of our contract.

President Abell: Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: You also have a \$5,200 increase in Customer Sales?

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Is that materials? What is that?

Marilee Fowler: It can be all kinds of things. It could be the printing of some of our collateral materials, our visitor guide, for example. It could be some of the services that we have to provide when we're hosting an event in town, and every time they come, they anticipate that we're going to help them with things based on what they're going to generate in Innkeepers Tax. It may be VIP gifts, it may be hosting a, you know, when they're here, picking up their expenses. So, it's a variety of things that are required when we bring these events to Evansville. We look at what they're going to generate, based on how many room nights they're going to be staying. What is generated and what portion comes back to the Bureau for us to do that, and that's a portion. As we get more and more meetings and conventions, that line item needs to have more money in it. We're going to be very short probably this year.

**(Tape change)**

President Abell: Mr. Raben?



Councilmember Raben: I'm finished with questions as far as the budget goes, but, Marilee, I know we've discussed this, I've discussed it with board members, again, I'm looking for the renewed commitment on the penny that we lose in a year that helps us offset the Centre operations and, again, I'm looking for your renewed commitment that you're going to help foster that through and –

Marilee Fowler: The board is very comfortable with that, that we move forward that it stay at the two percent at this point in time, I don't see that they would be opposed to changing that at all.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, as far as you know, the board isn't working with the legislature as of yet on getting that penny back, but –

Marilee Fowler: We can do that.

Councilmember Raben: Will you bring that up in your board meeting?

Marilee Fowler: I certainly will. I'll put that on our agenda for our next meeting.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: I have one question. On the sports complex, your request is for 765, is that for the baseball/softball, or is this for other ventures?

Marilee Fowler: That's baseball/softball. Our plan has, you know, kind of got sidetracked last year so we're very optimistic that in 2009 we'll be able to move forward and that will be the money that we need to start the program to do the ground preparation.

Councilmember Goebel: The location?

Marilee Fowler: Has yet to be determined.

Councilmember Winnecke: Where does that process stand, Marilee?

Marilee Fowler: We are still looking at some other sites besides Wesselman Park. A particular site has not been determined yet, we're still kind of in the research and talking to the Airport Authority as well as the mayor.

Councilmember Goebel: You don't want to disclose that I wouldn't think, at this time, is that...

Marilee Fowler: At this point we're still looking – we've done some architectural renderings and things to see what we anticipate our needs to be – we'll work on those sites, and as soon as we know if that is agreeable to the other parties and we can select one and move forward.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, as far as the Wesselman location, did we have any expert from Audubon Society or someplace like that to say that the complex location there would actually do more detriment to their environment than the existing facilities?

Marilee Fowler: We have not formally met with their board. I've had some individual conversations with several of their board members and they're very open to hearing our plan and discussing it and looking at further opportunity. I personally think it would increase their visitation. When you have that kind of people and family and children in that kind of environment and they have time between games, what a wonderful place to explore. At this point in time, the mayor has just asked us to put that project on hold. So I think that could still, may be in the mix, that that could be a consideration based on what their interpretation would be and if it would work for them.

Councilmember Goebel: It certainly seems like the grounds are there. Thank you.

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

President Abell: Any other questions? We're all eating up here. Mr. Sutton raised his hand, but I saw his mouth moving. Are you ready?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. On – kind of related to that same topic, there is a line item that's Sports Sales & Services. Can you explain what that is?

Marilee Fowler: Yes, we have one person on our staff that she pretty much wears three hats. She does sports sales, she does military reunions and she does the motor coach. And so this was an area, as we looked to evolve that market, the sports market, we decided there were specific things it needed that we hadn't had in other areas of our budget, and it's for her to do trade shows, it's a chance to bring some of these people that put on sporting events to Evansville that we host them in Evansville. So again, it's the same thing as Convention & Meetings Sales, it's just specific to these kind of events.

Councilmember Raben: What line?

Councilmember Sutton: 3799, page 188.

Councilmember Raben: I didn't know if we had moved into the Capital Development account yet or not.

President Abell: Well, I think some people have. We're just kind of doing it all together here. Any other questions? Marilee, I don't see the Museum on here anywhere?

Marilee Fowler: That's because it's 2010.

President Abell: Oh, that's right.

Marilee Fowler: We've got those final payments to the city for the African-American, for the Goebel expenses and for the LST. Those will all be completed in the '09 budget, and then we'll make our first payment to the Museum in 2010.

President Abell: Anyone have any other questions of Marilee? I think you're free to go.

Councilmember Winnecke: Marilee, –

President Abell: Oh, wait a minute. Are you going to offer her a piece of candy?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, I'm just the middle man. I just want to make sure I understand the status of the baseball/softball complex. We're asking for 700 and whatever thousand dollars for next year, but as far as you know, did you say the project – you've been asked to put it on hold?

Marilee Fowler: We were asked to put it on hold and that was how we could – that money that we had in the 2008 budget, then we could divert it to help the BMX track.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right, I understand that. But for 2009, what's your feel for where the project is in its life? That's where I'm getting mixed messages. First, I heard you say we're still looking for locations, now I heard you say it's on hold. So?

Marilee Fowler: We, the mayor asked us to look at alternative sites and that's just what we've done. And what we've done is taken those alternative sites and had architectural renderings done on those sites to see if what we want to build would work. We weren't sure if the land was there. So we are just now completing those architectural renderings. We will meet with the mayor. I know another one is the airport authority, you know, we've looked at the golf complex, that could be a possible site. So, as soon as it's agreed upon which site is best and everyone is comfortable with it, we will make the announcement and start the ground preparation.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Marilee Fowler: We'd like to do it in 2009 and probably have our first events in 2011.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: But the thought still surrounds the scope of the project, those initial drawings being the same unless the site dictates that you have to do something different?

Marilee Fowler: Right. We want it to be at least eight fields which can be multi-use. They can be softball and baseball. You can convert one field to the other, and the space depends upon whether we can add that ninth field, which would be specific to Babe Ruth, so that's part of it and we want to make sure there's ample parking and we know that's a big, big part of that. That's one of the issues we still hear about the Goebel Soccer Complex, is parking, so we want to make sure there's ample parking. We want to make sure there's concessions, we want to make sure there's plenty of restroom facilities, and we want to make sure there's a playground there for the smaller or the other children to have things to do while big brother or sister are playing ball.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the other increases on the capital, can you explain those?

Marilee Fowler: Okay, the Soccer Complex is \$100,000. That was money that we still owed the city of Evansville. They went ahead and put the money in place to get that complex finished and completed. That's a payment we owe them to finish our debt to the city on that. The African-American, we still owe \$250,000. That was a \$500,000 commitment we made.

Councilmember Raben: And this is our last payment.

Marilee Fowler: This is the last payment. And then the payment to the city for the LST dock is \$223,000. So those will all be payments that we will finish making to the city in 2009. And again, all those projects, the city went ahead and put the money up front to build them. We were just now in a pace to repay them. And the city was kind enough, I think last year when we came to the County Council to help buy that additional land at Burdette Park, that adjoining land that we helped buy, a couple of these payments got put on hold. We went to the mayor and asked if we could delay these payments so we could help purchase that land and he agreed to that. But we intend to pay it all back.

President Abell: Any other questions? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: When do you plan to make those last payments?

Marilee Fowler: It always depends upon how the cash flow is and what other commitments we have. We will be making two payments toward those projects in our August board meeting, so they will receive those payments in September. So hopefully, if we can pay them off even earlier, it may be –

Councilmember Leader: So if you have an adequate cash flow –

Marilee Fowler: Adequate funds, we'll go ahead and pay them as soon –

Councilmember Leader: So what we're looking for 2009 may be less?

Marilee Fowler: No, those are the committed payments. Those are what we have to pay whether we pay it in February or we pay it in October, it depends on cash flow and they're very kind to work with us on that.

Councilmember Sutton: And you've got 250,000 set aside for reserve?

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you talk about what the thought process is there for that or is there a particular plan for that?

Marilee Fowler: Well, we have very long range plans. Obviously, we want to build the sports complex, we made the commitment in 2010 and 11 to help the museum with their big projects, but it's invariably, somebody else will come along with a project that is very worthwhile and we feel like we need to somehow assist them, so we figured, if we can set aside \$250,000 every year from this Tourism Capital Development fund, then if one of these projects comes along, there will be a reserve that we can help projects. A good example, again, goes back to the land that became available that adjoined Burdette Park. If that happens again or

another project, there is money there that we can do that and still accomplish our goals as well.

President Abell: Other questions? I just have one comment. As you're looking at sites for the baseball field, I hope you'd be mindful of a particular area where our youth can travel via public transportation.

Marilee Fowler: Yes, I think that's so important that children can get there, it's still in the heart of the community and that they can get there if mom and dad can't take them.

President Abell: I agree 100 percent. Mr. Shetler, did you have a question?

Councilmember Shetler: Not a question, but I guess maybe a point. Every month we get these, I think from the Treasurer's office telling us who is delinquent on paying their Innkeeper's Tax and stuff, where the funds come from. When you send out brochures or advertisement and stuff telling people what we have available to stay in, do we have a listing of –

Marilee Fowler: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Shetler: And would any of those be a part of that?

Marilee Fowler: Well, the visitor guide, we publish annually. So if in January, we take a look at that, and we see a hotel that's been delinquent for a year, they're automatically removed from that document. But that one is one we print once a year. But on our website we've got a little bit more flexibility. If somebody is delinquent two or three months, we can take that off immediately and then put them back on once their payments are made. So I think that's an important factor and it's kind of something we do look at. Again, part of our agreement with our legal counsel is that they automatically send letters every month to every one of these hotels that are delinquent. So we do stay on top of that and then the money will come in and obviously, they get behind. So we've had wonderful response working with the Treasurer's office and our legal counsel in getting those monies collected.

Councilmember Shetler: That's my second question, I didn't know who really was responsible for actually making collection, if that's the Treasurer's office or you guys.

Marilee Fowler: The Treasurer's office does the collection, but we follow up with letters to let them know that this is not acceptable. And our board is very supportive of us in doing that. There's been some times when a hotel, it might not be a big hotel, but they're delinquent. And it may be more money – I mean, it may be more work than it's worth, but we feel it's still very important to do that because it sets a precedent to all the other hotels that they do need to – they collect it, and they do need to pay it back to the county.

President Abell: Other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Something that might be a little bit helpful is just kind of explain to the general public what the Innkeeper's Tax, how that's divided and who gets what.

President Abell: Do you want to do that, Ms. Fowler?

Marilee Fowler: The Innkeeper's Tax is an eight percent tax that's collected on every hotel room as a guest stays there every night. That eight percent then is split three ways: two percent goes to the county for the operation of the Convention Center, for their operation expenses; three and a half percent goes to Tourism Capital Development. It's brick and mortar projects with a tourism emphasis, and that's why we've been able to help so many great projects. The Pagoda is a good example, the transportation center at the Evansville Museum, the Reitz Home, the LST dock, the Goebel Soccer Complex, the African-American Museum. I mean, it's been money that's come back to this community in so many wonderful ways. Right now we're helping the BMX build a new facility at Burdette Park. We just helped with the welcome center as you enter Mesker Park, that one we're real proud of to see happen. And down the road, then we'll be helping the Evansville Museum with their new expansion and hopefully build the sports complex. So that's where that money is going to and it's very, very dedicated to brick and mortar projects. The last two and a half percent comes back to the Convention & Visitors Bureau for our operations and sales and marketing programs. So I think it's very well split. We certainly do help three different entities and it's money that our local taxpayers don't pay unless they're staying at a hotel. It is paid by out by visitors and they, again, reap the benefits as well as build them, providing many more things to see and do in Evansville. Thank you.

Councilmember Leader: Do you want to address that one percent that was taken away from us?

Marilee Fowler: It hasn't been. It's still at two percent. I think it's up in 2009.

Councilmember Raben: That's what I was bringing up earlier.

Councilmember Leader: Right, I mean, it affects what we're talking about today.

Marilee Fowler: Correct. And what we do is, we continue to look to see how the convention center is operating, if they still need that additional resource, we will work with the legislators to keep that two percent in, probably for another five years, and take a look at it at that point again to see if it's still needed or if it can be diverted to other areas.

Councilmember Leader: Would you mind, I know we get your board minutes, but after your board meeting, would you mind emailing us to let us know about the discussion with your board?

Marilee Fowler: I feel very comfortable they're going to support this because we've had just informal dialogue and they seem very open to making sure that money stays in place. So I don't see that to be a problem.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, my only problem with that is, is I've been asking for the last couple of years that we get that put back in place and, I mean, we're running into the eleventh hour now. We need them to take action as soon as possible, and if the Centre turns around in the next twelve months, which I don't think it would, that would be one of the greatest turnarounds in history. So –

Marilee Fowler: Exactly. And I think it is something that we need to keep in place and at the point that the Centre is operating in the black and doesn't need that additional resource, then we can obviously use it for other things. But we will get that legislation in place. And again, I feel very comfortable they will support that again this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we just wanted to make sure that you at least kind of gave a good explanation on how that money is spent here in the community because I don't think people realize the impact that those dollars have. Most of us don't see that extra percentage unless you stay in a hotel here, but the importance, the emphasis upon tourism on hotel stays and conventions is more than just a feel good thing, but it does provide true things in the community that we can see that add to the cultural and just the mix of the community.

Marilee Fowler: Everything that we do with that money, I think, comes back to benefit all of us as citizens. We all get to enjoy these things on a daily basis, but it's our visitors that help us pay for those things and yet it gives us reason to get those visitors to return time and time again as well, improve them, enhance them or add more. So it's a win-win every way you look at it.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, maybe I'm being a little bit more direct on it. Is it possible that the next time we could read in the minutes that a resolution has been put forward to the board that they will keep the two percent in place?

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Marilee Fowler: And our board meets on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, so I will make that an agenda item and we will get it to you as soon as they pass it.

President Abell: Thank you, we appreciate that. Anything else? Thank you, Ms. Fowler.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you.

President Abell: Okay, Judge Dietsch, it's your show. Are you awake? Oh, Drug & Alcohol, I'm sorry.

### ***DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE***

President Abell: I'm sorry, Drug and Alcohol, page 107. Would you give your name, please?

Deloris Koch: Deloris Koch, director of the DADS program.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, it doesn't appear as if there is any changes outside of the salary increases.

President Abell: It looks pretty flat.

Deloris Koch: That is the only change.

President Abell: That is the kind of budget we like to see. Any questions?

Deloris Koch: I would suggest, if you're looking for a place to cut, Treatment Costs could be cut by a thousand, two thousand. I don't anticipate that we would need that full amount for the next year. We're not presenting, we're not hiring anyone to do classes at that this point.

President Abell: Okay. Every dime helps. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Nothing other than that's an interesting cut as we listen to eighty-five percent of our Jail is housed with drug or alcohol related –

Deloris Koch: We aren't actually paying for treatment. Part of that money was set to pay instructors and materials when we have classes at our office, but we refer people out to other agencies and we haven't had classes in our office for some time, so we don't have to pay those treatment costs.

Councilmember Leader: Hi, would you say they go to Stepping Stone classes or the Mental Health Association?

Deloris Koch: There are several agencies in the area that we refer clients to for treatment services and for education services.

Councilmember Leader: Instead of holding them within your office. Do you think you can continue to expand that?

Deloris Koch: Well, that's our general way of operating. We did have a few underage classes that we did at our office. We've lost some instructors, other agencies have been able to pick that up and so we're not needing it as much as we did in the past.

Councilmember Leader: So how are those paid for then? Does the person pay for their own class?

Deloris Koch: The client pays for their services.

Councilmember Leader: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Sutton: And if they can't, they don't have the ability, they can't afford to pay for their services, what do they do?

Deloris Koch: Well, that's when we use agencies like the Stepping Stone where there's state funds that can help pay for services. Generally, it's a pay as you go. They have to pay a small percentage or small amount each week or every month otherwise we have to send them to the Stepping Stone or agencies that can get state funding to help,



Councilmember Sutton: How long is your lease on your –

Deloris Koch: How long is our lease? That's interesting. We have a new owner in our building and we are still operating on the old lease, he's never given us a new lease, to operate with. So we're still paying the same rent that we've paid for years and years and years. I anticipate that that will go up at some point. So far, his board has not – they, so far, have been satisfied with what we've paid under the old lease. So I don't know when that will change.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe I shouldn't have said anything but now they're seeing this on T.V., I guess we may be hearing from them.

Deloris Koch: I don't know.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Shetler: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Deloris Koch: A very rough estimate, I would say, possibly 2,000.

President Abell: Okay, thank you.

### ***SUPERIOR COURT***

President Abell: Well, there's a song that says we saved the best for last.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, can we take a five minute break first?

President Abell: I'm afraid the Judge might find us all in contempt.

Terry Dietsch: That would not be unseemly, Mr. Raben, for a person my age.

President Abell: Page 99, Superior Court.

Terry Dietsch: On two separate occasions this morning –

President Abell: Would you give your name for the record, please.

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, senior judge Vanderburgh Superior Court. On two separate occasions this morning I heard two people say if such and such action were to occur, the judges might be very unhappy. I'm going to assume, therefore, that that means, generally, we're a happy group. And it's my fond desire that after the budget hearings are completed, we're going to be extremely happy.

President Abell: We hope so, too.

Terry Dietsch: On our general line item budgets, from year to year, we generally stay just about the same. We've gone down in a couple accounts this year and we've gone up in a couple accounts, but to no great degree. The accounts that I would like to call to your attention, with the exception of one, primarily have to do with the juvenile division. Let's start out, I would like to call your attention to line item 4220 entitled Office Machines. Our initial request in that line item –

President Abell: That's on page 105, Councilmen, at the very bottom.

Terry Dietsch: – was for \$57,000. We would like to reduce that request to \$4,000.

President Abell: Four?

Terry Dietsch: And the reason for that is, we thought by virtue of some legislation, that we were going to have that additional expense. We're going to resolve that problem in another way.

President Abell: Would you explain to the other Councilmen? I know because I've talked to you, but –

Terry Dietsch: It had to do with digital fingerprinting. And initially we thought that we were going to have to undertake the expense for a separate unit for the court. However, after discussing this with the city police department, they are going to undertake that for us so we won't need those monies. Line item 3050, which is Patient/Inmate Care, Judge Niemeier has made a request this year that it be set in at one million dollars. Now, I informed you the last time I appeared before the Council that the Department of Corrections is going to undertake a lot of the expense that we normally incur. And that is true. However, the reason this amount is requested for 2009 is because the last quarter billing from the Department of Corrections for 2008 will not get to us until 2009. And those quarterly billings, and Mr. Fluty, I think probably can corroborate this, have been running between 350 to \$400,000 per quarter. So that's why we're going to need that amount. In line item 3722, which is Medical Expense and Drug Testing, and that's also a part of our juvenile division, ordinarily, it was not that high. It is that high this year because pursuant to the contract that the Council and the Commissioners entered into with YCC, certain medical expenses have to be paid. For whatever reason, those expenses for 2008 were put into our line item rather than some other line item, so that means, I suppose, that we're going to have to pay those out of this line item for 2009. We have no way of knowing what those medical expenses might be, but so far this year, if memory serves me correctly, they have been about \$7,000. So that's the reason for that line item.

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, is there a way to track that down to see where that may have been transferred from? Where that expense had been carried? What line item, what budget?

Terry Dietsch: The Council did it.

Councilmember Sutton: Out of what fund? I mean, I'm just trying to get a sense of –

President Abell: Do you want to address this?

Terry Dietsch: There was no fund. The contract entered into between the Council and the Commissioners and YCC, indicated in part that certain medical expenses incurred by the juveniles while they were there would be paid by the county. For some reason or other, the Council decided that those expenses should be included in our line item.

Councilmember Sutton: So that's part of Patient/Inmate Care, is what I'm assuming?

President Abell: Probably.

Councilmember Sutton: Under the Commissioners budget?

President Abell: I think we need to tell the Commissioners that they need to keep track of this and we need to be able to see the bills and know what we're paying.

Terry Dietsch: Well, I think more importantly than that, if you will read that contract, certain expenses have to be approved by the county, perhaps expenses above \$500. Who makes that decision? The contracting parties or the court? I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: Auditor Fluty, you were trying to –

President Abell: Yeah, Mr. Fluty can tell us.

Bill Fluty: I believe before it was paid out of Patient/Inmate Care. Now Patient/Inmate Care is inside of the juvenile budget, I believe?

Terry Dietsch: Yes.

Bill Fluty: Superior Court's budget and that's where those medical expenses – I think they took care of them this year but a couple of those needed to have a separate line item so they could be tracked, so now they're – you'll just have that new line item so they can track the medical expenses per the contract, I guess, is what we're saying.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, and before that, the Patient/Inmate Care line item was in the Commissioners budget, not the Court's budget.

Bill Fluty: Correct. I think a couple of years back a couple of the Commissioners felt that since they didn't know who was being sent, what juveniles and couldn't track them, and those bills came to the Commissioners, then were sent to juvenile to actually see if those, which kids were sent and verify the cost. So they changed that, how many years ago?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, regardless, it comes to our in basket and that's why we increased the amount in that. Now, that still leaves the problem, as far as I'm concerned, about who okays what medical expenses. Now if the County Council and the Commissioners determine they want the court to do that, I guess we can do that. We're certainly no better qualified than the Council or the Commissioners to make those decisions. But at any rate, that's another –

President Abell: Well, I think it's more of – I think rather than okaying the amount, it's just whether or not that person is someone who is over there. I think that's about all you can do.

Terry Dietsch: And whether it's a legitimate expense.

President Abell: Yeah, but other than what I don't think there's anything we can second guess about it anymore than you or anyone else could.

Terry Dietsch: So if it's your desire that it remain this way, that's fine. That's fine. Judge Niemeier sent a rather lengthy memorandum to the Councilmembers and he also submitted a rationale for certain accounts. I've touched on a couple. Item 3052 on the Youth Care operating cost, that's pursuant to the contract, and as you know, that increases each year, so that's the request for that. Line item 3932 CASA, the request for fiscal 2009 is \$111,602. Ms. Abell has a memorandum regarding that and I think if she shares that with the Council or perhaps you all got a copy of it. Then you can determine whether the request is appropriate as a result of that memorandum.

President Abell: Councilmembers, I called Judge Niemeier and asked him to explain the CASA. The expense on CASA, if you'll look at it, at 111,000 is a jump over last year of 96, but my big concern is that it started out at 39,000 and it's growing much greater than any of the other expenses would indicate. And I think we need to know exactly what's going on. So, I have not read the memorandum yet because it was laying on my desk when I got here, but I will read that. I also asked him for information regarding the incarceration, which is also covered in his memo. So once all of you have had an opportunity to digest it, if you want to send me an email or call me about it, we'll discuss this between now and our final meeting.

Terry Dietsch: And if I can be of any further help, I will.

President Abell: Thank you, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: Line item 3054 Home Detention. Judge Niemeier has requested an amount of \$50,000. It is my understanding that he will be able to use a global positioning system which the Sheriff is currently using. However, it will be more costly than the system that is currently in use. However, if, in fact, that would defray the cost of incarcerating juveniles in some of the non-Department of Correction institutions that we (inaudible) normally sends them to, then this might turn out to be cost effective.

President Abell: How come the Sheriff isn't doing this?

Terry Dietsch: Pardon?

President Abell: Why isn't the Sheriff doing this?

Terry Dietsch: Sheriff, would you –

President Abell: If he's doing it cheaper with other people, I don't know why we don't utilize him for this.

Terry Dietsch: Sheriff, do you want to give an assist on this?

President Abell: I notice he's not running up here to answer that question.

Eric Williams: Sheriff Williams. I apologize, I didn't hear what you were even talking about.

President Abell: They were talking about using the global positioning system for tracking –

Eric Williams: Our GPS ankle bracelets?

President Abell: And you use that?

Eric Williams: Correct.

President Abell: Judge Niemeier has asked for \$50,000 to do it with the juveniles and I apologize because I haven't actually read his entire memo, so I don't know exactly how many people, but it looks like it says it's an average of 23 kids on house arrest would cost \$49,950. And I understand you can do it cheaper than that.

Eric Williams: In Community Corrections we use a company, B.I. for our electronic home detention. Currently, we don't use GPS positioning, but that's a project we're working on to replace our current system with all active GPS bracelets. The technology has improved substantially. We're pretty comfortable with that now. The costs have come down, so we think we're going to be able to do it in-house for our electronic home detention people at about the same cost as we're doing it today. We're estimating that that's going to be about \$8 a person. I've talked to Judge Niemeier and said that I'd be more than happy to include them in our system. It makes us no difference. In fact, there may be some cost advantages to boosting those numbers when we finally get done with the project. If we can prove that this works well, that we would be able to offer it to the courts as a – for lack of a better word, a bond alternative, also, to help free up some space in the jail for some of those people that are really not flight risks substantially or not there for very significant crimes, but have a bond that they're not capable of making.

President Abell: What was Judge Niemeier's response when you asked him? And you told him that you would be happy to take on his –

Eric Williams: He's the one that inquired with me. I told him, I said, we don't have it negotiated out yet. And from time to time, Judge Niemeier has placed juveniles on our system. Like I said, I can't speak for him but the offer is there, it's offered to any of the courts or anybody. I'd just as soon, I mean, personally, I think it makes more sense for one place to do it, that if everybody is going to use that kind of service in the county, use the same service. But, you know, I can't speak for everybody else, but I'm more than happy to help.

President Abell: Okay, we appreciate that. I happen to agree with that.

Eric Williams: I have to apologize, I threw my back out yesterday.

President Abell: I noticed you weren't moving very quickly.

Eric Williams: I'm struggling, I'm trying not to cry. But that is what we estimate the cost is going to be based on all the information that we've gotten from the various vendors out there. We felt that was a fairly safe budgetary number, while that's not locked in stone yet until we get a contract in place with the vendor. But we're pretty comfortable it's going to fall right in that range, which is, to answer your question,

\$8 a day per inmate. That doesn't include monitoring fees, but it's our intent to monitor them in-house anyway.

Terry Dietsch: (Inaudible – comments not made at the microphone)

President Abell: As opposed to 50 – well, 50 – yeah, 3,000 times twenty-three –

Eric Williams: It's also important to note that that's going to be the – that will be the cost that we pay. Now, each person and every entity that uses it may have a different structure. That's just what it's going to cost me. But within my operation, the people that are on that are required to pay that fee themselves. So it doesn't really cost us anything, it's part of the fee to be on the program. And we'll adjust our fees accordingly based on how those numbers come out. Now, juvenile court may have a different situation where they can't ask them to pay those fees. I don't know, but for inside my operation, that fee is borne by the actual people on the system.

President Abell: I think it's something we need to work on. Did you have a question, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I just, in your estimate, Sheriff, would this 595 figure that Judge Niemeier gave us, that doesn't count the tracking, it's just for the mechanism, or...

Eric Williams: Well, there's several different models out there. Some of them have the ability to have an outside agency monitor them and send up some alerts and send you information. We're currently monitoring our own anyway and we want to transition over. We think there's a lot of value in us monitoring it so we can make some discretionary decisions based on violations, because it is just a tool, it's not black and white, you know, every time it beeps at you doesn't mean somebody is going to have to go to jail and we need to dispatch cars. And if we can keep our people in that loop, it makes us much more efficient in responding to them and getting information back to the case manager, whatever. So if juvenile court were to come on board with us and they added a few of these, twenty of them, monitoring those from our side of it wouldn't be that big of an addition to what we're already doing. But that's a decision they would have to make.

President Abell: Any other questions? Okay, thank you, Sheriff. Okay, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: I think those are the items I wanted to call to your attention. If you have any questions on any other items, I'd be happy to answer them if I can.

President Abell: Anyone have any other questions? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't know if it's a question or not, Judge, but, I guess, the point, it does seem, and I like the idea of having it on a monitoring system of some sort and be able to cut our cost down of people, and I also like the juveniles to have a chance and not have to be incarcerated if it's possible, but it seems like both areas are going up and I'd like to, I guess, be able to see a little bit of a savings that could be had if we do go with the GPS, that I would see a like kind savings over in the other.

Terry Dietsch: Well, that type of savings, Mr. Shetler, becomes a bit of philosophy. Like I say, assuming that the GPS tracking system would diminish the number of youngsters that had to be in a facility. It might prove to be cost effective. We won't know, of course, until we have a track record on it. That's the best I can do for you.

President Abell: Any other questions of the judge?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask, are there some areas, we had a couple others that have come up that mentioned there were some areas where they felt like they can make some adjustments and cuts in their budgets or any areas in yours that you can see where there's some adjustments that can be made?

Terry Dietsch: For additional cuts?

Councilmember Sutton: Right, in your, you've got several lines so I don't know where you'd want to...

Terry Dietsch: We've made some cuts in some and your president is our liaison, and each year she comes over and we go over the budget together.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just working off what I see here. So I don't know if there's been some cuts or adjustments made that maybe weren't discussed here. I'm just working off what we have.

Terry Dietsch: Well, I'll look again. I don't envision any additional cuts.

President Abell: There were some things they wanted that didn't make it to this table, if that helps you any.

Councilmember Sutton: So it was larger than what I see here?

President Abell: More than what you see here. It didn't make it to this table. They got hacked out in the meeting that we had.

Terry Dietsch: We mutually decided it was not appropriate.

Councilmember Raben: Just a few questions on some of the salary lines, Judge. Some of these may be related to step increases, longevity.

Terry Dietsch: We have eleven.

Councilmember Raben: Eleven of them that are all step increase related?

President Abell: Uh huh, yeah, I marked them, too. I saw some –

Councilmember Raben: And then last, if you want to just discuss the Court Reporter.

Terry Dietsch: It was my understanding that the Council was not going to allow any personnel.

President Abell: That's one of those things we had already talked about.

Terry Dietsch: Do we need an additional Court Reporter? Yes, we do.

President Abell: Any other questions? Comments? Judge, thanks for staying as long as you did. We appreciate it.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you. Oh, and who knows, a great pumpkin might actually appear this year.

President Abell: Well, don't count on that. The wicked witch of the west might, too. That is more likely to happen. We are all to be back here tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Anything anyone wants to say before we leave? I'll see all of you in the morning at 9:00 a.m. We are recessed.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:20 a.m.)



**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 12, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: We would like to re-adjourn, reconvene, we would like to adjourn, actually. I said it correctly the first time. We would like to reconvene the budget hearing for the 2009 budgets. Could we have roll call, please?

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Ahlers, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Abell: This is our second day of the budget hearings. Yesterday went pretty well. I'm hoping that today goes equally as well, for all of you department heads out there. Before we get started, I just want to note one thing, a little note of pleasure, is the United States is leading in gold, not gold medals, but in medals at the Olympics. (Applause.) Good for our country. The first person on our agenda is Weights and Measures.

***WEIGHTS AND MEASURES***

President Abell: Good morning.

Loretta Townsend: Good morning. Loretta Townsend, Weights and Measures.

President Abell: Page 84, Councilmen. Does anyone have any questions? For the viewing audience, we've actually already gone over your budget through the joint budget hearings, but does anyone have any additional questions?

Councilmember Raben: No. I have a comment.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: This is a budget that outside of fuel, which they have no control over, is pretty much constant.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, I told Lloyd what our plan was, and we really haven't gotten an answer from him.

Councilmember Raben: But, it's pretty much constant with last year. I would just say good job. They bear a lot of the elements all year long, checking gas pumps and what have you. You do a great job. Thank you.

Loretta Townsend: Well, thank you. Well, we actually, if there's anything that has gone up, it has been the salary. When you talk about fuel, like I said at the joint hearing, what we did, what I did in that category, I tried to cut back on certain line items to put it into the line item for the fuel. So, I mean, that's what we tried to do, rather than ask for any additional. I don't like coming up here asking for additional. I like to live with what we get. Sometimes it's impossible. I do know that you're going to have to cut somewhere. Like I told you before, this is not our first rodeo in this, and there are certain things, like in printing, that we have not used a lot out of this year, because it isn't time yet. We have to purchase our 2009 stickers, maybe, perhaps, some more books, different inspection books, but, you know, things like that, just because it shows a balance in it doesn't necessarily mean that that is the correct balance, because there's always things floating out there like a check does, you know. So, if you would, and I'm asking again, ask us where we can cut the best. If anywhere, and I don't even know about this, but without looking down here, I would say, possibly Postage, because I tell you what I'll do, if you're going to cut Postage, between now and the end of the year, we're going to buy every stamp we can get our hands on and make them last through next year.

President Abell: I'm surprised you don't use a weighted postage meter.

Loretta Townsend: We tried that for awhile, but we're a lot better off (Inaudible).

President Abell: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: We used to send them over there, and they would end up, they would come back to us because they missed the stamps, they would, the things wouldn't be sealed, I mean, it was a free for all, and we said, crap, we've got something to mail, there's a box on the corner, you know, (Inaudible). We stick our own stamps, and we also have a lot of those forty-one, what is it, forever stamps? That ought to last us for awhile.

President Abell: Probably longer than I'll be around.

Loretta Townsend: We didn't have that much money.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions for....Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Loretta Townsend: What we have, we switched them around. Or, the Computer Services switched them for us. That sort of reflects part of the Internet and that type of thing. I think the fact, that was a small thing to me, but—

Councilmember Goebel: It is a small, it's gone from 800 to 1,000.

Loretta Townsend: That's the reason.

Councilmember Goebel: Just curious.

Loretta Townsend: That's the reason, they've got our Internet service over into that. We've got like three things going, we've got communications going out of that, telephone out of that, and I really don't know what they're doing with the thing. I mean, you know, as long as it covers both of them, I think at one time they told us over in the Auditor's office, Teri said that we could take it out of this one, or take it out of that one, whichever one's running the lowest, and then we'll switch over to the other one to take it from to keep it going. So, we make some long distance phone calls, but they're usually like to Indy, and, well, different distributors or (Inaudible) people or something. Our long distance phone bill sometimes is like two dollars and something. Sometimes there's nothing on it.

President Abell: Thank you. Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: The Deputy Inspectors, are they in specific geographic areas, or certain disciplines?

Loretta Townsend: No. No, they all do the same thing. I mean, we don't, is that what you're talking about, Tom?

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I'm asking if they do the same things, or if they work in different geographic areas? Let me, for example, does number one go to the north side, number two goes to the west side, etcetera? Or, do they have like, one guy's in gasoline pumps, another guy's in the meat scales, or whatever?

Loretta Townsend: Oh, no. No, because like if we go out and check gas pumps, we may be there, all of us, myself included. I don't sit in there, I go with them. I mean, I'm included as an Inspector. Like I got a phone call not too long ago from another county way up north, and they're pretty much in the same population range as what we are, and what they wanted to know was how we did ours, and what the salaries were, they were in the same thing, they were doing their budgets, and, of course, I mean, you know, it's common knowledge, I just went ahead and told her what we had over here putting in for. And, I asked her, I said, well, where's your, I'm not going to call it their female inspector, and I said, where's she at? I've talked to her, you know, because I've known her for a long time. He said, well, she's in a meeting. You mean, she's not out working? No. I said, well, what does she do in there all the time? He said, well, she's the Director, she directs, I guess, you know. I mean, so, but we can't afford that, and I wouldn't do it anyway. I don't like being in there. But, what we do, it depends on what we are doing. Sometimes it takes every one of us, and it's not like, okay, I've got two of them right now out at the airport doing gas pumps out at the airport, not the trucks, they're already done, but Hertz and Avis and all those have gas pumps out there. I've got two of them out there, I made him come with me, and I'm going to make one of them come with me next time that I have to come in here to see how, what we have to do to get the money. You know, they don't know, but, no, I don't divide them out into districts, because we may be somewhere else this afternoon where it will take three, if possible, that's why we got three vehicles, because we do separate. It just depends on what we do. I can't have, like the Health Department or the Prosecutor, they only do this and that and that, they've got to all do it all. Wherever we might send them.

Councilmember Shetler: Maybe you could just kind of run through the different things that your department's actually responsible for. You know, other than the fuel, that we realize.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, not too long ago I made a copy and sent to each one of you. I'm pretty sure you all got it, that showed, and it was about this thick.

Councilmember Leader: Mrs. Townsend, I think though for the general public to have a little understanding what Weights and Measures does would be a really good idea. You're kind of a quiet bunch of soldiers out there.

Loretta Townsend: We don't need to be out hollering. Except to certain people. Truthfully, in my opinion, I think the public knows better what we do than some of you all do. I really do. They pretty well know what we do. We do gas pumps, we do fuel from the time it's down at Transmontaigne or the Marathon docks down there coming in on the barges, we measure that fuel, we go from there to the delivery trucks that picks it up and takes it to the stations, we check those meters on those, including the airport out here, because they will not let them fuel planes up unless we've checked those things very closely. We have to do a two time check on those. From the trucks it goes into the gas pumps. So, we've got that fuel measurement from the time it comes down the river until you drive off from the station. We do grocery stores, all kinds of scales from the little narcotic scales, pharmacy scales, right on up to 120,000 pound scales like at the Fligeltaub, the landfill, Mulzer, all of those. We do all the hardware, propane, oxygen, freight scales, including the Post Office, God, I don't know, everything, delis, barbecue joints, carry out places, produce scales, which helps, because they do bring some of those to us and we don't have to flush them out of the hills, you know. You're asking me categories and I can't even remember all of them. Then we have to do taxi cabs at least twice a year. What else have we got? Timing devices, which includes your public laundromats, your car washes. I'm trying to think. Other wholesale meters, like that's at trucking, Ryder rental. I can't think of all of them, but you all have a list, because it was including the locations and, you know, that's what was sent to you. Now, what you did with it, I don't know. Like I said, I think the general public knows better what we do than you all do.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, the purpose really was like Donna had mentioned, is to let the public know, since it's being televised and kind of inform people what Weights and Measures, because sometimes we do overlook the value of your office, and just wanted to point that out to the public what does go on there.

Loretta Townsend: Well, we're a small office, in size, I mean, as far as our wants and our, just like that deal of bringing up our rent last time. I sort of bickered a little bit about it, but facts are facts. What we pay for rent over there includes utilities, plus, I think if you look down the budget some of these others that are outside of this building pay more for clean up services than what we pay for everything. Of course, a broom doesn't bother us. I mean, you know, it fits our hand like everybody else's. So, we do our own clean up. We don't ask for furniture. We know where the furniture is at if we want it. We've gotten that before. So, and I can't help but say, and like I told Jim before this started, let me up there one time with their budgets.

President Abell: Believe me, it looks a lot easier than it is.

Loretta Townsend: Oh, I know. I know how to say no is, too, Marsha, like you do. Some of the requests are absolutely ridiculous. They don't even stop and think any other direction. Just go and see if I can get it, you know.

President Abell: Okay, any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I think you skipped over the school scales–

Loretta Townsend: Oh, yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm just kidding. You don't have to talk about it. I just wanted to know, Loretta, do you ever speak your mind?

Loretta Townsend: Rarely.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question, though.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, Loretta, on your line item 1750, you're requesting \$4,000 for the Clothing Allowance, can you speak to that? That's a new line item there for you.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, I'm going to try.

Councilmember Sutton: I know it's part of what you guys do, you guys get pretty dirty, but you guys hadn't requested that–

Loretta Townsend: Okay, I'm going to try, and I'm probably going to have to have some help. Sandie, I think, knows this, because I don't quite understand it myself. You know, my guys request it, and I request it. I'm not going to back out of it, they wanted to join the union, for a couple of reasons. Nothing to do with what goes on in our department, because we're, if there ever was a family deal, that's what we are. If something is wrong with one of them, we circle the wagon and surround them, and we take care of each other like you would your brothers and sisters. So, it wasn't nothing like that. Now, part of the contract included, what was it, Sandie? Clothing allowance or something, which, but also we still have to, what, furnish their clothing or something, isn't it, their uniforms?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Loretta Townsend: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Has that been signed? Has that contract been signed?

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: When was that?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilmember Sutton: Are there any other union contract related items in here? I'm kind of looking through–

Loretta Townsend: I don't think so. You know, I think that's the only thing that there is. I mean, and you want to know something, okay, here we go again, I'm going to speak my mind, my guys don't make enough money as it is, and I know you're not going to up the salary much, but compared to what everybody else does, these guys

do not make enough money. Now, if they could pocket that \$1,000 then that will help it come closer, closer to what actually they should be making. Now, I don't know if you're going to like that or not, but that's the way I feel about it. My guys, you compare their salaries to what they have to do, and they do it all the time, you've got three people plus myself taking care of the whole freaking county and everything, and this does not just include taking a pad out there and a pen and doing your job. This includes hauling waste, gas cans, fuel, climbing on top of stuff. So, if that other thousand dollars is going to get them up closer to what they're worth, hey, I'm all for it.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Thank you. Page 79, County Commissioners.

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Jeff Korb: Good morning, Jeff Korb, County Commissioner President. I'm going to go through a list of line items, and then if you all have questions, and I'm sure you will, we can come back to those. The first line item is 1300-3021, it's the Hillcrest Home. In having lunch with some of the administrators there, they have indicated to me that potentially they could live at their 2008 levels. They're going to their board of directors tonight to discuss that. I don't want to take their money away from them. I personally was surprised when they made that indication to me, and they made that offer. That was not something that I had requested. So, I'm not going to ask you to strike that in your budget at this point, I'm letting you know that they have indicated that they are willing to go to their board and to ask if it's okay if they stay at the 2008 levels. However, let's just wait until we hear back from them, if that's at all possible. The next line item is 1300-3140, on your list, and that is with our telephone system. As we have that listed it is at \$230,000 for the request, I'm very comfortable with repealing that back to the \$200,000 level of 2008. Really, what we're looking at there is we're in the process of having on-going conversation with AT&T. We've not been given any hard numbers from them. Though while we are saving money on the new telephones that we've purchased in terms of hardware cost, there have been some increases in the rates. So, we are in the process of coming up with that, if, I guess, my thought, since this is my first time to do this, I would just simply say if we have to come back for more money, we have to come back for more money, to appropriate that for the telephone systems.

President Abell: So, you—

Jeff Korb: I did have a meeting with Marissa Nichoalds earlier this year, there was confusion about the bill and how that was being charged to each department, and we feel like we've gotten a much better handle on that, with the help of Matt Arvay. So, we feel good about that. So, anyway, from an offering, I think we can live at the 2008 level. We can try that, just know that if we go over that budget we'll be able to back those numbers up later on in 2009. The next item on your line item is 2031-3996. This is something that you would like to hide. I would like to hide, but it's the 600 pound gorilla. That is a \$600,000 payment that we had for the voting machines in Vanderburgh County. Obviously, my understanding, and I think I'm correct on that—

President Abell: Wait a minute, what page are we on? Did you jump to CCD? 135.

Jeff Korb: Oh, they didn't tell me I couldn't jump around. I'm sorry.

President Abell: Well, you can jump around, but you've got to do it slower.

Jeff Korb: Okay, I will.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you, before you jump to that other page, let's go back--

Jeff Korb: Sure, we can ask questions as we go. That's great. Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: Let's go back, Commissioner, let's see on Telephone, you said you're gonna try to, I'm looking at your run rate on that--

Jeff Korb: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: --not sure how you guys pay that out. Is it billed quarterly, you know, two times a year? Looking at where you are right now, you're going to be way above what you did this year.

Jeff Korb: Well, I mean, and that's kind of where we are with this. I'm happy to play the shell game, and say, well, let's just keep it at \$200,000, and we're going to have to come back. What that entails, Councilman, is we have been given a lot of credit throughout the years, and my understanding is we've exhausted most of those credits with AT&T. That's why, at this point, I know this sounds odd, but it's still a real moving target with them. So, we are still in discussions with them, where we are in terms of what our annual costs are actually going to be on that. So, are we going to go over the \$200,000 this year, potentially, yes. Which means we'll definitely, probably be going over that in 2009 as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's what I'm trying to get an idea of. Where I'm seeing you now, how much more are we expecting to go over? Then, I guess, if we're just going to plug in an arbitrary figure, I mean, that's not quite the way we do it here, but, just trying to get an idea on what your billing cycle is.

Jeff Korb: We are billed on a monthly basis, and to be quite honest with you, we were in a position earlier this year where the phones were almost cut off in the Civic Center because the bills had not been paid. Marissa, if you would like to come up and help address that, that would be great. Say your name.

Marissa Nichoalds: Marissa Nichoalds.

Jeff Korb: What you do. Councilman, would you repeat the question again, please?

Councilmember Sutton: Right now with what we have, this is through June 1<sup>st</sup>, you guys have already spent \$169,000 of the \$200,000 budget. How, on your billing cycle, are you paying monthly, quarterly? Because at the rate that you're going, you're going to blow through the budget that you've got.

Marissa Nichoalds: Right. We pay AT&T monthly, and then we have certain departments that have a telephone line item that we also bill monthly, and we get reimbursed for that.

Councilmember Sutton: So, at the rate that we're going, we're talking about 300, you're going to be \$140,000 over your, what you're budgeted?

Marissa Nichoalds: It's quite possible. I would have to look at those numbers again. I could provide something to you.

Councilmember Sutton: Something's not right with that.

Jeff Korb: Really, Councilman, I don't think we're going to be looking at those kinds of numbers, and, again, that's why we're, because we had some front end charges coming up that we had to pay back bills for. Which is what we incurred earlier in the year. So, we've been playing catch up. I think that if you look at where we are at this point, what we've spent so far this year, that is not going to be an accurate descriptor of where we are for the rest of the year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, will you get back with us—

Jeff Korb: Absolutely. Would be happy to.

Councilmember Sutton: —on a figure.

Jeff Korb: Again, those numbers are not coming from us, those numbers are coming from AT&T. So, once we get those hard numbers, I would be happy to share those with you. I really think that because Marissa and I have had this conversation in the office before, with the people from AT&T, and also with Matt, because of the back bills that we had to pay, that is what has brought us up so quickly over our budget at this point, but we don't see ourselves smashing through the \$200,000 this year. I'm not going to say that that's not going to happen, because anything can happen. I'm just saying that as we have been having our discussions with AT&T, we're fairly comfortable that we're going to be within that \$200,000 limit.

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Korb, could you ask Marissa to please separate those back bills out, show those as a separate item, so we can understand?

Jeff Korb: Sure. Marissa, did you hear that? Okay, great. That is not a problem for us. We're happy to do that. Yeah, no problem. Any other questions? No. The next item then is the one, did you find it, 2031-3996?

President Abell: Are you talking about the ES&S election equipment?

Jeff Korb: Yes, Ma'am.

President Abell: Well, it's on page 135. What about it? You've got it zero.

Jeff Korb: Yeah, because we don't have that expense anymore this year.

President Abell: Oh, okay.

Jeff Korb: That has been, apparently, all paid off, and so we no longer have that obligation.

President Abell: But, you don't get that money to spend somewhere else.

Jeff Korb: Dang it! Okay, that's my—

President Abell: If that's where you were leading, I'll just stop you and we'll go on.



Jeff Korb: That's exactly where I was leading, and I want to share with you those line item numbers so we don't have to sit there and mess with them.

President Abell: No.

Jeff Korb: The first line item is 2031-3538, and we had appropriated an additional \$50,000 for the Old Courthouse. Again, I'm just being honest with you, if you all cut that, I totally understand that, and I'm confident you will. The next item is 2031-4122 for Buildings and Equipment. We had appropriated \$300,000 for that. The next item is 2031-4130, Park and Playground, and we had a portion, \$200,000 out of that.

President Abell: Could you slow down a little bit?

Jeff Korb: Absolutely.

President Abell: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: He's in the CCD budget now.

Councilmember Sutton: We're trying to catch up.

President Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President?

President Abell: Yes, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Good morning, Jeff.

Jeff Korb: Good morning.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you, just briefly, it would probably help us if you would explain kind of the rationale behind the increase in each of those three line items that you just chatted about.

Jeff Korb: Sure. With the Old Courthouse contract, we are looking at just any kind of improvements that we can make within the courthouse facility. We are in the process of applying for a grant, a major grant for that facility through the state government, which is kind of exciting actually. It's tied in with all of the improvements that we've already made. The next item was the \$300,000 for Buildings and Equipment, we had discussed with Mike Duckworth, the Superintendent of the Garage, that potentially putting in a three bay facility to maintain our own vehicles. To be honest with you, that is not something that we need at this point in time. So, in further discussions with Mike, he says, hey, that's something that we don't need, so we'll just take that out of the budget. So, that's \$300,000 there.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, that, so that can be a zero?

Jeff Korb: Yes, it can be.

Councilmember Winnecke: Buildings and Equipment in the CCD budget.

Jeff Korb: Which is where we were, if I remember correctly, this past year, is that correct?

President Abell: Page 135, about half way down.

Councilmember Winnecke: Correct.

Jeff Korb: And the final item is Parks and Playgrounds. That's just something that is an on-going expense for us. What I would like to call a loss leader in our community. In talking with Steve Craig that there are some improvements that can be made for that. Last year we had budgeted \$100,000 for that, if we could stay at that \$100,000 level, we would be very grateful for that opportunity.

President Abell: This is at Burdette?

Jeff Korb: Well, this is just, yeah, yes, primarily at Burdette. He wasn't asking for that entire amount of money for that, of course, but that's where we just threw that in there.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could Mr. Craig address some of the proposed improvements that he would like to spend this \$300,000 on?

Jeff Korb: Well, again, in all fairness to Steve, he is not wanting the entire \$300,000 to do that.

Councilmember Winnecke: I understood that. But, some of it, how much of it is earmarked for Burdette?

Jeff Korb: Steve?

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park. If you want I'll run over it real quick and tell you what all of them included. It kind of looks like with the money and that, we're only going to be able to do what's really necessary, but some of them are necessary. The one, the renovation of the main office building, it was built in '73, 1973, and the exterior T111 plywood on it is showing decay and bad wear. The exposed timbers are starting to check.

Councilmember Winnecke: How much would that be, Steve?

Steve Craig: \$108,000. I've asked for an engineering study to detail the layout and the infrastructure for utilities, roads, detention, lakes and drainage on the new 30 acres that we have. We can't really do anything with that until we have an infrastructure plan in place, so that we would know where everything is going to go. I was wanting an engineering firm to come in and lay the 30 acres out, so that we know how to set it up for the future, where the roads go, where the utilities are.

Councilmember Winnecke: How much would that be?

Steve Craig: I have \$50,000 in for that. I had put in to install new sidewalks and curbing and drains from the front of the park to the main office complex. The old sidewalk is deteriorated and uneven and the drainage has been draining into the lake. I think it's a hazard that people have to walk the way they do, and I'm wanting to replace that sidewalk, from all the way from the front of the park to the main office. According to the ten year master plan, they told us to replace all of the signs in the

park, we have 40 years of different types of signs. They told us that we should put signs in there that look like park signs instead of signs that we made.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, excuse me. What was the break out of the expense on the sidewalks and the drainage and the signs?

Steve Craig: \$68,000 for the sidewalks, the curbing and all the drainage to the lake.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, and the signage?

Steve Craig: Signs was \$54,000 for signs for the entire park.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Steve Craig: And that would be to make all the signs look like one type of sign, instead of 40 years of different signs. The last one was \$20,000 for a new vehicle. I would rather have an RTV or a hybrid. The prerequisite of the vehicle is over 30 miles per gallon, preferably 50. That's where the \$300,000 came out, whatever we can afford in our budget.

Councilmember Goebel: Pardon me?

Councilmember Winnecke: Twenty.

Councilmember Goebel: Twenty.

Steve Craig: I think that's about what we paid for our RTV's, they were these utility vehicles that get 50 miles to a gallon of gas, they have a little dump truck, a little grader blade on it, and we use them every day. It saves us a ton on fuel. I'm looking more at than buying a pickup.

Councilmember Sutton: So, that, was there any other items?

Steve Craig: No.

Councilmember Sutton: So, that total comes up to \$300,000.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, are we, is this in the Commissioners budget because they want to take it out of CCD, as opposed to the Burdette operating? It's (Inaudible) General Fund. It's CCD. Not for you, but, Mr. Fluty, considering that the county pays taxes for the parks county-wide and we don't get any of that money, is there any particular reason that we don't get any of that money? Or do we get some of that money?

Bill Fluty: For the parks?

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Bill Fluty: No.

President Abell: But it's taxed county-wide, right?

Bill Fluty: That's for the city.

President Abell: I know, but the city is taxing the county and they're keeping all the money? Is that correct?

Bill Fluty: That's correct. But, then again, there are other rates, similar to the jail rate, that goes all the way across county lines. Even if you live in the county or the city, you're benefitting from the city parks, but the park rate, that money, that particular tax rate goes to the city.

President Abell: I guess, my issue is that we don't keep the city (Inaudible) parks--

Bill Fluty: No.

President Abell: --but, they get to benefit from that, we should get some of that money.

Steve Craig: I agree with you.

President Abell: Thank you. Obviously, it didn't help any. Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, on the signage situation, do we have people getting lost because things are not marked correctly? If they are, isn't that good for seeing the entire park?

Steve Craig: You are correct. We do have people that get lost everyday. This weekend we had people lost all over the park. But, it was, one of the things, what we have taken out of our CCD money, is we did a ten year master plan several years ago, and most of the improvements and suggestions in the ten year master plan I try to take out of CCD instead of out of the General Fund. That was one of the things that they emphasized that our park had 40 years of different types of signs from routed signs on treated lumber to painted signs, and we used some of the money in the CCD account last year to put the new sign on the corner of Broadway and Red Bank. I don't know if you've seen it, but it's a beautiful sign. We've gotten a lot of comments on it. We're just in the process of trying to, you know, bring them all up to date, I guess, you know, 2008, you know, what standards are for parks. There is a standard for parks, how the signs are supposed to look, and we do not have some of them, such as when it gets to hiking trails and handicap accessible and that, they do need to be up to code. But, like I said, I try and do that out of CCD, instead of out of the General Fund.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I don't know if this is going to be for Marissa, it really has to do with the Old Courthouse. Two questions: one, do we have any vacancy over there for office space?

Marissa Nichoalds: Yes, we do have some vacancies over there.

Councilmember Shetler: The other thing is, how much does it rent for per square foot?

Marissa Nichoalds: It varies. Sometimes on the basement floor, it's a little bit lower than it is on say the first floor where rooms have been remodeled. But it's generally in the five to ten dollar per square foot range.

Jeff Korb: To caveat that, Councilman, is the fact that the Foundation is in the process of selecting a realtor to begin marketing those spaces that are still available. Also, David Rector, the Building Commissioner, David is looking at the parking situation. We have asked for an overview, a survey, a study that was done about adding additional parking around the Old Courthouse without degrading the facility. He will be in the process of making that presentation to the board, simply because we feel like to help lease some of those spaces we have to improve the parking that is closer to the building, proximity to the building.

Councilmember Shetler: So, from the basement, those would be the lower price, like around five dollars.

Jeff Korb: Right, right.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Ms. Leader was asking if it would be possible to get a list of tenants, and maybe even some type of a percentage of what the vacancy versus occupancy level is.

Marissa Nichoalds: I've actually got a spreadsheet that shows by floor what rooms are available, their square foot, and who's leasing it. So, I'll get that to you.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

Jeff Korb: We're operating with about a 55 to 60 percent vacancy rate there. We felt like the main reason why we were having that was there was no promotion of the facility, which is why my recommendation was let's just deal with a realtor. The Foundation's concern was do we have to pay fees. I just smiled and said, yeah, you do, after the space is rented, but in the process we've got revenue coming in. I mean, if we can get that facility to just be a break even facility for us, I would be thrilled, and also get it to be occupied. The spaces that we're going to be leasing, will just be on an "as is" basis. However, they will have specific criteria that they will have to meet to coincide with the Historical Preservation Society's request and mandates.

Councilmember Leader: I would just comment regarding the parking, being a person interested in the history of our city, I would be very cautious about invading that property just to create a parking place. I know people in Evansville are not used to walking a block to work, but there are places to park, and if we need to arrange some situation with a nearby lot, and give people a discount, or whatever that is to walk a block or two, I certainly don't see anything wrong with that. I'm very concerned about invading that space, just to park. That's a very short term solution to something that has such historic value to our community.

Jeff Korb: Sure, and in my conversation with David Rector, that's exactly what we had talked about. The two thoughts were, the first part of the survey that's come back is that the wall is not being moved, we're just going to better utilize the space around the courthouse building and add 50 spaces.

Councilmember Leader: I understand that. But, part of the Old Courthouse, is the green space around it.

Jeff Korb: No, and I respect that.

Councilmember Leader: That's where I'm coming from.

Jeff Korb: None of that would be, with the initial plan that David has come back to would be moved. So, everything, the green space, as you see it, would be as it is. Again, I've not seen the study yet. David is getting with me on that later next week. So, we'll take a look at it. I appreciate and respect what you're saying.

Councilmember Shetler: I think, because I've spoken with them about this in the past, I think there's some ideas that instead of parallel parking around there, do some more diagonal parking.

Jeff Korb: Correct. Yep.

Councilmember Shetler: And, that is, I mean, he did a real good job in front of this building of grabbing a lot more spaces. So, that's what I think his intent is, is not to disrupt all the aesthetics of the way it is today, but to replace what we have in getting those spaces.

Jeff Korb: And that was the mandate that I also gave the committee, the Foundation is, I mean, I respect what you're saying with regard to not degrading the space, I've just said, I've challenged them, you all (Inaudible) better job of taking care of that space, because a lot of times in July and August it doesn't look that attractive. You've got tall grass, then the grass is cut and it looks like a field that's been mowed with hay. So, I mean, there's kind of a six of one, half a dozen of the other thing going on here. So, they're in the process of rectifying that as well. So, I appreciate what you're saying. Any other questions? Okay.

President Abell: Continue.

Jeff Korb: Moving on, line item 3290-3893, the Reverse 911 for \$100,000. Again, I apologize, I'm not looking off of what you all are looking off of.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, can you hold on one second while we find that?

President Abell: We have to find it.

Jeff Korb: That's great.

President Abell: Is there not a green, well—

Jeff Korb: There is a green one here, but I wouldn't even know where to begin to look for all these things.

President Abell: Where are we going?

Councilmember Sutton: Where are we?

Councilmember Winnecke: 184, page 184 is where he went, Emergency 911.

President Abell: Well, he's moving.

Jeff Korb: Next time I'll ask Marissa to give me rhyme and reason as to where these things are, because I'm just going off of the sheet that she gave to me. I apologize for that.

President Abell: You're going down and talking about 911?

Jeff Korb: Yes, Ma'am.

President Abell: Okay. It's on page 184. Okay.

Jeff Korb: Last year you all gave us \$100,000 for that, and I don't know where we are in spending that this year, but in asking how much, yes, we've spent zero. In asking around, what is this for and how are we utilizing this money? We're not able to get a correct response. I know that Commissioner Tornatta sits on that board. Troy, would you like to come up and address that? My thought is, that if we don't know what is going on with this, there's no reason for us to continue to fund it, is my thought.

President Abell: The Central Dispatch?

Jeff Korb: No, no, no, Reverse 911. The one thing I would like to find out, and we've asked Central Dispatch to look into for us is, can we use a reverse 911 type of system in the event that we have a tornado that's coming? Just hit the button—

President Abell: Right.

Jeff Korb: —and all that kicks out to the community. That might be a way for us to utilize those funds. But, I would like to ask Commissioner Tornatta to come up, and since he's on the 911 board, to go ahead and just share with us what he knows about this. Troy?

Troy Tornatta: Troy Tornatta, County Commissioner. Marsha and I serve on the Central Dispatch, and, at this time, I think we're kind of in a hold pattern on what to do with those funds if, at one time it was thought that the county was going to run with that, and with our board, we decided that we wanted more players in that, there's EVSC, there's the city, there's other organizations that we would like to utilize via the utility or whatnot. So, hospitals want to be involved with it, and those people should have some type of buy in. Obviously, we all know that it is not the initial cost that is the kicker, it's the on-going costs we're going to have. What I would recommend is, with the \$100,000 that we have in place, if it's already there, I would say keep it there, I don't know if we'll need an additional appropriation, and that (Inaudible) Central Dispatch Board.

Jeff Korb: Thanks, Commissioner. Any questions with regards to that? Alright. The next item, and I don't know where it is on your sheet, it's 1300-3040, Soil and Water Conservation.

President Abell: It should be back under the Commissioners budget, back to page 79, 80, page 80, maybe.

Councilmember Sutton: Page 80, line 3040.

Jeff Korb: What I've passed out to you is a letter that I received from Lauren Preske, the Chairman of the Soil and Water Conservation District. You'll notice that they have had an increase, they have asked for an increase in their budget. The direct result of that is simply because, in this letter you're going to notice, that the Natural Resources Conservation Service has in the past been paying the rent for this facility. They are now requiring each of the districts to pay for their own employee's space, and shared areas in the spaces where they are. As a result of that, that's why we've got a little bit larger of a bump up with regards to, the rent for the year is \$3,172.

That was the reason for their additional request. In the past that's been covered by the feds, and they are no longer able or willing to do that. I have a representative here from Soil and Water Conservation if you would like to ask her any questions.

Councilmember Leader: It just seems like it would be cheaper for them to move into the Old Courthouse, \$12.48 a square foot.

Jeff Korb: You know, I'm going to smile when you say that to me, and just smile when you say that to me. Any questions for Bonnie?

President Abell: Just a moment, let us look, we just got the letter, let us read it.

Jeff Korb: Oh, okay.

President Abell: So, the federal government had been paying a portion of their rent, and they're no longer doing that?

Jeff Korb: Correct.

President Abell: That's the basis of the whole letter?

Jeff Korb: Yes, Ma'am. Donna, the only reason, the only answer that I have for your question that I know of, off the top of my head, is most of the work they do is out at the 4-H grounds, and we would probably blow that much more just getting back and forth in a vehicle. So, but, no, my desire, listen, I'm right there with ya. I want to fill the Old Courthouse up, with either not-for-profit agencies that could use a break and have that to develop that type of synergy in that building, allow organizations to use it that really could use that space. I think that's what our Old Courthouse needs is more people in and out of those doors to keep it in better shape. So, that's kind of the big push we'll have for 2009. If there's no other questions on that, the only additional item we have is line item 1300-3420, and that is our Legal Advertising. We've increased that from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

President Abell: Wait a minute, let us find it.

Jeff Korb: Sure.

President Abell: Page 81, a little beyond halfway down the page. Okay.

Jeff Korb: The only thought about that is the fact that we have got so many road projects coming before us, in terms of things that we are going to have to let out for bid, and that floodgate is going to be opening sometime later this month, first part of next month. We're just trying to be proactive there. Hopefully, we won't use all of that money, but, if we do, it is in place for us to do that. Again, I do not mind declaring that to you today, and then having to come back before you if we leave it at \$20,000. It's a little bit like the phone thing that (Inaudible) was talking about earlier. Again, we'll have those hard numbers, we don't know what the advertising is going to be, but we just know that we have probably about 15 to 20 percent more projects that we are going to have to let out for bid in 2009.

President Abell: Any questions?

Jeff Korb: That's all I have. Other questions? If not, if so, I mean, great, fire them away. If not, I would like to request, if I could, while I am here, since it falls under the



County Commissioners is to discuss the Superintendent of County Buildings budget. Even though I know they are not next on your list.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you going to cover--

President Abell: We're not following our list anyway. So, it doesn't matter.

**(Tape Change)**

Jeff Korb: I got this (Inaudible). Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: Are you going to cover, Commissioner, are you going to cover down through the County Highway, Cum Bridge, Local Roads and Streets, are you going to cover those?

Jeff Korb: I had not planned on doing that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Okay. I mean, is someone else going to do it, or are you just--

Jeff Korb: I've got Mike Duckworth here. Mike, are you in the audience?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Alright.

Jeff Korb: Are you in the back?

President Abell: If you're--

Councilmember Sutton: You guys have separate budgets, I just wanted to make sure.

President Abell: What's page 90? Well, if he's going to be up here quite a bit longer, and I understand that there's someone that has to leave, maybe we need to switch gears just a second. Can we take just a few minutes? We have someone that has to leave.

Jeff Korb: Absolutely.

President Abell: Okay. Veterans Affairs, do you want to come up? It won't take but a few minutes for them, and he's got an appointment to go to.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

President Abell: We're going to switch down to veterans affairs, page 78 in your book.

Mark Acker: Good morning, Madam Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. Mark Acker, Veterans Services, department 1270.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Acker? Yours looks like it didn't change very much.

Mark Acker: The only thing we did do was take out of the Memorial Day program, \$1,000, and moved it to Office Supplies, due to the increase in workload with the

Iraqi and Afghan veterans that are coming in for disabilities. We're requiring more and more paper and various items for the office. And, so that would help facilitate looking for paper at the end of the year. That was the only change. No increases to any line budget items whatsoever.

President Abell: Questions, Councilmen? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: We have rent, Mark, we have Rent in 3600, do you see that line item?

Mark Acker: That was depleted, and our understanding through the County Commissioners was that our department is kind of a push, you give us money, we give it back.

Councilmember Leader: So, you have it at zero?

Mark Acker: We zeroed it out.

President Abell: And, it's being covered under the Commissioners?

Mark Acker: Yes.

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Sutton, did you have a question? Oh, no? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is not budgetary, but, just general information. Mark, do you see more and more activity now with our commitments abroad with veterans coming to see you?

Mark Acker: Oh, very much so, sir. It has increased the workload about 30 percent. I see that even increasing greater when the return of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery returns from Iraq, which should be this fall or the first, January or February of next year. So, we will be seeing significant claim differences, and our workload will increase, at least, we're at 30 now, it should jump to around 60 percent. It will be solely Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Mark Acker: Yes, sir.

President Abell: Other questions? Thank you, Mr. Acker. I'm sorry you had to wait.

Mark Acker: Oh, thank you for your time and your courtesy. Have a good morning.

President Abell: Mr. Korb, you may resume, slowly.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (CONTINUED)**

Jeff Korb: I'm sorry. Jeff Korb, County Commissioner.

President Abell: Okay, Ms. Leader, did you have a question?

Councilmember Leader: Yes, Mr. Korb, I do. On Rent, line item 3600, it's on our page 82. There appears to be an increase of about a half million dollars.

Jeff Korb: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Leader: Can you explain that to us, please?

Jeff Korb: In my conversations with David Rector with regards to that, Councilmen, that is primarily tied up in the increase in utility costs period. It doesn't, actually, if I remember correctly in my conversation with David Rector was the fact that the actual rent for space has gone down three to five percent for the budgeted year of 2009, but the increase of \$50,000, basically, that you're seeing there, is a direct result of projected increases in utility costs. If you would like confirmation of that, I can have David send you that information. Is that okay? Marissa, would you make a note of that, please? Yeah, I would be happy to do that.

President Abell: Questions? Purchasing went up—

Councilmember Raben: Just as a matter of clarification—

President Abell: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: —we need to remember when we're dealing with utilities, that also includes the new jail today. So, it's not just this building.

Jeff Korb: That's a great point. Thank you.

President Abell: Purchasing went up over \$10,000, is that postage? Is that what you, is that when you're running your postage through the Purchasing Department? No?

Marissa Nichoalds: That was from the joint department, joint Purchasing Department. The Postage line is actually a separate line item, which we kept the same.

President Abell: Okay. Sandie tells me you brought it back down from \$142,000 to what, 129 what?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Abell: Councilmen, mark that in your books, 129, I'm sorry, Sandie, can you say that louder?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Abell: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, while we're making corrections, we can go to, let's go ahead and do this now, if you don't mind, Madam Chairman, page 80.

President Abell: Page 80?

Councilmember Raben: Line 3100—

President Abell: Animal Control?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the correct number is \$181,414.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Skip to the bottom 3210, the correct amount is \$152,422.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: There is a large one in regards to the Building Commission on page 82, 3850. Everybody is aware of the new agreement with the city, that the city is going to now take in 100 percent of all the fees, and take over the Building Commission's budget. But there will probably be some outstanding bills that will be owed to the city for the balance of this year going into next year. So, let's set, let's put \$50,000 on that line. That's 3850. Did we talk about 3500, did you already address Human Relations? That real number is \$44,241. \$44,241.

President Abell: (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: That was the first one, yes, it's \$181,414.

President Abell: (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Abell: Oh, here it is. Is the Juvenile Correction Facility being moved over to the Courts?

Jeff Korb: The YCC? (Inaudible).

President Abell: Yeah, I'm just wondering if under that new legislation about the county's, I'm wondering if we can get some reimbursement from the state for having our own facility, instead of sending children away.

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't think we can in 2008, but it might be an issue for the new year. That might be a good thing to have Jeff research.

Councilmember Raben: As I read that letter anyway yesterday, I'm sure the judge is far more aware than I am of the up and coming changes, but it was almost as if I read it as we were losing funding. They were used to sending them, juveniles, to state institutions, we're now going to be charged a per diem rate. So, I think we're actually going backwards instead of forward, aren't we?

President Abell: What, in one of the meetings that we went to, and I can't remember which one anymore, but there was some discussion that since we had our own facility here, that we might be able to get something from the state for that facility, as opposed to sending our juveniles away. Because ours could be qualified as a state facility.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right. Yeah, I think the intent was that if you sent a juvenile to a DOC facility, the state would take care of that expense, but, I think there was some, I think there's a grey area about what to do with these communities that have their own facilities.

President Abell: Yeah, it almost penalizes communities that made the investment.

Councilmember Winnecke: It's probably worth researching.

President Abell: Maybe Jeff, our counsel, can look at that for us. Okay, we brought that up because it used to be in your budget, but, go ahead, I'm sorry.

Jeff Korb: No, that's fine. That's not a problem.

President Abell: Are you finished with the cuts, Mr. Raben, for this minute? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: 3460, Consultant?

President Abell: 3460? What page are you on?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm on page 81.

President Abell: Since we're jumping around. Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: What's the plans for that for next year, because we haven't spent anything this year?

Jeff Korb: I was going to say, are you talking to me?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm in your budget.

Jeff Korb: Okay. What's the line item?

Councilmember Sutton: 3460, page 81, in our book. I don't know if you've got the same one. It's a Consultant, and the requested amount is \$15,750. That's the same amount that was requested for this year, but there hasn't been any expenditures out of that line.

Jeff Korb: As I was looking at that, Councilmen, as we're looking back through 2006, that is the budgeted item that has been in place since then. I think that that's the type of consulting that we would use for parking at the Old Courthouse.

Bill Fluty: Councilmen? That's Maximus. That's a cost accounting. They actually, they charge us, it's the same amount. We signed a three year contract with them. I think it's probably a consultant might not be the trigger word that clues you in to what that is every year. But, they perform a services for us, that we actually gain dollars back from the state. I think our total take for spending \$15,000, or almost \$16,000, we recouped over \$120,000 last year. So, that's what that is.

Jeff Korb: Can we change the name of that then, Bill?

Bill Fluty: We certainly can. That would be helpful.

President Abell: Okay. Any other questions from any Councilmen?

Councilmember Sutton: Just kind of moving on down, that's all I've got on this one.

President Abell: While we're jumping around, you can go to any page you want.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm trying to stay in one budget at a time, and then logically move forward, so that we can all be on the same page.

President Abell: Okay. Logically--

Jeff Korb: What's the fun in that?

President Abell: –we've gotten to the bottom of page 83, then. We're finished with the County Commissioners budget, I think. Do we want to go to page 77, to the Drainage Board?

### ***DRAINAGE BOARD***

Jeff Korb: Did we finish up the Superintendent of County Buildings? Okay.

President Abell: You might pull that green book out. It might help you. We're on page 79. Not page 79, page 77, which is the Drainage Board.

Jeff Korb: Got it.

President Abell: I don't see any....anyone have any questions about that?

Jeff Korb: I will tell you, as a Commissioner, those are the toughest part of our meetings. I am not going to lie. We get the most interesting conversations that last for sometimes two and three hours. So, not justifying the pay, I'm just letting you know that–

President Abell: Well, that's why you get the big bucks.

Jeff Korb: That's right. Yeah, the most interesting part of our job.

President Abell: Well, we finished with section, page 135, CCD Fund. Did anyone have anymore further questions in the CCD Fund?

### ***RIVERBOAT***

President Abell: Okay. Riverboat is page 121. Anyone have any questions? We've made a couple of changes on Riverboat.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President?

President Abell: Yes, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Just, in the Riverboat budget there on 121, line 3111, Initiative Based Assistance, each of the last two years that has been cut down to \$420,000, everyone will recall, and the balance, that \$80,000, we've dedicated to the Dental Clinic. Mr. Heck and Mr. Fluty and I are going to get together here sometime in the next week or so to kind of look over that Dental Clinic budget, but I would propose that we do that again this year. I think that would give us, that would put us well on our way to funding the Dental Clinic again next year.

President Abell: Any other questions? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there, on this 3110, Economic Development, and 3112, Infrastructure/Drainage, is there a plan that you have put together for '09 on how those funds will be spent? What the proposed projects will be?

Jeff Korb: As a matter of fact, we have a little bit of a skeleton with regards to that. We have a project going on now that we are working on, the Commissioners are

working with the Mayor's office and the Building Commission to put our, to review our system, the way that we allow permitting for builders and contractors on line, allow that to be paid on line. To be honest with you, Councilman, the Economic Development are funds that we basically use on an as needed basis, in terms of working closely with Greg Wathen and the Economic Development Coalition, as well as Joe Wallace from GAGE. Basically, they are our eyes and ears out in the community, forward thinking in terms of how we're going to invest those funds. So, do we have specific projects in the pipeline with regards to making investments with those funds? No, we do not today. However, as you know, being in the banking business, those types of opportunities, they come and they go, they come and they go, and you just really never know when they're coming. So, at this point in time, the reason why we like to have that money there is, obviously, so that we can respond. Last year we had, we committed \$350,000 to that for a company potentially coming into the Vanderburgh County Industrial Park. That fell through. It was nice to be able to say, Greg, here's this money, yes, we can help you with this particular project. So, I really think that as we're looking forward, going forward for economic development, that will be the type of investment that we'll make with Greg Wathen and his department, because they've been great in terms of working with them.

Councilmember Sutton: But, with the Infrastructure/Drainage, it's a little bit easier to kind of put something on that.

Jeff Korb: Infrastructure/Drainage--

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible) on that?

Jeff Korb: I'm sorry. In the same process, we're going to be working with Area Plan on that. We've had some discussions with the EVSC. They are going to have, potentially with the new project coming up, of course, that's going to be up to the referendum, again, that's something that we don't have specific outlined plans today for that. I see us going forward with regards to being more proactive versus reactive in the future. So, again, that's what we're anticipating those funds being used for. As we push development out to the northern part of our county, potentially there will have to be more investment in infrastructure there as well. That's the type of thing that we're trying to coordinate with the Area Planning Commission so that we have a much better understanding of where we're going to be in the future with regards to that. But, again, to answer your question, specifically, no.

Councilmember Sutton: There was a list of like, I want to say, eight, ten projects that were projected to be worked on, and some of the funds were going to come from that, and I'm just trying to get an idea, are we still using that plan? Or, is there, I guess, there's a different approach, I guess, in terms of what projects (Inaudible)?

Jeff Korb: No, and I'll be honest with you, I have not seen that list. Troy, have you seen anything like that? Do you know anything about that?

Troy Tornatta: (Inaudible. Not at microphone.)

Jeff Korb: Okay, we've seen that? Have we worked from that? That looks like a no.

Troy Tornatta: I mean, I recommend that we do entertain that list. Commissioner Musgrave, at one point, Mr. Fluty had a list that was kind of going through how we're going to take care of the Parkway and some of the items that she had on her schedule. But, I don't know that we're going off that list right now. That will happen

with the administration change as well. But, I would say that, I would encourage this body to work with the Commissioners to try and develop a list, maybe on a yearly basis, working with Area Plan and with certain entities to make sure that we have those items there, categorically in that manner.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President?

President Abell: Yes?

Councilmember Winnecke: Were you done?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a clarification on the, out of the Economic Development line item. If everyone recalls, there are three expenses that the Commissioners, that we stripped from the Commissioners budgets in previous years and asked them to pay from this line item, that was Vanderburgh County's contribution to the Four County Southwest Indiana Economic Development Coalition, our contribution to the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville, for GAGE, and our contribution to the Voices of I-69. All three of those, which totals roughly \$300,000 in the aggregate to come out of that line item.

President Abell: Any questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just, the Voices of I-69, I thought we eliminated that last year?

Councilmember Winnecke: We eliminated it, but the Commissioners had the option, and I think they did, at least that was the intent, that if they wanted to fund it, they could fund it out of that line item.

Troy Tornatta: Well, it wasn't the Voices of I-69. It was Disaster Resistance.

Councilmember Winnecke: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Troy Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Troy Tornatta: So, we did not fund I-69, we did Disaster Resistance. It's \$10,000. I would recommend you do the same thing. Take the \$10,000 out of the budget, and we'll pay that out of ours.

President Abell: Other questions? Okay, page 90, Superintendent of County Buildings.

### ***SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS***

President Abell: I don't see any changes.

Jeff Korb: Actually, there are none, except for the two and a half percent increase for wages, but everything else we left flat lined.

President Abell: Any questions? I don't see any.



Jeff Korb: Thank you for your time and your hard effort, unless there's any other questions for me.

President Abell: Yeah, just a moment.

Jeff Korb: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: While you're still here, I had an opportunity to look through this memorandum from the Commissioners of the Department of Local Government Finance, and I thought I would just go ahead and share that with you there. My reading of this, first of all what occurs is, is what they're saying is, even though the responsibilities for the housing of the juveniles transfers to the state after next year, the maximum tax levy is going to remain the same. So, you would be able to still get that money, number one.

Jeff Korb: That money doesn't go to the state?

Jeff Ahlers: Correct.

Jeff Korb: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, well, and I'll get to that in part two, but, technically, no. What they're saying is, we're not going to adjust your levy, and they go through an analysis saying that because there are so many variables in terms of what it would take to adjust the levy, they're just not going to do it. My guess is probably in terms of the overall percentage is so small maybe that's why they're not. So, you should still be able to recoup the monies you always have. But, most importantly what I read here is in paragraph 3D of that memorandum from Ms. Musgrave, it talks about that if there's issues moving forward that have to do with the county and the Department of Corrections, or say the county with regard to its vendors (Inaudible) city-county, or payments to the state, which I think this would kind of, in terms of, I guess, our contract with the housing of the juveniles now, I would consider that to be a vendor, and what it says is that we can enter into, the County Council and the State can enter into an agreement, if it's approved by the County Council and the Governor, then that will govern the responsibilities of the state and the county. So, it seems to me that what we need to do is, I suppose, we need someone to quantify what those obligations may be going forward. In other words, I don't know and would need to get my hands on the contract, I don't know if the County Attorney has it, or if someone could get me a copy of the contract, is what, how long is that term? I mean, I guess, what we need to do is try to come—

President Abell: Five years, Lloyd?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, we're going to have to, I guess, figure out what the state wants to do. The state is going to have to say, we think you've got a pretty good deal, and we'll just go ahead and pay those costs down here, and transfer that contract some way, would probably be the easiest way. If, however, the state chooses a different route, I suppose we need to negotiate something to say that, you know, we want the state to pay that vendor. That we've got an obligation here that unless we can look at the contract, and, since I assume that probably the County Attorney and the County Commissioners are probably the ones that signed that agreement, I need to look at it. But, I don't know if there's an out clause saying that if, for example, something happens like this with a change in law, whether or not the contract could be voidable. Now, my guess is, and you all will have to decide what

you would want to do, but it may well be that you want your juveniles, if possible, housed here anyway, and you probably would want to try to get the state to take over and become the contracted party with that entity to house them. So, anyway, that's what I'm reading right here. If anybody has any other understandings of that, they can let me know. If somebody would get me a copy of the contract, and I can talk to the County Attorney. Obviously, from what it says here, the Commissioners saying that the County Council makes that agreement with the Governor, but, I guess, I don't know, I guess we need to establish, I don't know how you want to proceed in terms of establishing who from (Inaudible) to work with, whether it's the courts, or the Commissioners, or try to establish what it is you want to accomplish, and then—

President Abell: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: – I can help you facilitate that, but, I guess, first of all, you all need to decide what it is you want to accomplish.

President Abell: Why don't you get the copy of the contract to us first. That's part of (Inaudible).

Jeff Korb: Marissa, I'm going to ask that you get a copy of that contract.

President Abell: And, then maybe a combination of the courts and the Commissioners and all of us together can come up with what, but, I would think that if we could pick up some money from the state to run that thing, we ought to be going there.

Jeff Korb: Commissioner Tornatta has a couple of comments.

Troy Tornatta: I think now is a perfect time to get out in front of the curve, if we can, and take all the expenses that we think that we're going to incur from that, YCC, I know that we kind of have several different (Inaudible), different areas, we need to put it in one area. I think what we've done in the past is, I was listening yesterday, Superior Court has, or juvenile has the expenses of the health care—

President Abell: Yes.

Troy Tornatta: –for the individuals. We need to try and make sure that we have all those different entities, if we have Sheriff deputies that are servicing those youths, we need to account for that. We need to be able to start thinking about those people that are connected to YCC and how much of their time is connected, and if there's a way that we can set it up to put that in that whole, collective unit, I think it would be a great time to do it around budget time. So, if that's reimburseable, or if we anticipate that it's going to be reimburseable, I think that would be a good time to do it at budgets. As we found out with the tornado, we weren't necessarily set up to handle what they wanted when it came to reimbursement. We're better set up now through the Commissioners office giving, making some reconstitutions to the, or amending different salary ordinances, and if we can do that with YCC and how it's set up, I think it would be an advantage to us.

President Abell: Thank you.

Jeff Korb: The other bag of moving parts to the YCC, and also the Hillcrest Home is not just a financial piece of the puzzle. It's what's being mandated by the state in

terms of what types of kids can be housed in those facilities. I do know that that is a level of concern both in the juvenile court system, with Judge Niemeier (Inaudible) with him, there are an awful lot of unanswered questions that he has at this point in time, that he will be restricted on the types of kids that he's able to place at Hillcrest, as well as the type of children that he's able to place at the YCC. I guess, my only concern at this point, I would hate to see the Rescue Mission who built that building for us, get stuck with that bill if we decide to pull out. I'm saying, that's not what we're saying here, obviously--

President Abell: No, it isn't.

**(Tape change)**

Jeff Korb: -- is in the process of handcuffing us pretty hard in terms of the Judge and what he's able to do. Any other questions? Councilman Sutton, are you sure? Are you done?

Councilmember Winnecke: You don't know what you're asking for.

Jeff Korb: I know it. That's why I'm looking at him.

President Abell: Is someone else going to handle County Highway, Cum Bridge, Local Roads & Streets?

Jeff Korb: Yes, that's going to be Mr. Duckworth that will take care of that.

President Abell: Okay. You're finished.

Councilmember Sutton: If I need you, I know where to find you.

Jeff Korb: There you go. Thanks, appreciate it. Thanks again for your time, everybody.

President Abell: Does anyone want to take a break? I looked over at Mr. Winnecke because he always wants to take a break. Five minute break. Five minutes is five minutes.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Abell: We are back on the record. Next on our agenda, Co-Op Extension Service. No? Oh, Health Department. I'm sorry, then you. I'm sorry, Health Department is next.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, I'm the Executive Director of the County Health Department.

President Abell: Page 140.

Sam Elder: The Health Department's budget complies with your request. We had an increase in the Gasoline, \$5,000, but we reduced the bonds & insurance \$5,000. And our finance officer, Gary, feels that we can live with that, and the Auditor, too, I understand.

President Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: So this is a relatively flat across the board budget except for those items that you mentioned? Good job.

President Abell: You make it very easy, Mr. Elder.

Sam Elder: Thank you.

Councilmember Leader: Good job.

President Abell: Thank you. Thank you, Gary. I know you helped.

### ***CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND***

President Abell: Convention Center, page 190.

Darren Stearns: Good morning. Darren Stearns, Assistant General Manager for SMG.

Todd Denk: Todd Denk, General Manager for SMG.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I guess, just kind of give us a brief overview of how the Centre operations are compared year to date last year.

Darren Stearns: As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, which I think we sent you some of the reports recently. Hopefully, you got some of those in the mail. We're running at about 90% of our budgeted budget right now, being the fall was our busiest period. So we're doing pretty well. We've got the new season of Broadway on sale. In December we have Indiana Farm Bureau, that's a convention that the Convention sent us, it's the first time that they've ever left Indianapolis. The first time they've ever been anywhere but Indianapolis. So we're looking forward to that.

President Abell: No other questions? Thank you.

Darren Stearns: Thank you.

### ***COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE***

President Abell: Now the Co-Op Extension Service. Page 72.

Susan Plassmeier: Good morning. Susan Plassmeier, County Extension Director. I'd kind of like to start with, we asked for \$500 here and there: Supplies, Postage, those are all things that have gone up and our mileage, we have not had an increase in mileage for a while. And it's kind of basically still the same rate of when we were getting \$.28 a mile, now we're up to \$.40 a mile, so actually we've cut programs this summer because of mileage. We do a lot of summer outreach with day camps. They went from six weeks, traditionally, cut back to four weeks this year to help with the mileage situation and supplies for programming.

Councilmember Sutton: Susan? Right here. How do you guys come up with your reimbursement figure on your mileage? What rate are you using?

Susan Plassmeier: Forty cents a mile.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, who gives you your rate?

President Abell: What do we use, Sandie?

Susan Plassmeier: That's the county rate.

Councilmember Sutton: I think the federal rate, what we had been –

President Abell: I think we just went to \$.40, didn't we?

Susan Plassmeier: You just increased it to 40 in May.

Councilmember Sutton: I know the federal has kind of bumped up –

Susan Plassmeier: Oh yeah, it's like up to 50, or something like that.

President Abell: They have more money than we do.

Susan Plassmeier: Yeah, because previously, we had been at \$.30 a mile and then went up to 40.

President Abell: I don't think I have any questions? Anyone else? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Did you speak to 3120 Postage?

Susan Plassmeier: That, I had asked for \$500 more for Postage just because postage costs are going up with the increase in the postage. And we do have a postage meter.

Councilmember Raben: I was looking at, was last year just an unusual year? Last year you spent \$4,400 in postage. This year, to date, you're at \$5,500.

Susan Plassmeier: Well, do you want to talk about that? Our office manager who was in there has retired, had always asked for that to be carried over or we had bought up postage meter rate at the end of the year to use that money, so that we would have that in reserve to use for that next year, and that did not happen last year. It got forgotten. So that's, we had always kind of had built up that surplus and that's what happened. We didn't have that surplus this year.

President Abell: Could you speak to line item 3530, what is covered under that Contractual Services?

Susan Plassmeier: Okay, that is the three Purdue Extension educator positions and I believe I attached an exhibit with the rationale when I submitted that, that addresses that. That is for the master degree individuals and extension educator positions and money is paid for Purdue, we receive one paycheck a month. And we used to get a paycheck from the county and a paycheck from Purdue. And that really created problems for retirement because of the discrepancies in the salaries you were being, you know, reimbursed at, not at your total cumulative salary. And the same thing with taxes, I always had more money taken out for taxes because I would get assessed because I was being not taxed not at the combined rate but

at each individual rate. So they put it all together and money is sent from each county up to Purdue to pay the educations. And I think in my rationale, for our county, Vanderburgh County, Purdue contributes 69 percent and the county is contributing 31 percent, and that's towards salary, benefits, training, all that.

President Abell: But we do cover the full salary for several employees, correct?

Susan Plassmeier: County employees. They're all county employees.

President Abell: Well, I think that increase in that, if someone has a calculator, I think that's more than the 2.5%.

Susan Plassmeier: It was three percent, it's what Purdue asked for from the counties.

President Abell: Well, we're only giving our county employees 2.5, so –

Susan Plassmeier: I understand that.

President Abell: So we'll have to reduce that. Any other questions? Thank you.

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Abell: County Highway. Is he out in the hall? Someone want to go out there and get him? Oh, John Stoll is here. Page 123. Good morning, gentlemen, would you like to give your name for the record?

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer.

Mike Duckworth: Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of the County Highway Department.

President Abell: Are you going to double team us? Page 123. It's your show.

Mike Duckworth: I guess I'll start. I only have just a few increases. I tried to leave my increased requests to Utilities and Gas & Oil. There is one line item, it is zeroed out. I believe there was a \$4,500 request for Unemployment, and I don't have that here, it's 1430.

President Abell: 1930?

Mike Duckworth: Yes. Unemployment. We requested \$4,500 and it was zeroed out but I do believe that there probably will be a need for that \$4,500.

President Abell: We've got \$3,000 in our budget book.

Mike Duckworth: Okay, I'm just saying, my copy was zeroed out, so...

President Abell: Well, the budget gods were kind to you. They gave you 3,000. Any questions?

Mike Duckworth: All other line items on my budget are the same as they were in '08.

John Stoll: The only line items in my department are salaries, so they just have the 2.5 percent increase figured in.

President Abell: Everything else is stationary?

John Stoll: Everything else would be in Mike's budget.

President Abell: Questions, Councilmen? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we've had a pretty good year for doing outside work. How close are we to completing those paving projects and what have you?

Mike Duckworth: We are around the twelve mile level at this point. Of course, any time you do any paving, there is preparatory work and shoulder work and culvert work that we try to do prior to going in to resurfacing any new stretches of roadway. So that's been the bulk of our work now and we're into the actual paving season and I would anticipate that by the end of this month, early September, we'd complete that.

Councilmember Raben: John, I guess I have a question for you. I know a lot of it is because of the heavy rains we had in the spring and maybe in the past few years, but there's some areas in the county that we see that there is literally no shoulder today and several – as an example, Boonville-New Harmony near the railroad tracks or east of there towards Darmstadt where the ditch is as deep as this ceiling, with, you know, in areas where there is no shoulder. I mean, at some point in time, and I know there's a lot of other areas within the county and those have to be expensive repairs, are we doing anything at all to look at holding back funds or anything to address those issues? I know, as an example, there by the railroad tracks, you know, probably by next spring, the road is start breaking off and it's quite a drop off, I mean, it would swallow a full size car. I mean, you know, it would be hard to notice if the car was in the ditch, it's so deep.

John Stoll: As far as any program, other than Mike's routine ditch work, if there is specific locations that we need to go look at, that's not a problem. Just let me know the locations. On roads like Boonville-New Harmony, the biggest restriction would be the lack of right-of-way to do any maintenance as far as reconstructing the ditch to keep it an open ditch. And if you can't keep it an open ditch, then we'd have to pipe it, which, of course, would be more expense. So those are two options, but we could take a look at it.

Councilmember Raben: You know, our roads are of the age, I mean, I know you guys do everything you can, but the road was built on X amount of feet of space and just over years from the drains filling up or the creeks filling up and the ditches filling up, you know, the ground washes away, but it seems like there's numerous areas within the county that you drive. And I use that as an example because that's the one I drive the most, but, I mean, you see a lot of it in a lot of different areas where wow, if you drop a wheel off the side of the road, you're done. You know, where you don't really have that extra foot of gravel or two feet of space of grass to even make a correction.

John Stoll: The biggest problem I'd say would be the lack of right-of-way if you move the ditch. It's possible we could potentially pipe some of those areas if a wide

enough pipe could be pipe in. If not, maybe an interim measure, we need to look at putting a guardrail in to keep somebody from falling in there.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that does that. The road would probably still continue to be undermined and break away, but –

Mike Duckworth: Jim, I can tell you that there are several areas in the county where that is of a critical state and the most prevalent to me is if you go down the incline at Lynch Road, you will see that there is already earth subsiding and it makes it, number one, very difficult for our mowers at a slant to cut that. And what I'm afraid of is in a particular area like that, the more it subsides and the more that it eats into the roadway, that eventually, like you say, you lose the road. I have talked to President Abell, not only about these kinds of incidents, but in some of our subdivisions where the substructures, whether there are underground springs or because of different standards that didn't require the same types of measures that we do when we build roads now where they're just funneling out and then the road drops. My recommendation would be to establish some type of a line item where we can go in and completely rebuild some of our roads. And they can be stretches from, you know, an eighth of a mile in a subdivision to a couple miles of just what you're talking about where it's a danger and we have to do something. If not, the county liability continues to rise in these areas. And we can either, it's one of those things where you can pay now or pay later. And we've looked at public safety in regards to this, and I think some of those areas are in very critical states, that we need to look at.

Councilmember Raben: I agree. Some of them, I mean, again, there is no room for error. You know, most roads, if you run off the pavement, you have an opportunity to correct yourself –

Mike Duckworth: – back up and get some dirt over there where you can pack and put some rock and lime in to where it will hold. I had the Corps of Engineers come in here because of an area on Old Henderson Road that the flooding is eating away at the bank. And I told them, I said, if this goes on for another two or three years, we're going to lose the road. And his answer to me was, well, you've got a lot worse situation, if you lose the road, you'll just have to (inaudible). And so, –

Councilmember Raben: Well, it's somewhat of a challenge. I know, I mean, we all want very nice roads to drive on, of course, but hitting a pothole isn't near as bad as getting off the side of the road, dropping a wheel off the side of the road and you can't correct it because it's a ten foot drop off. So anyway, if we could keep an eye on some of those, I know there's a lot of areas in desperate, desperate need of some quick help.

John Stoll: We'll call you and get the locations and we can take a look.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that I could give you them all, but, I mean, you guys are the ones that have crews out and are taking the calls, so, you know, there –

Mike Duckworth: – priorities and understanding, number one, when safety is a factor especially in inclement weather where people have the opportunity to slide off into those areas. And I think now is the time we need to look at those and try to



prepare for those winter months when it's not conducive to be out doing that construction.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, John, I know you have discussed this with the Commissioners but could you update us on the University Parkway Phase II.

John Stoll: Right now we're still acquiring right-of-way. Several of the parcels are having to be condemned at this point. There were some mineral rights issues that had to be resolved which delayed the condemnation cases being filed. But those have since been resolved to the point that we think that the condemnations can be filed pretty soon. Typically, it takes about three to four months before from the time the condemnation is filed, to the time the county actually secures the property. So, ballpark guess would be the right-of-way would be secured late this year or early next year. There is another environmental permit that we're still trying to work on with Bernardin Lochmueller, they estimate that could take up to six months to secure that. So that would be roughly next February, so assuming it takes the maximum amount of time to February, and then you add in the four month lead time it takes to place the project on a bid letting, it probably would be about next June before it would be out for bid on the section between Upper Mount Vernon and Marx. And then we're still buying right-of-way with the earmarked funds for the balance of the projects and that's going pretty well, at this point, as well. So once we get all of that right-of-way, we should be in pretty good shape to follow with the other two phases shortly thereafter. It's just a matter of when the INDOT funds become available.

Councilmember Goebel: And this will take you to what point?

John Stoll: That would be from Marx to New Harmony and then New Harmony to Diamond will be the last section.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

John Stoll: You're welcome.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: A couple of questions. John, I guess, one of the projects, I guess I get a lot of questions is North Green River Road. Can you give us some insight and updates on that one?

John Stoll: We're down to about six right-of-way parcels on that project at this point. We're trying to target opening bids on October 7<sup>th</sup>. According to Bernardin Lochmueller and DLZ, that looks like that will be (inaudible) at this point. We're still working with the utility companies to get all the utility relocations resolved. But October 7<sup>th</sup> looks like the target bid opening date. It will be a two year project, so it will go until the end of 2010 and assuming the funds are there, then the project would remain open during construction. And right now, based on the most recent cost estimates from DLZ, it looks like we were still (inaudible) as far as having sufficient funds to keep the road open during construction.

President Abell: That's good news.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we have all the funds in place on the University project you were speaking on with Mike?

John Stoll: The second phase between Upper Mount Vernon and Marx, yes, the money is all in place based on the most recent estimates. In this budget, I've requested 700,000 in Roads & Streets and that would be combined with the other 700,000 in the next two years to make the county's local match. The way construction costs keep rising, \$700,000 might not do it, but based on the current estimates, (inaudible) 2.1 million is in local funds to match the federal funds. So I divided that among the next three years to get the 700,000 per year. It could go up and I might need to ask you next year for more than 700,000 depending on what the construction estimates are at that time.

Councilmember Raben: Are those estimates based on continuing doing a phase at a time?

John Stoll: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, if the price escalates too much on the third phase, I mean, what do you think the savings would be looking into the future, look in your crystal ball, if we combined phase two and three together.

John Stoll: According to what numbers you want to believe, it looks like construction costs could increase anywhere from five to twenty percent a year. So if you could advance this a year or two or whatever, that will be a savings per year.

Councilmember Raben: Are the federal funds available if we were able to provide our match? Are the funds available to do phase three, federal funds, are they available to do phase three?

John Stoll: As it stands now, yes. But the way INDOT has the funding program, the county is at the three million dollars per year in federal funds. So we would be borrowing ahead on those three million dollar allotments and I've never been involved with this before, but it's my understanding with INDOT, that the county would have to front that money and then at the end of INDOT's fiscal year, we'd send the claim voucher to them to get the three million dollars back from them. So theoretically, if we had all of our local match in place, we would probably end up having to front the federal funds until the specific fiscal year they were available. So a lot of ifs there, but if the money, if INDOT could provide the three million per year, yes, you probably could speed it up, it's just, I don't know what local source we could use to borrow that much money up front.

Councilmember Raben: I might have an idea there, but, you know, again, for those watching, a lot of the savings would be the equipment is there, you're not doing everything twice. I mean, it's a matter of, you know, just going on a little further north each. So if there is a real savings, I mean, if you had a way of providing us some estimates, you know, based on phase two would be completed in two years, completing phase three in four years, at four years cost projections, now there might be enough savings that we ought to look at combining phase two and three.

John Stoll: And the last segment between New Harmony and Diamond, it's only eight tenths of a mile, so that's pretty short, so ideally, it would be great if it could

be combined into the Marx to New Harmony segment, but it's just a matter of how the funding would all come into place, for the local and the federal.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

John Stoll: Commissioner Tornatta asked me about mentioning Oak Hill and Bergdolt. Right now, that project, we have a pre-construction meeting set up for tomorrow. The contractor has proposed an alternate to expedite construction on that project to where they would close it for three months and get the project done – I shouldn't say done – they get it to the point where they could re-open it to traffic and finish the project by flagging traffic for the rest of the duration as opposed to running the project out until next August. And, like Troy said, with Green River coming up, ideally, when you do that one, back open to traffic as quick as possible in advance of construction beginning on Green River. But we will meet with the contractor tomorrow and INDOT tomorrow. The county has received an invoice now from INDOT for the 20% local share, so things are moving ahead on that. And the Commissioners have also expressed an interest in if the contractor is looking at a three month closing period, the county funding an incentive bonus to try and expedite it and maybe compress their period of three months to two months. So, those are the options that are being discussed tomorrow, but all in hopes of getting a signal up and operational in advance of the Green River Road project getting really started.

Councilmember Sutton: So are you talking about extending Bergdolt over to Green River?

John Stoll: No, this is just intersection improvements that would result in a traffic signal at Oak Hill and Bergdolt and then a left turn lane could also be constructed on Oak Hill at Bergdolt.

Councilmember Leader: John, if everything goes correctly, when would you install that Bergdolt/Oak Hill stoplight?

John Stoll: It would be by the end of this year. The contractor's proposal indicated that they would close the road for three months. They wouldn't be totally finished with the project, so I don't have an exact date as to when they would have the signal installed and running, but I would hope by the end of the year.

Councilmember Leader: So when would you start? It's tomorrow, you say?

John Stoll: The pre-construction meeting is tomorrow. If this doesn't all work out, the other alternative is to Oak Hill Road and Bergdolt would be closed half of the time and that would continue until next August, and that's where we get the overlap problem with Green River, which we're trying to avoid.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just real quickly, John, everyone is happy to see the road construction around the community. Does your office coordinate very well with the other agencies as far as when and where, times? Because it's almost like we're pre- Lloyd Expressway back in Evansville for the time being, anyway. I know the end result is going to be good, but –

John Stoll: We try, but it gets really difficult because the city and INDOT are just like the county, when the funds are there and the design is done and the right-of-way is secure, it needs to progress to construction, so we try to coordinate things. Our most recent example, between city and county was last year, the city had St. George closed east of 41, reconstruction there between the airport and Whirlpool, and we had to sit on the St. George Road bridge project a little extra time to make sure both sides of St. George weren't closed at the same time. Sometimes that works and sometimes it doesn't. We were working with INDOT and the city in regard to the Morgan Avenue and Green River project because we were concerned about it being overlapped with that project, with the county's Green River reconstruction (inaudible) and the county's Green River project was redesigned to try to keep the road open during construction. It pushed the county's section off a little bit to where there's not going to be a major overlap. So, we try, but it doesn't always work.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sure you do, thank you.

John Stoll: You're welcome.

President Abell: Any other questions? I just want to keep with our schedule, page 123, has anybody got any questions? 123 County Highway? No?

Councilmember Sutton: There was one thing I was going to ask. At our last meeting, we had a lengthy discussion – or last two meetings – on this request from the Treasurer's Office, the \$100,000 to do the reconfiguration and I guess I saw something where a training room was put out at the County Highway for \$30,000. Can you talk to that? I guess in these fiscally challenged times, I'm just trying to get a sense – that didn't come before us.

Mike Duckworth: Right, the request that I made was to the Commissioners out of their Infrastructure account, which is money that, as I understand it, is in the Commissioners budget to make the decisions on whether they use that at the Old Courthouse or wherever. I made that request to them because it was existing funds and it was not a new appropriation. This is a project that is in – what we're proposing is phase two. The phase one is completed and it is an area where we would do a couple of different things, provide a place where I can meet with the entire staff. Right now when we do that, we do it out in the middle of the garage and, of course, it's noisy. In the wintertime it's extremely cold out there and it's not conducive for training and for educational purposes. We are trying many new processes and there is a certain amount of training that goes with that. In addition to that, recognize the fact that our female employees and visitors coming in and out of our garage have to continually come in and out of our office area to utilize the restroom, especially females. So as a part of that, we constructed a one unit – or trying to construct a one unit female restroom to be conducive to hold that traffic down and hopefully make it a little more easier to work around our office and within our day to day work habits. So I went to the Commissioners and requested that they take the money out of that account to finish that project. And they voted to do that. Now whether or not that happens is, again, up to the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, it's their budget, they decide to do that, but I just – you can't speak for the Commissioners, and I'm not really asking you to, but just wondering why the request didn't come to the Council, I guess, more so.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I guess my thinking was, that the money had already been allocated for them to make the decision on how it was to be used. I made the request to them and they decided that it is something that we should proceed on. I would say that just recently you heard from Commissioner Korb that a request that I've had in the budget for the last two years in regards to a three bay mechanics area, last year and foregone and that money was utilized at the Sheriff's department. This year, we've foregone that request because we understand that times are tight and I thought that that money would be better served by saving it or not utilizing it and now there's some requests from other departments to utilize that money. And, to me, when you look at the County Highway department and you look at our facility, the facility was built in 1930, and we house 55 employees there. And you have been gracious enough to allow us to spend about \$350,000 on an area where we can better preserve our equipment, keep it out of the weather and hopefully, that means that we don't have to come back to you because of this stuff sitting out in the weather and aging faster. So we have tried to utilize the space we have, but also recognize the fact that things are different now than when this facility was built and that we are trying to, as easy as we can, and as with the less impact on the budget as we can, make those changes to help us be progressive and do the job that we need to do in today's world.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, right. And I know that we want to stay on track with what we're doing here today. We're continuing to work on the budget here, but I guess I just wanted to make sure that we send a message to all our departments in terms of how we are really trying to be as prudent as we can with the meager dollars we have. And I had a report, I guess, here a few months ago, and we've been very generous to the County Highway. I mean, its been, if you include equipment and other purchases that we've made, it's in excess of \$800,000, so you know, and then we had a request from your department for another piece of equipment a few months ago, so just wanted to make sure that we send a message and I think the budget presented here is in line with what we have talked about. But I guess when I see things that kind of jump off the radar screen, just want to make sure that we are very clear so that we don't have these large requests that the county is really not in a position to buy. So just trying to share that with you.

Mike Duckworth: In 2006 and 2007, our road equipment account –

**(Tape change)**

– until 2007, our road equipment account was funded at \$175,000. You will notice that in this budget as was in last year's budget, that's been trimmed to 25,000, as that's what I requested for this year. I will come to you and I will tell you when equipment breaks down and tell you when there is a need. And then, my feeling is, it's your call as to whether or not to fund that or not. If it's not funded, the gradalls we have now, we're keeping it together the best we can. If it eventually breaks down and we can't afford to fix it, we'll park it. And that's all I can do at this point.

President Abell: Any other questions on the County Highway budget on page 123?

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick comment. Without too much further ado, but Royce, I concur with you 100% and I've expressed those same concerns that today, when we're trying to figure out how to pave roads and fix issues and such, I don't think we need a training room, either. I mean, we've got a lot of training space

within this building, the Centre, the Old Courthouse, the Coliseum, we've got plenty of training area that we already have under roof, so I concur with you.

President Abell: Anything else under County Highway? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just glad you got that gradall working again because I know where it was put into use this past weekend. So, thank you.

### ***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE***

President Abell: Any other questions of the County Highway, page 123? Any questions on Cum Bridge, page 129? No? Doesn't seem to be anyone.

### ***LOCAL ROADS & STREETS***

President Abell: Any questions on 148, Local Roads & Streets? I know Local Roads & Streets is where I was going to advise the Council that I have talked to Mr. Duckworth about us taking a small portion of Local Roads & Streets every year and maybe moving it over into a fund to take care of the heavily damaged roads like Mr. Raben was discussing. And I'll talk to Mr. Fluty and also President Korb about that and see how we can do that. I think it would be a good place to put a little money to do the –

Mike Duckworth: If I may speak just briefly to that. It's not that we couldn't do part of that out of our paving budget because those roads will need to be resurfaced, it's the substructure, it's the rock, you know, the compaction of the dirt, it's the curbing, it's all those things, in some of these areas that need to be taken care of, as well. And that's what drives the costs up.

President Abell: And I will discuss that with Mr. Korb and let the Council know what he says. Anything else under Local Roads & Streets, 148? Thank you, gentlemen.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

### ***BURDETTE PARK***

President Abell: Burdette Park, 112.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, manager of Burdette Park.

President Abell: Good afternoon, Steve. I guess it's still morning. Anyone have any questions of Mr. Craig? Do you have anything outstanding that you want to tell us about?

Steve Craig: The only thing that we had was the wages that was requested and I had talked to you and we had had everything back to get more money for fuel, and that was the only two items that we raised was the amount of money that we need for fuel next year and the amount for whatever raises that we may get.

Councilmember Leader: Ms. Abell, I have a question. Good morning, Mr. Craig.

Steve Craig: Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: On 3200, Utilities, you kept that at the same level, 135,000? You don't foresee a need to increase that number?

Steve Craig: I'm trying not to. We've –

Councilmember Leader: Are you not turning on the lights or what are you doing?

Steve Craig: That is correct. We're not. We have been utilizing several different things out there from, we started with energy efficient light bulbs about four years ago, before most people even knew what they were. And I assigned one of my employees, the safety director, that as soon as the building is done being used, we go turn the heat off, the electric off, and that has been part of his job for two or three years, and we've found out that we can leave the buildings sit four or five days with no heat and we're trying to keep it under this. If you look back, let me find that...Utilities. In 2006 we spent \$142,000 and now we're only asking for \$135,000 and I hope to keep it under that. And I know that the rates have gone up a lot, but we've been at this for two or three years, four years, trying to keep our utilities down, doing different things. And one of them, about turning the lights off, that is on the ...the other thing is, we change our filters regularly in our furnaces and that, and I'm trying to keep it under that. If I have to come back, it's not because we didn't try.

Councilmember Leader: Maybe we can have you hold a training session in Mr. Duckworth's new training room for the rest of the county employees.

Steve Craig: If you need me to do that, I will do that.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Craig, that's a good plan. I think even Vectren will come out and give you some other pointers if you call them.

Steve Craig: They have in the past, we've worked with them when we built some of our chalets and remodeled buildings.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, do you want to talk or are you just having an arm problem over there?

Steve Craig: I thought he was waiving at me.

Councilmember Winnecke: We were talking about county business, believe it or not.

President Abell: I thought he wanted my attention. Does anyone else have a question of Mr. Craig?

Councilmember Goebel: Is attendance up at the pool and overall usage, so far?

Steve Craig: We are running slightly ahead of last year on just about everything in the park as of the six month break. Our days at the pool and that at the aquatic center has been extremely good when the weather was right. But, of course, we was rained out Memorial Day, we did not even open the aquatic center, and it rained all day the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, so those were two days that were not as good as last year. But at the six month break, we were still a little bit ahead of last year, so we are having a good year, but there's been more rain days than in the past.

Councilmember Sutton: And when is the last day for the aquatic center?

Steve Craig: The last day is Labor Day. Labor Day weekend we're open to Monday.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, I had one other quick question, back to the CCD fund which we discussed earlier, on the engineering study that you had proposed for the new parcel of land, how long would that take for that study to be complete and know how infrastructure should be designed in there?

Steve Craig: My understanding was, it would probably take six months to a year. They would have to go in, and I've talked to a couple different people, and what it is, is they basically come in and they lay out the roads, lay out where you can bring in your utilities, sewer, and electric, and that, and it would be six months, probably, to a year before they would have a conclusive plan for us to – it's something for the future. We're not going to be able to do anything until we have that plan.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it's a good – I applaud you. Of all the expenses that you listed in there, I thought that was among the most prudent ones in there so I applaud you for that.

Steve Craig: Well, thank you.

President Abell: Other questions? See how nice it is to be at the end of our meeting? We don't ask much.

Steve Craig: Thank you and have a nice day.

## **LEGAL AID**

President Abell: Legal Aid, page 116.

Scott Wylie: Good morning, everyone. Scott Wylie, I'm on the board of Legal Aid. And for those of you who were lucky enough to attend the joint city/county hearings on budget, you'll remember I was very proud that we had followed instructions only to have the controller get up in the middle of my presentation and inform me that she had raised our rent another couple thousand dollars. We have sent an amendment to address that additional rent by reducing our overall budget by another \$1,975 to address that, so we followed the instructions of being income neutral from '07 and '08. So that has been submitted and I believe that went to you, President Abell, and the appropriate folks. We've also reduced our United Way. As you know, our third funder is the United Way and we had to reduce the United Way expenditure budget by the reduction in the anticipated United Way receipts that we had to cut this year and anticipating that cut continuing next year.

President Abell: That should be on page 192, United Way.

Councilmember Raben: Which line in the regular budget are you reducing?

Scott Wylie: There are actually one, two, three, four, five, six, seven lines that were reduced for the additional \$1,975 for the increase from the controller.



(Inaudible – microphone not on)

Scott Wylie: Yes, you can. It was line 3120 included a reduction in Postage from 750 to 500, a reduction on 3130 from 500 to zero on Travel, a reduction in 3140 from 1,500 to \$1,125 in Telephone, a reduction in 3250 of our Law Books from \$1,200 to \$1,000, a reduction in 3410 for Printing from \$1,000 to \$750, a reduction in Dues and Subscriptions from \$750 to \$500, and a reduction in our mandatory Continuing Education budget which is 3730 from \$1,150 to \$1,000. Once we got the exact number from the controller, I believe we sent that material to President Abell and to our member, Mike, who takes care of, our liaison here.

President Abell: And your rent went up and it is – the actual figure is \$26,000 –

Scott Wylie: It's \$26,306 up from \$22,183.

President Abell: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Then your United Way reductions, if we could cover those lines.

Scott Wylie: The United Way, I don't have. I apologize, I don't have the line item numbers on those written down because I just did the county numbers. But we reduced a thousand dollars from Office Supplies, \$450 from Travel, \$750 in Law Books, \$750 in Printing, \$1000 in Dues & Subscriptions, \$1,426 in Continuing Ed and \$442 in the Miscellaneous line.

Councilmember Raben: This budget reflects those?

Scott Wylie: Yes, that's right.

President Abell: Okay, any questions? You did a good job. Thanks.

Scott Wylie: Oh, well, thank you so much and good luck on the rest of your work.

### ***LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION***

President Abell: Local Emergency Planning Commission, everyone should have on their desk a letter from them indicating that their budget is being reduced by \$6,000, that's on page 182. Line item 3210 from \$15,000 to \$10,000, and line 3313 from \$1,500 to \$500.

Councilmember Leader: Could you repeat that?

President Abell: Yes, on page 182, line item 3210 from \$15,000 to \$10,000 and line item 3313 from \$1,500 to \$500.

### ***LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY***

President Abell: Page 183, Local Drug Free Community, does anyone want to speak to that? No? Okay, before we adjourn, Mr. Ahlers has some information for you.

Jeff Ahlers: While you were working on the budget I obtained a copy of the detention services agreement for the Youth Care Center dated March 7, 2006, and I put a copy of that on each of your desks. I would turn your attention to section 10.6 on page 16 and there is a paragraph entitled Termination Due to Non-appropriation/Approval for Expenditure of Funds, which basically says that the payment of any sums due by the county to the Youth Care Center under the terms of this agreement is contingent upon the appropriation of the funds for such payment by the Vanderburgh County Council and the approval for the expenditure of such funds by the State of Indiana. In the event that due to non-appropriation by the Vanderburgh County Council or lack of approval by the State of Indiana, funds are unavailable to make payments as provided for under the provisions of this agreement, the county shall have the right to terminate this agreement without penalty. In the event of a termination of this agreement due to non-appropriation of funds or non-authorization for expenditure of funds by the State of Indiana, however, the county agrees not to negotiate for or contract for, acquire, use or otherwise receive the benefits of any of the same or similar services provided by the Youth Care Center under the terms of this agreement from any other person for a period of time equal to the remainder of the term of this agreement, as if the agreement had not been cancelled or terminated by county. So we have a paragraph that speaks directly, I guess, to the issue we have before us. I also note, in looking at it, that the Commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance, Cheryl Musgrave, was a signatory to the agreement as a Commissioner back then, so I guess my thought would be that my next call would be to try to contact her, because she should be, obviously, familiar with our situation and see what the state proposes to do, whether or not they want to take over this contract or pay the sums under it, and then I guess I'll need feedback from President Abell, if she wants to, you know, appoint someone to work with me. And I don't know if we need to notify whether, whoever it is, Judge Niemeier's liaison, I suppose, as a matter of courtesy, ought to be notified of this issue so that he can be heard from his standpoint, and then I don't know, I can notify Ted Ziemer, County Attorney. And I don't know who from the Commission, whether somebody wants to notify President Korb or whoever, just so that – I don't know if I'm leaving anybody out – don't intend to, but if there is anybody else that needs to be at the table concerning this issue, I guess President Abell will take care of that. In the meantime, what I'll try to do is make a phone call and see if I can – if the state has (inaudible) type of decisions, I assume that this isn't the only situation around the state. Now the other thing I noted, and I assume that we already paid all the sums, that \$700,000? And then I guess I don't know whether anybody has any thoughts on that, whether that's just water over the dam or whether there's any basis to try to get some of that back.

President Abell: (Inaudible, microphone not on)

Councilmember Winnecke: Pardon me? No, that was just a one time grant, if I recall, in '06.

President Abell: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, the \$700,000, we split the construction cost with the YCC. The total construction was a million four and we made a \$700,000 grant to them to share in the cost, and then the county at that time entered into a five year agreement for the operations.

Jeff Ahlers: And one thing I don't know, and all that is spelled out in here if you all cared to read that, it kind of goes into pretty much detail. The one other thing is it talks about the contract being a five year contract which runs through in '11, although what I don't know is, it's five years I guess from the date of execution or the date that the facility became operational and obviously, the contract doesn't speak to that, so I don't know who would have that information, if, at some point, that becomes relevant. I mean, hopefully. But, I mean, I guess the question is, is I assume, do we want to try to just work something out with the state to try to get them to take it over. If not, I guess this Council, the long and the short of it is both by the terms of what Commissioner Musgrave has stated in her memo, and then by this contract, it would appear that the County Council ultimately is going to have a lot to say about what happens here because I suppose ultimately it would be your decision as to whether or not to appropriate funds. Now obviously, someone needs to look into what the ramifications of that are in terms of whether that's the route you want to take or not, so, but anyway, I'll make a call, be happy to make a call to Commissioner Musgrave unless a Councilmember would prefer to make that call and contact Ted Ziemer. I assume someone else would contact the other appropriate people, Judge Niemeier, and Commissioners or whoever.

President Abell: I'll call – who is the Commissioner's liaison? Are you, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure.

President Abell: Okay, if you'll contact Mr. Korb, then, and I'm the liaison for the courts, so I'll contact Judge Niemeier, and you can make the call to Cheryl Musgrave.

Jeff Ahlers: I'd be happy to.

Councilmember Winnecke: But, you know, but there is one fundamental question I think we need to address first. I mean, one, I mean, or maybe two. One, will the state assume the cost of the contract of roughly a million five or whatever it is. But I don't know if this – I don't know that we want to get into – I don't think I'm in favor of not appropriating money because I think at the end of the day, I still want to provide a facility for our youthful offenders to have local rehabilitation. So to not appropriate the funds, to me says we're out of the business and we're sending – I mean, it's one thing to save money but I think it's also important to keep these kids here to the extent that we can.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, there's also some other fundamental questions related to that, too. If, in fact, that local control is relinquished and the state is willing to take over that facility, I mean, there is no guarantee that the placements that the Judge would want to make here, would have any priority over any other county. Conceptually, if they wanted to, if the state was making the decisions on how many beds Vanderburgh County might get and how many beds Perry or Gibson and so forth, we may find ourselves with fewer placements here locally than what we have right now. So those are maybe some of the questions we can begin to discuss and find out what are the ramifications of ultimately ceding over control to the state. And it may work out to be a great thing. It might be just fine.

President Abell: In a perfect world, what I would envision would be that we would run it just like it's being run right now and we'd just send them a bill and they'd give

us a percentage or all of it back, and our people continue to run it and we'd have our people there and it would continue. And I would think that that would be a blessing of theirs, because they're not going to want to come down here and run this thing and worry about managing it. If we do all of the management of it or have the staff over there running it –

Councilmember Winnecke: And Councilman Sutton makes a great point, because if that happened, I mean, we do have \$700,000 invested in the construction of it. So if the state were to assume control as you described, and it's probably not an unlikely scenario, then to what extent would we have the ability to recoup some of that money?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's not going to happen anyway because there's still a facility outside of the part that we helped pay for. I mean, the state's not going to take over their facility that they use for things other than just housing our 35 beds. So that's not going to happen. The most the state will do would be pick up our liability, our financial liability. But, you know, where does this start and where does it stop? What about the Hillcrest Home? I mean, should the state be reimbursing us for that? I mean, it's the same situation.

President Abell: Well, we can ask.

Councilmember Raben: And there's many others: there's the boys ranch that we, I don't think is – it's not an Indiana Department of Corrections facility, I think it's out in Arizona or somewhere. So, I mean, there's a lot of homework to do on this.

Councilmember Winnecke: There's probably more questions, frankly, to be directed to the state, I think, before we start circling the wagons. I mean, I think we can alert the court and the Commissioners, but at the end of the day it's really the state's, the onus is on them as to whether it will fund or reimburse us for any of these expenses, I think.

President Abell: I think it would inappropriate for them to hear it, read it in the newspaper or hear it on the T.V. I think we should contact them, but I'm with you, we've got a lot of work to do, but it would be great to get at least a percentage of that money back.

Jeff Ahlers: I guess if there's any other contracts that you want me to look at, I guess somebody needs to get – I mean, is this not it? You're saying that there's others that you think that contractually could fit within what the state is talking about on HEA 1001?

Councilmember Winnecke: I wouldn't know if, I don't think Hillcrest Washington would fall under that.

President Abell: I don't either. It's not a –

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't think.

Jeff Ahlers: But I just want to make sure. If anybody thinks there's anything else and you want me to look at it, I mean, let me know what it is or –

Councilmember Goebel: Maybe one at a time would be the best approach.

President Abell: Well, that's true, don't want to bombard them with everything we've got. Anyone else have anything to come before this body? We're recessed until tomorrow morning at 9:00.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:25 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 13, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: Good morning and welcome to the continuation of the 2009 county budget hearings. Roll call, please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Good morning to everyone, and on a very happy note this morning, the United States of American still is on top of the leader board in the Olympics. So we're still taking the medals. Before we get started with the County Recorder, I do have one statement I'd like to make. Yesterday during the budget hearings there was a statement made from the podium which was a very political statement about a change of administration. These are budget hearings to all presenters. This is not a place for political campaigning and if anyone feels the necessity to make that statement, I'm afraid you're going to be asked to sit down. We're not going to tolerate that. With that said, I know Ms. Smith wouldn't do that, she's been around too long. Betty Knight?

**RECORDER**

President Abell: Recorder, page 12.

Rick Davis: Good morning, everyone. I'm Rick Davis, I'm the Chief Deputy in the Recorders office. And Betty Knight-Smith, the Recorder, is handing out a detailed version of our report to you. But I know you guys have a long day ahead of you and we're going to give you a Cliff's Notes version of our report this morning, so you can get on with business. On behalf of Betty Knight-Smith, we are pleased to announce that the Vanderburgh County Recorder's office collected a grand total of \$934,123 in user fees during the 2007 fiscal year. We did so while recording a total of 38,765 documents. Those totals are down from the previous year. In 2006 we recorded 43,100 documents and collected \$1,008,459 in user fees. As you know, the grand total of the money deposited in 2007 was distributed into five separate funds. The bulk of the money went to the General fund followed by the Recorder's Perpetuation fund, the Security I.D. Protection fund, the Surveyor's Perpetuation fund, and the State Mortgage fund. During 2007, our office wrote checks totaling the amount of

\$520,288 to the General fund, down slightly from 565,427 in 2006. To keep things in perspective, the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County paid about \$434,000 to pay for the salaries of our office employees out of the general fund in 2007. We returned that amount, plus \$86,000 so it didn't cost the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County a dime to run our office, and we are completely self-sufficient. The Surveyor's Perpetuation fund received \$38,470 during 2007. The State Mortgage fund received \$23,600, the Security I.D. Protection fund received \$78,468, and the Recorder's Perpetuation fund received \$273,297. As for this year, through July 31<sup>st</sup>, our office has recorded 20,626 documents, an average of 141 documents a day. If that average continues, we will finish the year with about 35,000 documents recorded. The General fund has already received \$278,409.50 from the Recorder's office this year, through July 31<sup>st</sup>. If that average continues, we will end up writing checks totaling about \$473,000 for the General fund. On behalf of Vanderburgh County Recorder, Betty Knight-Smith, I am also happy to announce this morning, that we will be giving the Vanderburgh County Council \$200,000 from our Recorder's Perpetuation account to place into the General fund, and that money is going to be used to cover the cost of Social Security, PERF and Insurance for the employees from our office. Thank you for your time this morning and I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

President Abell: Not much you can ask about that. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, but for the viewing audiences at home, you might just kind of explain how these numbers have grown over the years, the changes that were implemented and, you know, how we've gotten to this point.

Rick Davis: Okay. One of the biggest changes was implemented by Betty, and that was with the Recorder's Perpetuation account. I believe when she took office, the Recorder's Perpetuation account is the price of two things: one, copies made from our office and another, a three dollar fee assessed to each document recorded in our office. Betty, your first year in office, how much in copies were made?

Betty Knight-Smith: Forty-seven thousand.

Rick Davis: Forty-seven thousand dollars in copies. And if you'll give me just one moment...it went from forty-seven thousand to almost \$200,000. And the reason why is we were on an honor system in our office where the people who used our office on a daily basis, the title companies and people like that, I won't go any further, they would make their own copies on the copy machine and write the total down and we would bill them at the end of the month. And Betty noticed we were buying an awful lot of paper, copy paper and we weren't getting a lot of money in return, so we did away with that. We now make the copies for the public and they also print copies out on the computer. And in order to do so, they have to have a user name and a password and the computer keeps a tally of all the copies that they make off of the computer. So that's how we get the bulk of our money. And that money is important because it goes to run our office. As you guys know, we don't come here and ask for supplies or money for our software or computers. Everything that we run our office with is paid for out of our Recorder's Perpetuation account. So its been a –

Betty Knight-Smith: Plus the \$200,000 that I'm giving you.

Rick Davis: Yeah, plus \$200,000 that pays for our salaries.

President Abell: We certainly appreciate it and need it desperately this year. Good management skills, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Goebel: So do you think then that the new policies, Betty, incorporated have helped the honor system quite a bit?

Rick Davis: Yes. The dishonor system is no longer in our office. And it only lasted her first year – actually, it wasn't even the whole year. She noticed it right away and her first year in office was 2001. She put the user name and password system in place and then shortly after that, we started making copies. We have an employee who sits there, some of the copies are in books, some of them are aperture cards, which is like a microfilm on a piece of cardboard that we put into the computer, and we have an employee who is dedicated to doing that.

President Abell: Any questions? You're to be commended for a well-run office. Thank you.

Rick Davis: Thank you.

## **CORONER**

President Abell: Coroner, page 35.

Don Erk: Good morning, I'm the Vanderburgh County Coroner, Don Erk. I'm here this morning, obviously, I want to kind of bring you up on the budget itself. What I've constructed is small, I feel like, increases in the amount of each account. I've tried in the past year not coming back to the Council. I told myself that if they approved the budget last year, that I would do everything I could do to continue without asking for additional appropriations. I would point out a couple of things that's going to be weak points and it's going to be somebody else's problem in the very short future. You may or may not know, but the doctor that I had employed has left the area, he's gone to Buffalo, New York. I have a gentleman that's flying down from Martinsville, he's got his own airplane. I don't know how long he's going to continue doing the autopsies for the amount that I'm paying him right now, which is \$1,000 a case. I got a call from the other forensic pathologist who is out of Bedford, he advised me that he is going to \$1,500. I told him if he did, I was not using him, but I might be forced into it. I don't know. We'll have to see. It's a weak point and the reason I'm bringing it up is it's something that the Council might need to keep in mind because whoever takes over this office is going to have a lot of problems. There's a number of shortfalls in the office. For instance, the vehicle itself, I have a vehicle that I'm trying to stretch it out as far as I can, as long as it's running, I'm going to continue on using it. I don't know that it's going to last too much longer. The transmission is about gone out of it. That's a downside. Another problem we have is the part-time help get \$8 an hour and I'm telling you now that Warrick County is even paying more than that, and I'm having a hard time keeping part-time employees. It's not a matter of just getting employees that want to come over there and work, but you have to have, honestly, they're handling drugs, they're handling all kinds of things, and they're handling all kinds of problems at all times of the day and night. And I think that in the very near future, it's going to have to be boosted. That being said, the budget itself, the Gas & Oil, I don't know if the oil continues going down, I've tried to cut the driving to a minimum, we'll possibly end up with a surplus in there. I'm not sure we'll need 6,000, but that all depends on what happens in the economy. The same way with the Autopsies. As you go down



through here, xray film has gone up quite a bit. Most of the things that are listed in here are things that's beyond my control. I mean, you know, there's no way to tell what the rate of deaths or the amount of expenses I'm going to run into. I can only estimate. Another weak problem that I see is, that building is now soon to be eighteen years old, and the air conditioner, I've had it worked on the last two years, the guy is telling me that the units are about shot, which is a considerable amount of expense and I will try to continue on as long as I can, even if it's a patch-type job.

President Abell: Is that a county building?

Don Erk: I beg your pardon?

President Abell: Do you rent that or is that a –

Don Erk: No, that's the county's building. I would entertain any kind of questions that anybody might have in reference to anything that I've said or anything in reference to the budget. I wish I had Betty Knight-Smith's agenda. I wasn't privy to that, but I'll do what I can. I might say that this Council has always been fair with me and anything that I've ever asked for, I've gotten, so I don't have any complaints and I will work with you in any way that I possibly can in what time I have left.

President Abell: Are there no doctors locally that could do these autopsies? Do we have to get people from Bedford and Indianapolis or is –

Don Erk: Well, I try to keep forensic pathologists, but right now I've put out feelers – the fact of the matter is, I went on the internet, tried to see if there was anybody interested in coming down and filling this position. I had a service that called me and said they could fill it. Whether they could or not, I don't know, but they wanted \$28,000 just as a finders fee, and I said no, so that's kind of where I'm at. The local doctors, I haven't had anybody that's expressed an interest in doing this, not at this time. For one thing, they don't want to get – most of the local pathologists do not want to get tied up in court cases and the job – and it requires a lot of court testimony. And as time goes along, and they get more and more car wrecks, whatever the situation is, they're required to go into court and, including homicides, they have to testify to them, and most of them don't want to.

President Abell: Questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Don, I guess I was just trying to get a sense of how specialized this pathologists position is in terms of trying to recruit someone. Is there some consideration of, for example, I take like our, we've gone a couple of different ways on how we handle our legal fees. And we've had where one person is contracted to handle for the bulk of those responsibilities and then we've had it kind of where you've had two or three or four people on kind of a team approach, cost basically netting out the same. When you talk about the concern that the local doctors would have about court cases, I mean, would it relieve some of the concerns if they weren't the only one? I guess, if you had, say, some kind of sharing situation where it's divided amount two or three pathologists as opposed to one, like we've been operating under?

Don Erk: Well, if you could get two or three, that would be great. There would be nothing better than that. As a matter of fact, the individual that I'm using right now, that's flying down here out of Martinsville has tried and tried. But you've got to

understand that there's only 300 forensic pathologists in the whole United States, and Evansville, Indiana is not going to be high on their priority list. We've been very fortunate in the last ten – fifteen years that we've had access to two or three. And it's very unusual for an area this size. I can tell you Illinois does not have anybody. They called me and wanted to know what I was going to do, and I said, well, you know, it's obviously, I have to work it out as best I can. And it's a continuous problem because there's only a certain amount of doctors available.

Councilmember Sutton: Right. Now, as well, generally, the pathologists, they don't just do work here in Vanderburgh County, it's several counties –

Don Erk: Absolutely.

Councilmember Sutton: How big of a radius are we talking about? Because I don't know if there's some opportunities –

Don Erk: I don't dictate to them because I'm paying them a flat fee and they supply their own dieners, they supply their own people to do this, so therefore, they've got the lateral to go where they want. This guy has got a plane, he's flying to Lafayette and up at Rensselaer. He was there yesterday, as a matter of fact. Personally, I don't believe he can keep this going and the reason I'm saying that is he is 65 years old and, you know, I'm not knocking 65 years old, but I'm just telling you, you reach a point where you can't get around to that extent, and if he gets sick, then I don't really know what I'm going to do. And what I'm trying to do is get somebody locally that would be interested to come in and at least fill in if we had some kind of major problem.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, give that some thought. I mean, what I shared with you, as opposed to just – you know, if someone feels like the sole responsibility is on them, maybe their perspective is a little bit different than if it were divided up. And then the other thing I was going to ask you, in terms of your building, the Building Authority, what are you doing as far as – you mentioned that there are some issues with your building, as far as some of the issues that you raised with your air conditioning unit, are they apprised of what kind of condition it's in and what needs to be done?

Don Erk: No, I do everything out of this budget. I try to keep everything operating out of this budget, nothing comes out of this building fund over here at all. Everything that I do is totally out of this budget and, you know, the carpet has been in there 18 years since the building has been built and it's pretty poor. And it's just a general thing that it's like a home. A home takes money and it takes time and it takes effort to keep it going. And, you know, it's like the cleaning over there, we take care of the cleaning ourselves because we've hired other people and they claim it's a bio-hazard and it's a danger and they don't want to do it. So, obviously, it gets back to somebody has got to do it, and we do it. That's the bottom line.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think the Building Authority is working with them in any way, but probably what we do need to do and I know Don has brought this up for the past couple of years, at one time, you even had a chiller unit. Did you ever replace it or –

Don Erk: The what?

Councilmember Raben: A cooler or something that –

Don Erk: Well, no, I'm still patching it up. You know, they come in – it costs several hundred dollars to get them to come in, they put new Freon in and they try to fix the leak and whatever. I talked to Schmitt Refrigeration a while back and he was talking in terms of \$25,000, that the whole unit needs to be replaced. I said I don't have \$25,000, so that's kind of where I'm at. And the only reason I'm bringing this up is because, I want you to understand that whoever does take over this office is going to have some major problems.

Councilmember Raben: I think probably what we need to do, Don, is maybe bring somebody in, you know, get some estimates, particularly on an eighteen year old heating and air system, it's probably really inefficient. You know, the payout is probably a matter of a few years on a new higher energy, more efficient system. But this is a prime example of what CCD funds need to be used for. So, I think, if you could bring somebody in or ask the Commissioners, you know, the Superintendent of County Buildings ought to be working with you in regards to what we need to make this thing, get this building in shape.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, that's exactly the point I'm – maybe they could go in and help us just evaluate what the issues may be, so maybe more than just – you may have some other issues that go along with this, plumbing, roofing, we need to at least get a picture and we don't want to find ourselves in a position where you or someone else comes before us and, you know, we've got 200,000, \$300,000 worth of repairs that need to be done right now. If we can at least get someone to evaluate –

Don Erk: Well, I'm not indicating – the building is a nice building, and we've tried to maintain it. And I think it is maintained fairly decent, but it's the age now where things are going to start wearing out and that's all I'm saying is, I want the Council to be aware that whoever takes over this office will be responsible for trying to put some things together, and it's going to be difficult if they continue on the budget the way it's set up now. And that's all I'm saying.

Councilmember Sutton: But can you do that for us? At least begin the process, either with the Commissioners, Building Authority, at least beginning to take a look and see –

Don Erk: Absolutely, I've talked to them about a vehicle and I'm intending to talk to them about possibly the part-time help. Like I say, that is a huge problem. For instance, I got a call last night, a woman from Louisville called me, her daughter got killed over here and she wanted me to drive over and bring her property over there this morning. I said, I don't drive property to Louisville. Well, get up and go fax it. I said, no, I don't fax property because, obviously, if it gets lost, then we've got an even bigger problem. But, you know, and then this morning, I had a tissue thing that called me at 5:30 in the morning. And, you know, it's the kind of thing that it keeps you busy, but that goes with the job. And, you know, you're constantly doing something.

President Abell: I think Mr. Winnecke had a question and then Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Winnecke: Don, what kind of vehicle do you need?

Don Erk: I would prefer, myself, and the reason I've kind of let this thing go is because I thought whoever comes in might have a different idea. I would prefer, personally, to have a truck-type vehicle, with a camper shell on the back. Now, I do know that I've had complaints in the past where they said they thought it was improper to go out and pick up bodies in a pickup truck, but I'm telling you, we don't pick them up like funeral homes, and you know, that's what I explained to them. We go out in the river bottoms, we have a plane crash, we pick somebody up off of a motorcycle out here on the side of the road, you don't put them in hearses or fancy vehicles. And, personally, I think it works out better if you've got a pickup truck with some kind of camper shell which is what we've got on the one vehicle. I know it's more pleasurable, I guess, to ride in some kind of suburban, or SUV, or whatever, but I think for all purposes, the pickup truck works best.

Councilmember Winnecke: And how old is the existing vehicle that you're –

Don Erk: 1991.

Councilmember Winnecke: '91, okay. And then, regarding the pay issue with the part-timers, what is Warrick County paying that is –

Don Erk: Nine dollars an hour, right now, and quite frankly, I don't think it's even close to being apples and oranges because their rate, they don't operate a morgue, they don't have to get up, let people in, they don't have to – we're constantly, that's what I was driving at when I was talking about getting up. They know that that's part of their job, but also, there's no comparison between Warrick County, and I'm not using them as a go-between, but there's no comparison to what they're doing and what my people are required to do.

Councilmember Raben: Don, those fall under the 1210-1070 account, is that correct?

Don Erk: Let me look down through here. You mean their salaries?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Don Erk: It should be coming under Assistant Coroners, and that's, yeah, 1210.

Councilmember Raben: How many folks is that?

Don Erk: A total of thirteen. The amount of people that I have really doesn't make much difference –

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I understand, I just, if we looked at increasing that we need to know, and this number is based on, are they all working a set numbers of hours weekly or...

Don Erk: No, I have to work, what I try to use is nurses, paramedics, police investigators because they fit in very well with the system. They know what goes on on ambulance runs, the nurses, medically, they know what's going on, and the police investigators are very adaptable. That's not saying that other people can't do this job but you have to be very, very selective because we handle quite a bit of money, we handle quite a bit of property, we handle a lot of drugs and you've got to be very careful in who you hire.

Councilmember Raben: And I'm going to turn the mic back over, but can you give us how many hours or can you get back with one of us on how many hours, the total, so we can –

Don Erk: I can tell you, it's twelve hours a day.

Councilmember Raben: I'm talking about for the year, how many hours do you have calculated –

Don Erk: Okay, I'd have –

President Abell: How many part-time hours are expended in one week? It isn't twelve hours a day for seven days.

Don Erk: Well, the full-time people, which is myself and Ms. Groves –

President Abell: No, we just want to know, we're trying to figure the part-time help.

Don Erk: Okay, that's twelve hours a day and twenty-four on Saturdays and Sundays.

President Abell: One person?

Councilmember Raben: Total, you're looking at total, right? You're using part-time people, between the thirteen, you're using all of them, not all of them at one time, but you're using twelve hours of part-time help.

President Abell: Per day?

Don Erk: That's correct –

President Abell: For five days?

Don Erk: That's correct. We handle twelve hours and they handle twelve hours.

President Abell: For five days?

Don Erk: I beg your pardon?

President Abell: For five days?

Don Erk: Five days and then twenty-four on the weekends, because obviously, the weekends have –

President Abell: So five times the twelve is sixty, and you add another...hundred and eighteen hours. Okay, that will help us, we can't figure if we – the number doesn't matter, we need to know hours.

Don Erk: Right.

President Abell: Okay, thank you. Mr. Shetler is next.

Councilmember Shetler: Some of my questions just got asked, which was good. I wanted to know how many people, and we've got thirteen. Okay, what dictates the need for an Autopsy?

Don Erk: What dictates the need?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Don Erk: When I don't know the cause of death. It's about as simple as that.

Councilmember Shetler: So it's not necessarily just in a crime situation or an accident, but all of those kind of things, any other questionable death would dictate whether or not – and that's your determination?

Don Erk: It is. Under state law it says you must determine the cause and manner and mechanism of death, and if I cannot fulfill that without an autopsy, I do it with an autopsy, and I feel like I've pretty much got a handle on it and we've been able to stay within this year's budget on the autopsies, and I'm hoping to continue. So yes, it is, some of it's at my discretion, but my discretion is simply, I have to have some kind of justification to order an autopsy. And if that's a crime scene or it could be a traffic fatality where the city or county is going to be liable, there's all kinds of different factors that enter into whether you may or may not do one.

Councilmember Shetler: About how many autopsies? Do you have an idea about how many autopsies we do a year?

Don Erk: Yes, about one hundred and eighty. I mean, that varies, obviously, it could jump to two hundred and twenty in the rest of the year, but as a general rule, the last year and a half I've been able to hold it somewhere in that area.

Councilmember Shetler: If I had a family member die and I was leery about, I wanted to know the exact cause and I request it, I mean, there's nothing suspicious about it, just kind of a normal death or whatever, but I was curious as to what the cause was, could I request an autopsy then?

Don Erk: You can request one and I would look at it and probably tell you that there is available, you can do a private autopsy, and that's what I tell most of the people.

Councilmember Shetler: And so you would not do that necessarily for me?

Don Erk: I would probably not unless there was a valid medical reason to do an autopsy.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm just trying to figure out a way that you guys might be able to come back next year and do, as Betty Knight did, and bring us \$200,000 or something. But it appears, that's not possible. So you would not just randomly do things on a private or personal basis.

Don Erk: No, we don't. And as a matter of fact, private autopsies run about \$2,500 to \$3,000. I think St. Mary's is now charging \$3,000. We do them for \$1,000, which I don't – you know, the general public, they would probably be irritated if they knew that they were being charged \$3,000 for something we're getting for \$1,000.

Councilmember Shetler: Is there a way of, since, particularly in the crime element, is there a way that we recoup any of that expense back from the state?

Don Erk: No. By state law, it's mandatory, and, you know, there's not any way to recoup any of that money that I'm aware of, we'll put it like that.

Councilmember Shetler: How long has it been that we've been really farming out autopsies?

Don Erk: Forever. As far back as I know. I can tell you John Heidingsfelder was there before he went to the Cayman Islands, he was there for probably twenty years and he did them on a per case basis. The reason I've stayed away from coming in here and asking for us to try to get a forensic pathologist, obviously, you're talking about huge expenses. You're not going to get one in here unless you're talking probably \$180,000 to \$200,000 for a forensic doctor, now that's the bottom line. And not only that, you've got all the benefits that go with it, who is going to take his place when he's off on vacation or he's sick, he's going to get sick days and all the rest of it, so I really need two, in order to carry one. So that's why I stay with the contract type thing, where I pay a contract. I think it's cheaper in the long run and as long as I can do that, I think the county would be wise to continue on with that, and that's why we haven't pushed that issue. I'm just telling you that one guy can't handle it all, there's too many other side issues that come in.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me go back to those part-time, do any of them, are they on PERF or health insurance?

Don Erk: No. As a matter of fact, they're not even getting paid mileage. Most of them have told me – I've told them that, you know, I think they're entitled to it. They've told me that they can do better claiming it off their taxes at \$.58 a mile or whatever it is right now. I think it's around \$.58, but they would rather claim it off their federal taxes than they would to try to claim the mileage from the county. So that's kind of where that stands. I do leave the one vehicle over there that's available to them if they want to use it to drive to and from scenes, you know.

Councilmember Shetler: Right. Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Leader: Good morning, Don. I have a question. We're all aware of the increased suicide episodes in our community, and I wonder, does every suicide require an autopsy?

Don Erk: No. They're a little more peculiar in the sense that I have to try to be very careful with the ones that I select, but obviously, I would say probably fifty percent of them are not. And it depends on the circumstances. Obviously, if there's a note, there's a past history of attempts, you know, you've got family that says they're in a depression, and things of that nature and I can document that this most likely is a suicide, no, I would not do one. I think it's self-evident, whatever the cause is, whether they use a knife or a gun or pills, or whatever. The only thing is, if you get into the medical end, the pills and things like that, sometimes I'll just, instead of doing an autopsy, I'll draw a tox, send it off to AIT, so I can verify in case there comes back a problem later on that the family says no, that's not the way it is. And, you know, it's something you have to evaluate on a case by case basis. That's simply the bottom line and you can't just draw a line and say well, if it's this, it will fit in here, and if it's that, it's going to be over there. It's not that easy.

Councilmember Leader: I understand. One other thing, you said one of the pathologists who flies in here brings his own diener, is that what you said?

Don Erk: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Leader: What is a diener?

Don Erk: That's his assistant who helps him doing autopsies. He or she, it happened to be male on this particular, but they weigh the organs, they do all that and they assist him, they stitch the body up when it's finished and get it ready for the funeral home. Obviously, they have to clean the body before, depending on the circumstances.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just going to say thank you for the job you do. It's vital information for us and you've been very obvious in your explanations, and my stomach is ready to move on.

Don Erk: You've heard enough. I don't mean to be gory on any of it, I really don't. I just, the only reason I'm bringing this up is, like I say, I think the Council does need to be aware of it because I can't tell you what the next year is going to unfold.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, it's what you do as well, and it's important that we know.

Councilmember Raben: One last point Don did leave out, I'm trying to get you off the subject, but I think this is important is, you know, Evansville is kind of a regional medical hub so folks that get life-flighted in from other states or other counties that are pronounced dead in our county, it's his responsibility, and very often you end up doing autopsies on those. So, –

Don Erk: It's a huge problem.

Councilmember Raben: That's how these numbers get so big.

Don Erk: Yeah, it's a huge problem because I think I mentioned this several years back that when the local hospitals, the two of them went to the level two trauma centers, everything within probably seventy-five mile radius around here is going to be brought into Evansville. Now what happens when trauma one's come in, it's everything from gunshot wounds to car wrecks, to homicides, you name it. But they bring them in here, they're not declared on the scene over there, then obviously, they die here, that's my responsibility. And that's by state law. And so it is a problem and it's just as big a problem not only with Illinois, but we get them out of Kentucky. It's kind of a unique situation down here because I'm dealing with two states where most – like Indianapolis are doing with people around Indianapolis, they can bill that county. If it occurs in that county and are life-flighted in. I don't have that luxury because they come out of Kentucky and they come out of Illinois, and I can bill Kentucky and Illinois, but they look at me and laugh.

President Abell: We can put up gates at the state line. Just kidding. Mr. Shetler?



Councilmember Shetler: Back on that part-time just a little bit here, those guys that are working twelve hours, are they there at the county –

Don Erk: No, they're on call. I will tell you this, on call sounds good and the real problem with the on call, is I would say that they spend probably, if I was estimating, out of twelve hours, eight of it will at least be out on the scenes in the morgue, they have to type supplements, they have to bring all this case work up, they have to copy records from St. Mary's or wherever they're from. I mean, there's a lot that goes with it and they're certainly not sitting at home very much, I can tell you that.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, are there times that you have more than one person that's occupying that twelve hours?

Don Erk: No.

Councilmember Shetler: The only –

Don Erk: If they run into problems, I get out of bed and go out there and handle it myself. Sometimes you need assistance and if for some reason I would happen to be gone, they would call one of the other part-timers or somebody that, we cooperate pretty good. If they need some help, we'll fill in and get it done.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't mean to be picking at this, but you said twelve hours a day for five days a week, so that would be sixty hours, and then Saturday and Sunday, those two days, twenty-four hours on call each day, so it would be one hundred and eight hours times \$8 an hour, times the fifty-two weeks, and I'm coming up with something much less than \$50,000.

Don Erk: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and the request, last year was at \$61,000 and this year is at \$62,500, so you're anticipating an increase in pay on that of maybe twenty percent or better?

Don Erk: Part of the reason for that is if we run into problems, we have office meetings, I have to have staff meetings, there's other things that I need to pay them for because it's time that's added in. And there's not much I can do about that. The only thing I can tell you is, I don't think that a reasonable amount of raise would cost the county a huge amount. I just think it's going to be necessary in order to keep the type of help that we need.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you, Don.

Don Erk: Wore you out.

President Abell: No, but come back in a couple of hours.

### **AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

President Abell: Evansville-Vanderburgh County Airport, page 146. You also have a supplement, Councilmen, in your yellow packet, which breaks down some of the

larger figures. It looks like this. It should be in the very back – not in your book but in the back of the big yellow packet. Good morning.

Bob Working: Good morning. I'm Bob Working, I'm the manager at Evansville Regional, and you have the budget before you. I am, overall, looking at a two and a half percent increase in the total budget. And I'm here to answer any questions that you may have.

President Abell: Councilmen, questions? Well, I'll start out, Other Supplies went up \$20,000?

Bob Working: Yes, and that's just a function of what we've experienced over the past couple of years. I probably do this every year but I'll still go ahead and say this is, I don't know, the twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth year that I've been here. The airport is financially self-sufficient in that we do not require county tax monies to operate. And we hope that continues. The industry, obviously, is in great turmoil, but so far everything is continuing along as has been. We operate under a single cash drawer system where we take all the expenses and then all the revenues from all other sources other than the airlines, and then we set the rates for the airlines to ensure that we cover those expenses, plus ninety days operation.

President Abell: And we on the Council, of course, understand that, but there has been a change that this year, this body has been charged with the responsibility of overseeing every budget that is levied in the county, each budget, and –

Bob Working: Well, you always have with the Airport.

President Abell: We have more responsibility now. And in two years, we have an even greater responsibility, so things are going to change and it's all due to House Bill 1001. We had nothing to do with it, so –

Bob Working: Oh, yes ma'am. I understand.

President Abell: So I just don't want you to get too upset when we start asking you questions, 'cause there's some questions to be asked. Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Good morning, Mr. Working.

Bob Working: Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: One of my questions is regarding insurance (tape changed) decreased by 18.22%? That was kind of a surprising thing for us to see.

Bob Working: Well, it was a methodology that we had used in the past where we were taking every employee and applying the family rate. We then took it back to the actual. We also had plugged in over a couple of years we were being advised to look at 20 percent increases and it had worked itself up, and this is taking it back to the actual, and then a ten percent increase.

Councilmember Leader: So you and Mr. Jost assume that's your increase for next year?

Bob Working: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. Can we speak also to your salary and wage increases, please?

Bob Working: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: You have a varying number of percentages here, and as you know, the county has approved a two and a half percent wage increase for all employees.

Bob Working: Well, first, I would like to say that the budget was prepared under the previous guidelines that the county had given us at three percent. Our budget was sent before the board and adopted before we heard of the two and a half percent. But everyone, of all the employees at the airport, the Teamsters and Firefighters represent all but six positions at the airport, and those were negotiated and set by contract. The county, in the past, has not normally done anything with those. The other six, the administrative staff is certainly at the pleasure of the county. Oh, and I did forget, the reason that those percentages vary is we do have a longevity program and so every third year anniversary, there's a \$750 increase, and so that will take some of those and make it look more, and some less.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Bob, I had two questions. One about one line item and just a second general question. Remind us what falls under Contractual Services, that's a large – what falls in that bucket?

Bob Working: A lot. It's anything that we normally have a contract on. It can be stuff as minor as bug sprays, consulting services...Tess? Can you help?

Doug Jost: Our marketing budget is in there.

Bob Working: Our marketing budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's very important, I understand. My other question has more to do just with the state of the industry and how you see Evansville falling into – we have Cape Airs of the world kind of coming and going, it seems like. What's the future look like for our airport?

Bob Working: Well, I tell you, it's, I don't know. I could go on and on with that. The industry is certainly changing. Deregulation has seen the demise of many carriers and we continue to see the consolidation of carriers. You know, a lot of times you'll see new opportunities that will spring forth because of these changes. The base that I would put on the community, though, is that historically, we have sales in the \$75,000,000 a year range for air service, airline tickets, and I believe someone will be here in some way, shape, form or fashion, to take part of that market. We are seeing a change. I was very disappointed to lose Cape Air. We were probably within one passenger per flight of that being profitable. And I'm not blaming South Bend, but certainly there is a consortium and it took South Bend there, too. And so when South Bend backed out, then we didn't have enough between – Evansville didn't have enough to carry it for the two communities. So that's disappointing, and I believe that we were showing a need and we were certainly working towards profitability. Many of our flights were profitable and so that was real discouraging. You know, Delta and Northwest uniting is going to have a big impact potentially on

our airport, could have, because right now with Northwest, American, and Delta, they all three equally share the marketplace, pretty much right down the line, 33% to each of them, and so now when you see one carrier that's going to have 66% of that market, at least initially, you wonder about that. You expect there to be further consolidations when that merger takes place. And so what impacts it will have on this market is yet to be seen. I certainly feel that Atlanta and Detroit are going to remain viable hubs. I don't know the impacts on say, Cincinnati or Memphis. They may scale back a little bit, I'm not sure. I believe we'll have service to all four, but maybe not as equal as they have been in the past. It's a very interesting industry and, you know, you can jump on the bandwagon on either side of this whether deregulation has been a plus or a minus. There are a lot of communities that had air service right after regulation, that don't have air service today. As a matter of fact, sixty airports this year have lost all commercial air service. And that trend is going to continue. I hear that we may see it down to as few as two hundred, we're like 170, so it worries me. But I think we'll still, someone is going to be here to serve the people of Evansville.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Working, your budget is for '09, you're showing right at about a, oh, you've got a 2.49 percent increase over the 2008 budget, which takes you up to next year, what you're proposing is right at about 5.8 million. Now that's just on your expenses. Now you made reference a little earlier about revenue, how much revenue do you have coming in and what are those sources?

Bob Working: I have a lot of sources, but primarily, the best way to generalize them is we get about a third from our parking lot, we get about a third from the airlines, and the other third is made up primarily of car rentals, would be the next biggest chunk, but after that it gets into a lot of miscellaneous: farmers, lease, rents from other tenants, hotel that's on airport property, Sheriff's command post, those type revenues that make up the balance of it.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you get us a copy of a breakdown of your revenue sources? If you could do that, that would be extremely helpful.

Bob Working: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: And so when you talk about all that revenue, how much are we talking about on the whole?

Bob Working: Again, it covers the budget and ninety days of operating.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you give me a number?

Bob Working: Well, that's the best number I can give you. And what I'm saying is, our agreement with the airlines has been that we take all of the revenues from every source other than the airlines and we apply it towards our expenses. And then the airlines guarantee us the difference plus ninety days of operation. And so we set our rates and charges based on that number. And that's based on projected landing weights and...

Councilmember Sutton: Right, right. I understand you've got some variables there, but I'm just trying to get a sense, I know you've got that certain amount that's

built in that will cover, if there is a shortfall, but just, if you can, I just thought you might have those numbers rolling around in your head and you know that just like that in terms of how much revenue you're –

Bob Working: Well –

Councilmember Leader: I think Mr. Sutton, Bob, I think Mr. Sutton also is interested in the federal grants and how you use that money – the whole, and I think you can get us a copy of that. Just an interest in seeing your annual budget. I mean, it's confidential, obviously, to us, too, but we'd like to see all your revenue streams, your construction stream, your rental income, all those various things.

Bob Working: Sure.

Councilmember Leader: Because there are things outside of this, as well, of course, that we don't see here, construction, the federal monies we don't see here.

Bob Working: We receive enplanement monies from the federal government based on the number of passengers that we board each year. We receive a set amount in the Cumulative Building fund, but all of those revenues go towards capital projects and approved projects by the FAA. Our master plan is, as you know or may know, is going to be quite extensive over the next few years as we try to take 2000 feet off one end of a runway and add it to the other. But yes, I'm only talking about –

Councilmember Leader: I just think in light of our increased responsibilities as a County Council, that we already know from the legislation and anticipate in the next two years, it would be kind of a good lesson if you could supply the County Councilmembers with the master plan and projected budgets and how your revenue streams work.

Councilmember Sutton: And, you're right, just due to what we are now being asked to take on, these are the kind of questions we're going to ask any and all departments that, you know, primarily we've focused on the expense side, but we're going to need to look at the whole picture with all these different budgets that we're going to be responsible in dealing with. And not picking on you, but that really helps to give us a fuller picture of where the county dollars, where we actually come in and what additional things you may have coming into other departments as well.

Bob Working: And I understand and I guess I will just say, the county dollars to operate it is zero, and the county dollars into the Cumulative Building fund is a set amount, 1.33 or something.

President Abell: And that's the part we see on our tax bill that you're talking about.

Bob Working: Huh?

President Abell: That's the part that we see on our tax bill that you're discussing right now.

Bob Working: Right.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler had a question.

Bob Working: Sure.

Councilmember Shetler: With regards to the health insurance on the employees, how many employees do you have?

Bob Working: What is it, fifty-five?

Doug Jost: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Shetler: And you –

Bob Working: I heard fifty-seven.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you guys go out to a separate vendor on your own to get that?

Bob Working: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Have you explored the county or even the city's policies and stuff to see if there was any savings that could be had by jumping into the group?

Bob Working: We have not. We have been with Welborn HMO for umpteen years. We have shopped it before, you know, with our broker too see –

Councilmember Leader: But, you know, we also have Welborn, so with the thousands of county employees, you might just want to investigate the possibility of combining with us.

Bob Working: Sure.

Councilmember Shetler: The option, that's one of the options. We have basically three options, I think, through the county program. I don't know if there's any savings to be had, but by getting our numbers bigger for all of us, it may help all of us. And I assume by getting your cost down, that the advantages may not be so much in the property tax area here with you as a question, but the more efficiently the airport is run, and then we can get costs down here, that also then translates into lower rent for the airlines, which makes it more attractive to stay here, ultimately. Which is what our goal is, is to make sure we have good service. So, thank you, Bob.

President Abell: Other questions? I have a question about, it looks like you're putting on a new employee? Is that correct?

Bob Working: We did have one employee that we're wanting to add, that's an assistant chief, is what we're calling it, but primarily since September the 11<sup>th</sup>, our security requirements have escalated and continued to escalate and we find ourselves almost needing a full-time person just to issue I.D. badges and fingerprints and keeping up with security directives from the Transportation Security Administration because they're a dynamic, I mean, they don't have a set security pattern, they move it, they change it, by design and so keeping abreast of that and keeping up with all of the requirements on the fingerprint checks, and then we have to go back and re-certify. We actually have to run our employees again just to

make sure, or it's not just our employees, everyone that's got a badge, to make sure they haven't done anything wrong.

President Abell: So this assistant chief is a security position?

Bob Working: It really is. I mean, it would function in both, he would be able to work on both sides.

President Abell: I didn't know what it was assistant chief of, what department.

Bob Working: Right.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Abell: County Assessor, page 50. Good morning, Mr. Weaver.

Jonathan Weaver: How's it going?

President Abell: I think we have about questioned you to death. We may have another one or two hidden in our pocket somewhere.

Jonathan Weaver: I'm ready, I guess, hopefully.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions on Mr. Weaver's main budget? We'll get to Reassessment later. I think all of the line items that now have an amount in them and zero in the past are your intake of the new assessors and, is that correct?

Jonathan Weaver: Yes, we basically doubled the staff. We had nine, now we're up to twenty-ish there with the full-time and part-time, yes.

President Abell: Questions, Councilmen?

Councilmember Goebel: Does our explanation booklet, is this straight here off of this budget or is it Reassessment?

President Abell: I don't know – I don't understand the question, I guess.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, 4210, for instance, Office Furniture, this booklet doesn't – it's zeroed out, but evidently, there is a request.

President Abell: What page are you on? Are you in –

Councilmember Goebel: I'm on page 52 at the bottom.

Jonathan Weaver: That's under Reassessment?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, the regular budget.

Jonathan Weaver: Oh, the General fund?

President Abell: And what's the line item?

Jonathan Weaver: 4210, I have zero. Do you not?

Councilmember Goebel: That's what I have but in the explanations, we have a request, I think.

Jonathan Weaver: We have 4210 under Reassessment.

Councilmember Goebel: That's what I was asking, is it Reassessment?

Jonathan Weaver: Yeah, that's in Reassessment.

President Abell: Oh, I see what you're asking now. We're going to pick it up later. Any other – Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: I just want to make a point, we talked about this earlier in the year and that was the number of Level II certifications and stuff. I don't know if at some point in time if we need to make some kind of agreement among Council, but we've talked about holding that or freezing that level to where it currently is because we really don't need, I guess, everybody – you know forty-three certified II's or whatever, out there. So I just kind of remind you of that, particularly with consolidating the offices, I'm not so sure that, at this point, we've got to keep what we have, and that's fine.

President Abell: How many do we have?

Jonathan Weaver: It's sixteen, so it's, I think you need to look at it as, it makes us look good. When we're certified by the state, you know, we go under a lot of public heat for, you know, people think we're just someone off the street running for something and we don't know what we're doing and the more education we get, and the more certifications we get, it just makes all of us look good. And we can justify what we're doing. And I think that's what's behind it when the state made that decision to –

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, but isn't a lot of this work done by – you know, you've got trending, we hire outside contractors to do –

Jonathan Weaver: We do our own residential.

Councilmember Shetler: – and stuff, and so we've got, I mean, there's different things going on out there and not everybody, some of them aren't actually doing the field work and stuff. So I don't know –

(Inaudible – both speaking at once)

Jonathan Weaver: – all the residential stuff. I mean, we're going out there ourselves and doing it. We're only contracting commercial and industrial properties and then anything else we contract out is for our software purposes.

President Abell: When you said, you mean there's eighteen people in your office, and sixteen of them are already Level II?



Jonathan Weaver: Yeah, I'm counting sixteen on here.

President Abell: That are Level II's?

Jonathan Weaver: I think we left off Randy Kron.

President Abell: Any other questions?

### **REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Abell: Reassessment, page 153. Questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you know, I know you're still trying to transition here, do you have an idea of how you're going to utilize Extra Help in the new year?

Jonathan Weaver: It's so hard to predict what's going to happen in November. You know, if we don't get the other three townships, we're going to need Extra Help, I think, or I'd like to have the option there to ask for the money now.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Travel & Mileage, how did you come up with your figure?

Jonathan Weaver: The DLGF Commissioner has really upped the standards on – you know, we already have the Level II certification, and now the standards have been upped on the Level II, and now there's a future Level III, and that requires, for me personally this year, I'm taking almost six weeks of classes, that's week long classes and that's traveling, I've been to Kokomo already, Columbus, you have two Assessor conferences in Indianapolis, and I'll be up there for two other classes in October and December for assessing courses, they're IAAO courses and so they have me traveling all over the state. Then my current employees with their Level II and the townships, and they get with their Level II staffs, there is continuing ed that they have to keep up so they can keep their certification active, so there's just been a lot of pressure put on us recently to – it's a good thing. Education is a good thing and I don't even know if we're asking for enough at this point.

Councilmember Sutton: And how are you using Contractual Services, 1090-3530? Is that for software?

Jonathan Weaver: That's our commercial/industrial contractor and we'd like to upgrade the GIS. What's happened here, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 until sometime in 2011 we have to reassess the whole county, that's 82,000 parcels, over 82,000 parcels that we need to look at. I think it would be easier if we can upgrade our GIS to a three dimensional product that's used in Marion and Monroe counties and that will allow us – that will save us a lot of time and money from traveling out to all these parcels and we can look at an aerial view, we can measure off it, have a historical comparison, it would be state of the art, it would be great for economic development, public safety can use this.

Councilmember Sutton: So are you covering all those costs in –

Jonathan Weaver: No, I would be splitting it with computer services, 62,500 would be coming out of that, 110,000 would be for the commercial/industrial contract.

Councilmember Sutton: 62,000, you say?

Jonathan Weaver: Roughly, yeah.

Councilmember Leader: Would you say those numbers again?

Jonathan Weaver: About 110,000 for the commercial/industrial contract and the difference there, \$60,600 – was that it? Yeah, 60,600 for pictometry, the upgrade to the GIS system. And the other half would be picked up by the CIO's department.

Councilmember Sutton: So if I combine Contractual Services and Maintenance Contract, it covers all those things that you just discussed there in aggregate?

Jonathan Weaver: Are you talking about 3540?

President Abell: 30 & 40.

Jonathan Weaver: Oh, 30 & 40. 3530, the 4,000, you're talking about?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Jonathan Weaver: That's for our – ESRI is our – it's ArcGIS, it's done with deeds and plats. It's a different type of software for something else.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now I'm with you. I had asked you initially about 3530, so I was like, how are you getting all that out of there?

Jonathan Weaver: Sorry, I was looking at the big line.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I got you now.

Jonathan Weaver: Is it clear? I'm sorry. I might need glasses soon.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just wondering, on Office Supplies, 2600, and Other Supplies 2700, what's the difference or what are these Other Supplies?

Jonathan Weaver: I tell you, since we have combined townships and moved everything in house, the excess, the duplication, is unbelievable. Last year with the six offices, and what I mean by that, the five townships we just consolidated in my office, we spent, there was budgeted \$13,350 in Office Supplies. Now we're asking, since we're now one office instead of six, we're asking for roughly just over 7,000, so we're cutting those costs in half. And that's just an increase of inheriting those other five townships adding it to my budget, so that's why it looks like it doubled.

President Abell: Okay. Other questions?

### ***PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS***

President Abell: Let's go to Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, page 155. I don't think there's much on it but does anyone have a question?

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President?

President Abell: Yes, I'm sorry, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Jonathan, is Contractual Services, is that legal fees in the PTABOA?

Jonathan Weaver: Oh, down here in the – is that 1091-3530?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah.

Jonathan Weaver: Actually, we can lower that. That was part of, when I came before you last week or whenever that was we had that \$15,000 surcharge with Manatron, the ProVal assessing system, so I wasn't sure if I was going to get that money. That ProVal bill is going up, that's our assessing software, it's going from 40,000 to 42,800, and then we added 17,500 in there because I didn't get them down to 15,000 yet. So that, when you add those two, 42,8 and 17,5, it should come out to 60,300, but we really need just 42,800 at this point.

President Abell: Going in the right direction. Anyone else? I think that's it. Thank you, Mr. Weaver.

### ***CENTER TOWNSHIP***

President Abell: Center Township, page 55.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning.

President Abell: Would you like to give your name for the record, please?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, Debbie Stucki, Center Township Assessor.

President Abell: Questions, Councilmen?

Councilmember Sutton: Extra Help? What are you projecting as far as – you've got 28,000 in there. Can you explain that line item for us, please?

Debbie Stucki: Because of the state mandated reassessment, we've asked for – that amount would give us two people: one extra person in the field and one person to enter that data in the computer because we do have to review the 16,000 parcels.

Councilmember Sutton: And these are part-time positions?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And when we say part-time, how do we define that and what's the rate of pay?

Debbie Stucki: It's 8.50 an hour.

Councilmember Sutton: How many hours a week are we looking at on this, roughly? I know you're –

Debbie Stucki: I've not been through a reassessment before. The last one was 2002.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, if you look back in Reassessment, they put in both budgets, these are the accounts we normally will zero out and put in Reassessment. If you look in Reassessment, it's pretty consistent with past years.

President Abell: Well, let's, do you want to compare it to Reassessment, then? Which is, I guess, is on page 158. Does that help?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that would.

Debbie Stucki: We did turn that in under both budgets not knowing for sure which you're going to take it out of.

President Abell: Right. So they were budgeted 20,000 last year for the extra help. Is that okay?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

President Abell: Any other Councilmen have a question? I think that's it. Thank you, Debbie.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

### ***KNIGHT TOWNSHIP***

President Abell: Knight Township, page 59 and page 162.

Al Folz: Good morning, Al Folz, Knight Township. Want me to go down the whole budget or –

President Abell: Well, we're looking, I think, for just a second here.

Al Folz: Okay, alright. Be glad to do it.

President Abell: Councilmen, does anyone have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: Office Supplies has picked up quite a bit from prior years, you're requesting five, normally it hasn't gone over 3,000, can you talk about that one?

Al Folz: Well, we seem, what we're having to do this year and it's actually has went over budget, but we're able to transfer some monies around and we feel this would be adequate where we don't have to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry. I didn't follow that. One more time.

Al Folz: This year we've seen that it has went up higher than the budget and we're able to transfer some monies around to be able to help cover that. Every year we ask for more than what we use as you well know, so –

President Abell: Not a good practice.

Al Folz: This is not a good time, is it?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

President Abell: Any other questions, Councilmen?

Councilmember Raben: Al, Printing, 1130-3410, that's \$3,000 more, is that an error?

Al Folz: No, not really. We've had more printing, we've had to be able to get from the Printer to be able to give to Simons, who is contracting to do the commercial and industrial, and we furnish him with all kind of maps and such like that, which we're glad to do for him to be able to do the commercial and industrial in Knight Township. But that has, this is something that is very expensive and that's why we put it in there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and then lastly, Dues & Subscriptions, is up from 700 to 1,800, is...

Al Folz: These are what we have for the IAAO, the Indiana Assessors Association, also from another company that we've been taking for years that kind of parallels a market value system and these have all really raised compared to what they used to be. The one company that we use is Marshall & Swift and it's very knowledgeable, it is, it's more of a standardized thing, that is kind of used all over the United States. And when we find we're in certain situations that we need to go back into that, why it's a big help.

President Abell: Is that a publication that you –

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

President Abell: Is that a publication that –

Al Folz: They send out sheets every month, they're about this thick as far as how we keep them. Where things have changed, you know, everything has kind of went up as far as structures are concerned. Going into wiring, it goes into framing, things such as that, concrete, –

President Abell: Is that available online?

Al Folz: I don't think so. If it was, we would be able to utilize that. They're pretty protective.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

Al Folz: Reassessment?

President Abell: Well, we were kind of doing them together because – I don't think there's anything. Some of the numbers are zeroed out in your budget and put into Reassessment.

Al Folz: Okay.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions?

Al Folz: We don't – I'd like to make a comment. We don't know really how much of a reassessment is going to be needed for next year. This would be my fifth reassessment. We've never had anything like, I'm sure you have witnessed and heard about and read about, the trending situation. We trend every year now. Now how much is going to be needed for actually going building to building, home to home, we don't know. So the budget that I turned in on Reassessment will probably have to be upgraded according to what the DLGF says this is how we want it done. And as we know, they change regularly, so that you just don't know what is going on sometimes. But it gives you an idea, as a start, in case they say well let's go with it but we should have mainly more information before it starts, hopefully, so we'll probably on this situation, probably have to come back.

President Abell: Don't come back.

Al Folz: Don't come back, okay, we'll go a certain way in a neighborhood and say, no, can't go any further than this, this is it.

President Abell: Don't come back

Al Folz: Thank you, Councilmen.

### ***PIGEON TOWNSHIP***

President Abell: Pigeon Township, page 63 and the Reassessment is on page 166.

Daphne Robinson: Good morning, I'm Daphne Robinson, Pigeon Township Assessor.

President Abell: Good morning. Give us just a second to look and then –

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Raben, is the Extra Help the same as the last discussion? Under Assessor and under this budget? They're duplicated?

Councilmember Raben: Well, last year under Reassessment, we granted 20. This year she's requesting 30 –

Councilmember Leader: I mean, it appears on both budgets? It's a duplicate?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Question on – just a few of them are maybe one is new and a few are a little higher. Travel & Mileage has gone from \$1,500 to 5,000.

Daphne Robinson: That's for the Reassessment because we will have two people in the field rather than one that we have now. And then the fact that we did go up from 30 cent to 40 cent per mile.

Councilmember Raben: Contractual Services, that's a new one that you've not had in the past and that's for 5,000, can you tell us what that's for?

Daphne Robinson: That's for the TMA, the GIS and Chuck Simons who is our commercial contractor.

Councilmember Raben: TIA?

Daphne Robinson: TMA.

Councilmember Leader: What is TMA? I'm sorry, Mrs. Robinson.

Daphne Robinson: I am not sure.

(Inaudible)

Daphne Robinson: Okay, Tax Management Association. I knew tax but I didn't know anything else.

Councilmember Raben: And lastly, Maintenance Contract.

Daphne Robinson: Alright, on the Maintenance Contract, and that was one thing that I wanted to discuss, the Maintenance Contract is for our machines and we have a copier that's on its way out and I had requested a new one some time earlier and I think the recommendation was that we receive a newer, better, used one from the surplus from the other Assessor's offices, so I'm still requesting that, needing that. Ours is clinking, making lots of noise, on its way out. So if we can receive one, that will be great, but I don't know where we are with that.

President Abell: I don't think we know yet, either, do you? They just moved yesterday, I don't think they know what they've got.

Daphne Robinson: So that's what that's about because the Maintenance Agreements are very expensive.

Councilmember Sutton: Jonathan, did you say –

Jonathan Weaver: I think we have one in the basement we'll bring up for you.

President Abell: Oh, that's good.

Daphne Robinson: Fine, that will be great.

President Abell: That's the county's Neiman Marcus. Any other questions? I think that's it, thank you.

Daphne Robinson: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, would you like to take a break? We'll take a five minute break.

**(Tape Change)**

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

President Abell: We're back on the record. Area Plan, page 74.

Brad Mills: Brad Mills, Area Plan Commission. Happy to answer any questions.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll start, most everything is pretty much where it was at last year. You do have a few new, actually, three, four new line items, starting with 3710 through 4210, if you want to explain those?

Brad Mills: Sure. We would like to have an intern, I'll talk about the Education first. We would like to have some money to help improve our professional folks. We've got a couple of planners, and use that for getting publications and things of that nature. The Intern is something that we've had in the past. I know budgets are tight, so we probably won't get that, but it's something that we use to help us through the summer to get caught up on work. We've used them in the past to do a lot of GIS data entry. We do a lot of work with that, since we help maintain all the parcel splits, and adding layers, and things of that nature. And, Contractual Computer, I mentioned this at the joint city-county, we're looking for \$600 to allow the Assessor's data base to be changed with ProVal. They have to do a little bit of programming work. This is something that would help us towards earning points to help to reduce the cost for flood insurance, so it would increase our discount, basically, but reduce the costs for premiums. Was that it? Or, how far did you go down?

Councilmember Raben: Office Furniture.

Brad Mills: Office Furniture, we were looking to get some new desks. These wouldn't be top of the line, obviously. They're around \$1,200 a piece, \$1,250, I think. We're looking for four of those. Equipment, we've been working with Computer Services, trying to get the two computers that we have on our front desk, upgraded, streamlined, download whatever information off of it that we don't need to have. Those are two computers that we really use for all of our permitting. They are real work horses for us. They just can't really handle the new software. We went over to CityView, a little less than a year ago, and the CityView permitting system that the Building Commission uses, that just really bogs them down. So, we're looking at two new computers for that front counter. I think that was kind of it.

President Abell: Are you working with Computer Services on those computers?

Brad Mills: Yes, we have been.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President? I've got a question, I guess, I'm turning to the Auditor for this one. Are there any requests that can meet the guidelines for reassessment?

Bill Fluty: I believe the \$600 programming change for, I think he mentioned ProVal, you need a programming change in ProVal—

Brad Mills: Yes.

Bill Fluty: – to meet that need?

Brad Mills: Yes.

Bill Fluty: I think that's clearly reassessment.

Brad Mills: If they can do it in that, would be willing to do that for us, we would love it. John Ansbro in my office is running our CRS program and really works hard to



try to find different areas and discounts that we can have to help reduce that flood insurance cost. This was another item that we could take, another step to help to give a better discount.

Bill Fluty: Also, entering data into the GIS, the splits and cuts, I think, you were talking about—

Brad Mills: Yes.

Bill Fluty: —then again, it does have some connection with assessing parcels. So, I think that is close.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, I was looking even a little more broad than that. I was looking at 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as a whole. Could we? Is there not argument for everything they do, in some form or shape has something to do with reassessment?

Bill Fluty: You know, it's kind of broad. We've used it that way in the past. I don't know which one you're talking about, but I'm sure—

Councilmember Raben: I'm talking all of them.

Bill Fluty: All of them? Two things with that, I think you can go, you can keep going to that well, the reassessment, but that line item may deplete, and you may need that for the, I think they talked today about they have to reassess 2010. So, I expect added expenses there. But, I think some of these could be looked at, and possibly could be switched over. But, that would be a discussion between you and Jonathan and maybe our office to see if they have a close enough link there to be—

Brad Mills: Okay.

Bill Fluty: —that you are participating in actually the parcel and the updates to those parcels.

Brad Mills: Yeah, we do work pretty closely together.

Bill Fluty: I think you're close.

Councilmember Raben: I don't have my financials with me, but that, there's what, about—

Bill Fluty: Do you want to know what's in Reassessment?

Councilmember Raben: —1.2, 1.3? Yeah.

Bill Fluty: Right now you have an unappropriated balance of \$1,375,000. You normally, this year, I think, the revenues in, predicted for 2009 are going to be about \$417,000. We usually try to keep reassessment requests at revenue, or about, knowing that we will always come into a reassessment where we'll be spending this balance down. Also, I think you've also heard that we are looking into having a new tax billing system for the Auditor and the Treasurer, and I think that would be an appropriate fund to ask for the, to pay for the software for that package. That's out for RFP's, and the bids will be opened August 19<sup>th</sup>. At that time I would have a number for you, what that new package will cost. It's needed because of the circuit

breaker, that's House Bill 1001, the changes, and the system we have now is currently 30 years old and can't handle these new regs, regulations and so forth.

Councilmember Raben: So, there's a lot of people, figured right now what we've got is about four, four and a half requested in Reassessment. So, still quite a bit of a cushion there, but, anyway, we can talk about it, or think about it, keep it on the back of your minds. Might be another avenue for a substantial cut.

President Abell: Yeah. Good idea. Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Good morning, Mr. Mills.

Brad Mills: Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: I have a suggestion on your Intern.

Brad Mills: Okay.

Councilmember Leader: On occasion the universities, if the job description is appropriate, will allow a student to get credit for working.

Brad Mills: Alright.

Councilmember Leader: Which means you might get a student to work for you for college credit. So, you might want to contact the community college and the two universities to see if there's a chance. You might be able to have an intern all year round.

Brad Mills: Sure.

Councilmember Leader: So, you might want to look into it.

Brad Mills: Okay, we'll look into that. Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Those four desks that you need, are those a special type of desk?

Brad Mills: No.

Councilmember Shetler: Just typical working desks.

Brad Mills: Yeah, typical working desks.

Councilmember Shetler: Are they in there to replace things that are getting old?

Brad Mills: Yes, we have some, they are very old. A lot of the drawers don't work properly, fall out, and things of that nature. So, we're just trying to basically have something that the staff can use. Nothing that's real fancy or anything.

Councilmember Shetler: Have you checked with Mr. Rector on, I've been down in that basement and they've got a lot of stuff down there that, you know, people didn't need, didn't want, misordered, all kinds of combinations there.

Brad Mills: That's where we basically get all of our furniture.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Brad Mills: So, we have gone down there numerous times. I don't know if we've been down there recently, with the shuffling around that we've had if there's any additional items that have been in there, but I personally have been down there and have looked around. So, we've tried that, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

President Abell: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: No, but Curt Wortman would have been proud to have heard that, Tom.

Councilmember Winnecke: Looks like you guys will have to make another trip down to the basement.

Brad Mills: Yes, it sounds that way.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you.

Brad Mills: Thank you.

### **COUNTY SURVEYOR**

President Abell: County Surveyor, page 74. Good morning.

Bill Jeffers: Good morning, President Abell. Bill Jeffers, Vanderburgh County Surveyor. I got an e-mail this morning from someone who was in front of you yesterday that said don't, it said don't dress up, they will think you have plenty of money. But, I wanted to reassure that everything I'm wearing came off discount and discontinued racks.

President Abell: After hearing that one of the Coroner's doctors flies down in his private plane, I don't think your suit is going bother us too much.

Bill Jeffers: Oh, good. I guess we can start on page 33, 1060 Surveyor General Fund. The budget we're turning in for 2009, the requests in the General Fund represent \$8,500 less than 2008. I don't know where you stand with the salary freeze on elected officials, but I signed that I would agree to that if that was the course you took. If you add that in, the budget requests for 2009 out of the General Fund would be \$10,054 less than 2008. We did that, basically, we moved \$20,000 from Assistant Surveyor over to Corner Perpetuation Fund, because next year I anticipate that the Assistant to the Surveyor will spend at least 50 percent of his time, or her time on strictly section corner business.

President Abell: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: Re-establishing section corners, doing the GIS and the GPS program associated with our section corner perpetuation. So, you might as well pay that person out of the Corner Perpetuation Fund. We knocked, I want to come back to that later, but, for right now that's my statement on that. It looks like we knocked

\$500 out of Tires and Tubes, and \$500 out of Garage and Motor. We purchased a new vehicle, our 15 year old survey van lost compression. I've offered it to other departments, but because it needs a new motor, it's still in surplus. But, since we have a new vehicle, we don't anticipate the need for \$500 worth of tires and \$500 worth of garage and motor service. So, we zipped that out. We may come back to you in future years and ask for that to be restored. We're not asking for anything in Surveyor Stakes, because we use a global positioning system now, and we can pick up any stakes that might be needed on the odd job we either have them from years past, or we can pick them up here and there, surplus. I knocked \$500 out of Training. I might want to look at that in the future. Dues and Subscriptions we're keeping the same, because that's relatively stable. I think we knocked \$500 out of another account. Basically, that's, oh, I wanted to ask you, I haven't heard it mentioned yet, have you made any decisions on Chief Deputy? Because the Chief Deputies of the Constitutional offices are—

President Abell: 75 percent.

Bill Jeffers: —tied at 75 percent. So, if you freeze our salary, would they automatically be frozen?

President Abell: Since I was the one who brought it up, I'll tell you what I've discussed with some Councilmembers. It is my thought that since the elected officeholders have all, almost all said that they have no problem with freezing their salary, that we go forward with that this year, but that the Chief Deputy get the same percentage of increase as all the rest of the employees do, until such time as a new Chief Deputy takes place, then they would go back to being 75 percent of whatever the officeholder's salary is at that time.

Bill Jeffers: That sounds—

President Abell: Which I think would be more fair.

Bill Jeffers: Yes. That sounds very reasonable. My Chief Deputy has over 25 years of service, and she had her salary frozen five or six years in a row when she was Assistant to the Surveyor. So, that sounds very fair. Because I was only going to ask that no cuts be made to the Chief Deputy's position and to Sandie Deig's candy dish fund. Those are the two most important things. Did anybody have any questions about the General Fund items, page 33?

President Abell: I thought we were going to change the name of the Party Chief, because we thought maybe that was—

Bill Jeffers: Right, I want to just—

President Abell: Because there's so many people that would qualify for that.

Bill Jeffers: That's true. That's a very historic name. I mean, since the County Surveyor was established in Indiana back in, I guess, the 1840's, there's always been a Party Chief, a Chain Bearer, a Rod Carrier, etcetera. Because of a lot of the changes that may be coming in the future with whatever form of consolidated government we go to, or whatever plan we follow for local government, I thought I would wait and see how that went. Because it's just too inviting when you look at a budget that says Technician One, Technician Two, Technician Two A, I mean, you know, and then the other idea I had, it's too inviting for you to maybe zip one of those

out, when I think they're all necessary positions. The other thing, I wanted to talk to your job study consultant, because I understood that you, or he was going to come around to each department and re-evaluate the job descriptions this year. Until I go through that process, or that would be the perfect time to—

President Abell: To change Party Chief.

Bill Jeffers: —to rename, like re-evaluate their job descriptions and come up with a job title that really, truly matches what they do in today's world, technically. So, I was just basically holding on and waiting for that process to take place.

President Abell: Well, I just recalled that we thought it was funny last year.

Bill Jeffers: Yes, and I believe Councilman Sutton asked me to look into changing those to something more modern. I'm willing to do that, but let's go through this re-evaluation first.

President Abell: You just like having a Party Chief in there. Anyone else have questions? Page 177, well, I think you—

Councilmember Raben: We're probably good on—

President Abell: You kind of talked about that.

Councilmember Raben: That's probably good on your resume, if you're trying to get into bouncing or something like that, bartending.

Bill Jeffers: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Party planning.

Bill Jeffers: A caterer's job, you know. Wedding planner.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll wait until after he gets done.

President Abell: Do you have a question? Go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it's not necessarily directed at the Surveyor.

President Abell: Oh, okay. Do you have anything wonderful that you want to tell us? That was good news that you cut your budget.

Bill Jeffers: I would be willing, now that I understand that the Chief Deputy's salary will go forward—

President Abell: I'm only one vote.

Bill Jeffers: Now that I'm hopeful that the Chief Deputy's salary will move forward with the other county employees, I would be willing to discuss another \$3,180 to \$3,500 decrease from the General Fund personnel line items, but I would like to discuss that possibly with, I mean, it's kind of, well, I mean, if I were discussing personnel issues with the County Commissioners, for example, wouldn't I do that in an Executive Session?

President Abell: Yes.

Bill Jeffers: Okay, so, you get my drift on that?

President Abell: Yes.

Bill Jeffers: I think I have a way to restructure, reorganize and reassign duties in my office that I can further cut by \$3,180 to \$3,500 in personnel line items. I just wanted to throw that out there. I believe it would be fair and equitable to do so, with the plan that I have in mind, but I would like to discuss that at some point and bring it back to you at your next hearing.

Councilmember Sutton: Probably not too much detail you want, probably want to go into, and that's probably appropriate. But, yeah, if we've got some thoughts or ideas, I mean—

Bill Jeffers: I just want to do it in an appropriate fashion that doesn't come as a shock to, I mean, I don't want to start a shock wave.

### ***SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION***

President Abell: What's line item 3371, Computer Hardware? Is that something that you have in your office that's continuing?

Bill Jeffers: Thirty, is that under Corner Perpetuation?

President Abell: Yes.

Bill Jeffers: Thirty-one, we had asked—

President Abell: 3371.

Bill Jeffers: —several years ago, I think, maybe three years ago, for \$6,000. What is it now? I don't see that on my sheet.

President Abell: \$6,000.

Bill Jeffers: Okay, \$6,000? We had asked for that because a lot of our computer hardware was ancient. We got it at what President Abell refers to as the county's Nieman Marcus, our basement. It was some of the older computers from the court's building and the assessors. At that time they were all crashing and we went through, then you all kind of changed the procedures where you go through—

President Abell: Council.

Bill Jeffers: —Council and GIS and all that. It worked out very well, and we were able to get some really good deals, and we're left with that amount that's never been spent and we're just carrying it forward.

President Abell: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: Whenever, I believe you, President Abell, said, when you plug it into the wall and the screen doesn't light up, come talk to us, and we'll be taking from that \$6,000 there.

President Abell: You don't have any particular need is what I, nothing crashed? You're not in—

Bill Jeffers: No, Ma'am. Everything's working fine. I think there's one computer that there are some complaints about, but it's not a critical computer at this time.

President Abell: Any other questions, Councilmen? Thank you, Mr. Jeffers.

Bill Jeffers: Thank you.

### **MAP FUND**

President Abell: Well, the Map Fund would have been his, but I don't think that's anything. What's the Map Fund? I don't even know what the Map Fund....he did that?

Councilmember Sutton: That's him.

### **SALES DISCLOSURE**

President Abell: Mr. Weaver is back for Sales Disclosure Fees, on page 185. I'm afraid I neglected to ask Mr. Weaver a question when he was up, and we've already discussed it.

Jonathan Weaver: Hello again.

President Abell: Do you want to go ahead and make your statement on the question that you and I talked about?

Jonathan Weaver: Yeah, is there a, the law says I need to review and recommend anything out of Reassessment. So, will I have the opportunity to look at everybody that's requesting money out of the Reassessment Fund next year? That includes the Auditor, the Treasurer and the Townships, and whoever else?

President Abell: Yes. I don't know how we'll do it. Ms. Deig, do you think we could put together one report that shows what comes, can you do that on the computer, just shows one report that pulls everything out of Reassessment?

Bill Fluty: We could give him a budget book, I mean.

President Abell: A print out.

Bill Fluty: That's what we're all looking at right now.

President Abell: You might want to mark it some, because it's kind of hard to follow if you don't know what you're looking at.

Bill Fluty: That's fine. Sure.

Jonathan Weaver: Is there going to be an explanation of what the money's going to be used for?

President Abell: That's what I think he's interested in. Whether he can approve it or not, since it does say that he looks at Reassessment, and, you know, if it just says

\$6,000 or something, if he doesn't know what that \$6,000 is for, it's kind of hard to say yes or no on if you don't know for sure what-

Bill Fluty: I think some of it has a rationale also that would help that. Some of it is pretty straight forward, you know, supplies is fairly straight forward. I think you know what those are, office supplies. But, anything that is, that he needs to look at, he's welcome to.

President Abell: We'll get you a rationale book, then you can take a look at it and let us know.

Jonathan Weaver: Great. Thanks.

President Abell: Okay. Do you want to talk about Sales Disclosure Fees? Page 185.

Jonathan Weaver: Yeah, so far this year we haven't spent any money out of it. As far as I know, sales disclosures bring in about \$30,000 in revenue to the county. We're requesting the same amount of money as we did last year. With the money, last year with the money that we had, we made a last minute purchase to upgrade our sales disclosure software and our appeals database. So, it's just unchanged for this year. We don't know what's going to pop up. We actually need a new personal property vendor. Appraisal Research was our personal property vendor, the state's upping the standards on who can do business in the state, basically, and Appraisal Research is pulling out of the state in personal property. So, that's something we're going to have to look into this year is a personal property database.

President Abell: I'm, I suspect the state has some recommended vendors?

Jonathan Weaver: There's going to be an approved list, yes.

President Abell: Okay. Okay, any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Weaver.

Jonathan Weaver: Thanks.

President Abell: Next year, if you'll remind whoever's sitting behind this desk that you have something further down the agenda, you can do it all at one time.

Jonathan Weaver: Oh, okay. Thanks.

President Abell: Circuit Court.

### ***CIRCUIT COURT***

President Abell: Page 92.

Carl Heldt: Good morning, Madam President, Council.

President Abell: Good morning, Judge.

Carl Heldt: I'm Carl Heldt, Vanderburgh Circuit Court. We start with the Circuit Court budget 1350-1360, Bailiff, that's a ten year step. The next one, 1360-1360, Pre-Sentence Investigator, that \$34,716 is an error. That should read, and please amend it to read, \$36,382. \$36,382. That's, it's 1360-1360, Pre-Sentence Investigator, where it says \$34,716, that should read \$36,382. That's just a simple error in



calculating the ten year step. The Staff Attorney/Administrator, 1620-1360, is a two year step, and then the only real change is 3260, Law Library Books, we're asking for an additional \$2,500. The, I give this speech every year, but for those of you that weren't here, or don't remember, there's a law library foundation that's supported by, I would say the majority of the lawyers in Evansville who have, over the years, donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the foundation, which helps support the law library. These law library books, the inflation rate on those are about ten percent a year. So, we're going to need another \$5,000, actually, for law library books. The foundation has agreed to match the \$2,500 from the county with another \$2,500, which will take care of the \$5,000 we need. So, that's why we're asking for a \$2,500 increase in the Law Library Books. Any questions so far?

President Abell: That's just matching funds of some of the lawyers in town have agreed to match our funds?

Carl Heldt: It's actually, yeah, it's the, there is a law library foundation, and I would say the majority of the law firms and lawyers contribute to that every year.

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Carl Heldt: They have a foundation fund that they buy a number of things for the law library, but what they would do is match that.

President Abell: Okay.

Carl Heldt: Every year here I'm asked what, before I move to the User Fee Fund, what can we do to help this county budget, which I've just discussed with the User Fee Funds. Before I'm asked that question, we have given it some thought, and I would propose, if you can give us that \$2,500 for the Law Library Books, we can go to 2610, Copy Machine Supplies—

President Abell: 2610?

Carl Heldt: —\$4,000, and move that to the User Fee Fund. So, that would result in a savings of, an actual savings of \$1,500 to the county budget, if you all would agree to do that.

President Abell: That's great.

Carl Heldt: There you go. Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Judge, could you explain on the Grand Jurors, I guess, just for my education, that amount varies on case load, I assume.

Carl Heldt: It depends on how many grand jurors we have to call.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Carl Heldt: Some years we don't have any grand jurors.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Carl Heldt: Some years we have, like we had two grand jury cases in less than the last month. So, it just depends upon how many we need to pay.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Carl Heldt: Actually, the same with the Petit Jurors, it's just something we have no control over, and whatever it is, it is, and the fees are set by statute.

***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

Carl Heldt: In the Adult Probation User Fee Fund, which is not in the county budget—

President Abell: We're on page 171, Councilmen.

Carl Heldt: —there are, the changes involved are mostly historical changes. But, the 1530, Staff Attorney Administrator, that's a two year step increase. Then, on the next page, Other Pay, 1980, and that's used primarily for interns who help us at the Drug and Alcohol abuse probation service and in the probation department, and that increase is as a result of the minimum wage going up. We want the salary of these people, mostly young people to go up, so we can pay them \$8.00 an hour. Office Supplies, an additional thousand dollars. Other Operating, 3510, another thousand dollars. That's for a phone line for the 501 John Street alarm system that they put in. Contractual Services, 3530, add \$3,000, that's for a metal detector and video equipment for 501 John, I think, isn't it?

Karen Angermeier: It's a service fee.

Carl Heldt: It's for the service cost. Copy Machine Lease, 3620, another thousand dollars and that's just an historical, what we're going to need. We're going to have to have it to pay it. Miscellaneous Equipment, at the bottom, 4250, another \$3,000, that's for a fax machine for Circuit Court and a new Breathalyzer machine. Once again, these are all out of the User Fee Funds, and not in the county budget.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, there's a big one, 3935, could you address that?

President Abell: It will be. We all looked at it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Carl Heldt: What? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Did you say we've already covered it?

President Abell: No, I said we were all just looking at that.

Councilmember Raben: On the Drug Testing, is there a different program today than—

Carl Heldt: Contractual Drug Testing?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Carl Heldt: Help me out.

Karen Angermeier: That's Hi-Tech, the random drug testing we've been doing since May, we had an appropriation in for that.

Carl Heldt: Yes. We moved our drug test to Hi-Tech. Hi-Tech, I don't know the rest of the name, but that's what we pay them, once again, out of the User Fees.

President Abell: Was, we were doing that in-house before?

Carl Heldt: Yes.

President Abell: Right, I thought so.

Karen Angermeier: These are the random ones, we were here and we discussed that in May, that we still do our in-house testing—

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Karen Angermeier: —but, for the first four months, they call in a phone line, and if their number comes up, they have to report within 12 hours for that drug test.

President Abell: Okay.

Karen Angermeier: This is just additional testing.

Carl Heldt: Yeah, this was a situation where we, the only thing we could do before this was send them a letter and say come in, in a week, and get drug tested, which we didn't think was very effective. This is much more effective.

President Abell: Talk about a little heads up.

Carl Heldt: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: Now, you have that in place currently, is that correct?

Carl Heldt: Yes, we're doing it now, are we not?

Karen Angermeier: Yes.

Carl Heldt: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And, has that worked out pretty well?

Carl Heldt: I think it is, yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Carl Heldt: It's resulting in more arrests of people that are testing dirty, but that's the purpose, is to catch them and sanction them.

President Abell: Any other questions? I think that takes care of it.

Carl Heldt: Okay, thank you all.

President Abell: Thank you. Are you going out to the podium?

Bill Fluty: (Inaudible. Not at microphone.)

President Abell: Good. I thought you were leaving. I was going to tell you that, you can't leave, you're up.

Bill Fluty: I've been waiting for this, all day. Bill Fluty, County Auditor.

***BOND DEBT REPAYMENT***

President Abell: What do you want to talk about first, Bill?

Bill Fluty: I think, to stay with the agenda, you're on page 194.

President Abell: Correct.

Bill Fluty: I think that's the jail bond.

President Abell: Yes. On 194? Oh, this is the USI bond.

Bill Fluty: This is the USI bond, I'm sorry.

President Abell: Yeah, yeah, and Azteca.

Bill Fluty: Yes, the USI bond. This is for the overpass.

President Abell: Yeah.

Bill Fluty: We used \$480,000 of COIT money, and we also use Surtax and Wheel Tax, which is about an \$800,000 payment here. This actually will be paid off in 2010.

President Abell: 2010?

Bill Fluty: Yes, Ma'am.

President Abell: Good.

***JAIL BOND***

Bill Fluty: I believe the other one, which is the jail bond.

President Abell: The jail bond, right.

Bill Fluty: Which is on 191, and that's just, that's from property taxes, and that's our annual payment for that bond. This one is paid off in 2028, it's a little longer.

President Abell: I have a feeling this Council may change by then.

Councilmember Raben: Bill, I'm trying to, looking back, I'm trying to recall about how the rates were when this bond was originally issued. Would it be worthwhile looking at today to see if the rates are less than, if there would be any savings in looking at refinancing these bonds?

Bill Fluty: We do that quite often. Of course, they'll call us if there's a chance to refinance. We do look at that quite often to see if there is some savings that can be made. Right now, I don't believe we're there. But, we do keep track of that. Obviously, for the one that's, the USI bond that's so close to termination it would not

be, but we do that for all our bonds. We did get a, our last bond out for the TIF, we did get an upgrade in our bond rating.

President Abell: 2028.

Bill Fluty: So, that's good news.

President Abell: Yes.

### **AUDITOR GENERAL FUND & REASSESSMENT**

President Abell: Page seven.

Bill Fluty: I think the two that, Training and Computer Management, obviously, Training, we put that in our regular budget, we also have it in our Reassessment budget. In the past it's been zeroed out in our regular, our General Fund budget, and sometimes we've been able to use it in Reassessment. With the new system that we hope to purchase, tax billing system, of course, that will be a Windows version and we'll be able to extract data out of that. We would like to have some training in Access and some other, Excel and so on and so forth to extract that data and deal with and present it in a different way. Computers, those are for computers. We're on a refresh program. Been on that for years. We're asking for five or six computers every year. This is also in the Reassessment budget. Our goal is to try to not keep anything over five to six years.

President Abell: Is this going to be able to meld in with the county's whole refresh program that Mr. Arvay's putting together?

Bill Fluty: Obviously it can at anytime. I think in the rationale book there's just how we get there. All the computers that have come in, that person, you know, if you have a 2003 computer, we'll have it scheduled to go out in 2009 or 2010. We just keep moving forward. We have 25 employees and we just try to do five. I think some years we have to do six to kind of catch up. But, after we get caught up, I think it's five a year.

President Abell: Thank you. I'm sorry, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: That's alright. This has been a sticky issue, I guess, here as far as the monitors. When you buy a computer, do you have to replace those monitors? Do you have flat screens that you move out whenever you get a new computer?

Bill Fluty: We don't always buy a monitor. Sometimes we do. It's just the case, if that monitor's fine, we keep it. It usually just keeps moving. If it moves off a desk, a user, it will move to the counter, and actually a counter will have a new monitor, for the public.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Bill Fluty: That's how it just keeps progressing through the office. Then, finally, at some point in time, they'll actually be surplus.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that. Thank you.

President Abell: Anymore questions?

Councilmember Sutton: So, Bill, are we duplicating there?

Bill Fluty: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so, it's one or the other?

Bill Fluty: I expect it to be—

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Bill Fluty: —zero in the General Fund. I hope it will \$10,000 in the Reassessment. I'm hoping.

President Abell: Any other questions? I think that's it.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

President Abell: Oh, wait a minute. What did you have on 151? What was that? Oh, that's just Reassessment. I'm sorry. Go ahead. You're finished. I was asleep. I was ready for the County Council.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Abell: Page 118 is our budget.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President?

Councilmember Sutton: So, are you going to go up there?

Councilmember Raben: If you want, I'll tackle this one.

President Abell: Yeah, we'll let Mr. Raben do it.

Councilmember Raben: If you go to, just as a matter of clarification, the 3370, Computer Data Management, that, what we've been using that for the last few years is a catch all for all county offices that, you know, there's very few offices today that put in anything for computers. So, when an emergency arises, you know, we can pull from this fund. This is not for County Council, per se, it's for all offices. But, the Computer Hardware, I think we can probably look at cutting that in half, 16 might be a little much, let's take that back to eight. The 3372, Software, cut that in half. 3610, we can take that back to probably five, and, you know, the 3860, Contractual Computer, the request for \$1.759, I know there's, we're going to work on that more, but, I know there's quite a few items that are part of a wish list on that, that, I, you know, it would be my opinion that we should take that back to about 1.6. That's really about it. The Court Technology, that's a real number. That's what that number is.

President Abell: What line item is that?

Councilmember Raben: That is 3461.

President Abell: Oh, yeah.

Councilmember Raben: That's a hard number. So, really that's all we've got within Council.

President Abell: Questions of Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Now, I know a lot of you were wanting to zero out that Executive Assistant and Administrative Assistant.

Sandie Deig: Thank you, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think they do a good job, regardless of what the other six of you think.

President Abell: I think, as long as she keeps that cookie jar full, or candy jar full, everybody's okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps we could replace them with the Surveyor's Party Chief.

President Abell: I want to be the Party Chief.

Councilmember Sutton: One thing I did want to ask, Sandie, when you had modifications to that whole office area over there, you guys were impacted rather heavily, as far as storage is concerned, I mean, with all the paperwork that we have month to month and that you put out, where are you putting all of this stuff, and what are you using for storage, and is that an issue for you?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible) that some of it's downstairs sometimes. Most of it's in the office (Inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: Well, keep us posted on that, because, I mean, you guys are working in a very small area.

President Abell: I think that Mr. Rector may come up with some solutions with the work on the old jail to relieve Council. I think they've got some ideas of giving us a little bit of space.

Councilmember Sutton: That would be, in terms of timing, that would work out very well. Looking at the, at least the option there, so, and keeping your thoughts open about what those needs are and how we can tie that into some of the changes that are going to go on here in this building.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: You know, on the priority list, we ought to move to the front. We're paying for that rent as it sits anyway. And, so, regardless of if we get a little larger space with Council, I mean, the county is paying for that, so, we ought to be the ones going to the top of that list to acquire it, since we're paying for it anyway.

President Abell: We need the space.

Councilmember Sutton: There was one other issue, too.

President Abell: Yes?

Councilmember Sutton: I thought of when Jeffers was here, you mentioned about the department heads freezing their salaries at the 2008–

President Abell: Elected.

Councilmember Sutton: –elected officials, and the 75 percent, we might need to look into the salary ordinance and what effect that may ultimately have, because that's going to throw off that 75 percent threshold and see how that works around. I don't know what all, just need to look and see what those requirements are, because if that's thrown out of whack some kind of way or another, you know, if they end up more, obviously, they are not going to complain, more than 75 percent, but just seeing what we've got in the policy.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Abell: Yeah, so, the Chief Deputy gets 75 percent of the boss' salary.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but what I'm saying is if–

President Abell: It will be out of whack.

Councilmember Sutton: –their salary, their boss' salary is frozen, then that moves it into a, you know, outside that 75 percent. So, I don't know if that 75 percent is a suggested amount, or a recommended amount, or it's saying it has to be 75 percent of.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible.) the salary ordinance.

President Abell: We would have to amend our salary ordinance this year, I would think. I would think we would have to amend the salary ordinance, if we wanted to move forward with this.

Councilmember Sutton: That's what my concern was, because it would ultimately start trickling down and impact them, too.

President Abell: You're exactly correct. Any other comments or questions to come before Council? The next budget review is August 26<sup>th</sup>, and I will not be here, so, Mr. Winnecke will be taking care of the meeting for me. I will be in Europe, for those of you who want to be jealous. I'll miss you, but I had this scheduled over a year ago, so, I'm glad to be gone. If there's nothing further, we're recessed until August 26<sup>th</sup>.

(The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.)



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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 26, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 26th day of August in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by County Council Vice President Lloyd Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the continuing Vanderburgh County budget hearings. Let's begin with attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell		<b>X</b>

Councilmember Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

Councilmember Winnecke: Before we begin I'd just like to make a couple quick comments. First, a thank you to the Council staff, Sarah Nunn and Sandie Deig for their outstanding effort as always to help us get prepared for the budget season. Thank you very much. To Auditor Fluty and his staff, they are so committed to this process that they're just outstanding resources and probably, most importantly, not probably, but most importantly, this year I'd like to thank the other elected officeholders and department heads. Over the years, we've all witnessed a lot of cooperation between this body and other offices. But this year, I think, the level of cooperation between the Council and other offices has been unprecedented. We have, thanks to your help, we have identified efficiencies, cuts and in some cases, new revenue. So thank you for all of your efforts and it's with your input that we present our cuts and additions in some cases to the 2009 budget. And I would, lastly, say that I would restrict comments from the podium until the conclusion of the meeting. There could be some dialogue among Councilmembers during the course of Mr. Raben's presentation, but we will hold other comments until the end. And with that, I'll turn the floor over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Councilman Winnecke. And well said. Alright, I guess how I would like to start today is, everybody has been given a copy of the 2009 proposed budget cuts. Rather than work through a rather large book, to make matter simpler, I'd like to work from these cuts and, Councilman Winnecke, if it's okay with you, if we take them a budget at a time, that would represent about fifty different motions, I would like to start with the General fund accounts and simply present the cuts and at any point, if somebody wants to stop me, I'll stop, we'll vote where we're at up until then and continue on, if that's okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: But your intent is to make one motion at the end for all

of the General fund? Or –

Councilmember Raben: No, we'll just keep going through each individual account.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I'm with you. That's fine.

Councilmember Sutton: And just, you're making note, that as we're working through this adjustment sheet that if a line isn't mentioned, isn't discussed, then whatever was put in is what we will proceed with in 2009?

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So how, again, I guess we'll get this thing started. I'm going to move that all salary lines, including FICA & PERF will be adjusted at our September the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, at our final meeting, and that's a standard motion throughout the day for all budgets. So we would turn to page one of our proposed cuts, –

Councilmember Winnecke: You're making that in the form of a motion now?

Councilmember Raben: Let's do that, that's fine. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to make sure that does, the salary lines you're putting in, that's with the two and a half percent, the increase?

Councilmember Raben: The intent is to leave the two and a half percent intact. Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I just wanted to make sure we're clear on that. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I have a question about that, too, though. The elected officeholders that are opting to freeze their salaries at '08 levels, is that taking that into consideration as well?

Councilmember Raben: That will. That will be part of our final salary ordinance vote on September the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

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

**CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. So let's start with page one of our proposed cuts. Starting with account 2600, the request was in the amount of \$75,000, I'd like to set that in at \$60,000; 3603 to be set in at \$80,000; 4210 zero. Page two is County Auditor. Let me say with that County Clerk that all other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as listed.

1010-2600	Office Supplies	60,000.00
1010-3603	Record Storage	80,000.00
1010-4210	Office Furniture	0.00

**AUDITOR**

Councilmember Raben: Moving into County Auditor, 3310 zero; 3370 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 as listed.

1020-3310	Training	0.00
1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00

**SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff, 1130-0199 \$16,910; account 1210 \$63,000; 1750 \$133,750; 1990 \$100,000 and one that is not on your list, which is 1911, and that account reads in your book as Sheriff Retirement Fund. The requested amount was \$496,753, set that in at \$446,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Raben? Is everyone up to speed, so far? Okay, continue.

Councilmember Raben: All other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts in that budget as listed.

1050-1130-0199	Part Time Clerk	16,910.00
1050-1210	College Incentive	63,000.00
1050-1750	Clothing Allowance	133,750.00
1050-1990	Extra Help	100,000.00
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	446,000.00

**JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Under Jail, 1301 set in at \$5,000; 1531 \$2,000; 1750 \$60,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	5,000.00
1051-1531	Civilian Shift Differential	2,000.00
1051-1750	Clothing Allowance	60,000.00

**CORONER**

Councilmember Raben: County Coroner, 2210 set in at \$4,000; 2230 \$1,500; 2600 \$3,000; 2700 \$2,500; 2730 \$1,500; 2740 \$1,000; 3130 \$1,000; 3190 \$5,000; 3200 \$13,500; 3310 \$2,500; 3520 \$1,500; and 3540 \$7,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1070-2210	Gas & Oil	4,000.00
1070-2230	Garage & Motor	1,500.00
1070-2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00
1070-2700	Other Supplies	2,500.00
1070-2730	Sanitary Supplies	1,500.00
1070-2740	Chemicals	1,000.00
1070-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	5,000.00
1070-3200	Utilities	13,500.00
1070-3310	Training	2,500.00
1070-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	7,000.00

**PROSECUTOR**

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor. Is everyone still okay? Prosecutor 1050 set in at \$37,674; 1060 \$43,563; 1070 zero; 1080 \$37,674; 1110 \$37,674; 1130 \$37,674; 1250 \$37,674; 1260 zero; 1380 \$62,373; 1390 zero; 1400 zero; and all other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as listed.

1080-1050-1080	Deputy Part Time	37,674.00
1080-1060-1080	Deputy Part Time	43,563.00
1080-1070-1080	Deputy	0.00
1080-1080-1080	Deputy Part Time	37,674.00

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1080-1110-1080	Deputy Part Time	37,674.00
1080-1130-1080	Deputy Part Time	37,674.00
1080-1250-1080	Deputy Part Time	37,674.00
1080-1260-1080	Paralegal Secretary	0.00
1080-1380-1080	Deputy	62,373.00
1080-1390-1080	Deputy	0.00
1080-1400-1080	Deputy	0.00

**PROSECUTOR IV-D**

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor IV-D, account 1150 \$62,373; 1160 \$52,894; 1310 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1081-1150-1081	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	62,373.00
1081-1160-1081	Deputy Prosecutor	52,894.00
1081-1310-1081	Enforcement Officer	0.00

**PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Councilmember Raben: The next page, allow me just one second. Oh, this is the Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement budget. Account 3994 set in at \$169,000. That's \$169,000.

1083-3994	Special/Matching Grants	169,000.00
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**PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Councilmember Raben: The next page, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, 3994 set in at \$79,329. Next, County Assessor, oh, and on that last budget, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1085-3994	Special/Matching Grants	79,329.00
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**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: County Assessor, the first item is 1320 zero; 1330 zero; 1420 zero; 1450 zero and 1972 zero. All other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as listed.

1090-1320-1090	Real Estate Deputy	0.00
1090-1330-1090	Part Time Real Estate Deputy	0.00
1090-1420-1090	Real Estate Deputy	0.00
1090-1450-1090	Real Estate Deputy	0.00
1090-1972	Level II Certification	0.00

**CENTER ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Center Assessor, starting with account 1972, 1990, 2600, 2610, 3130, 3310, 3372, 3380, 3390, 3410, 3520, 3540, and 3700, all set in at zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1110-1972	Level II Certification	0.00
1110-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1110-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	0.00
1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1110-3310	Training	0.00
1110-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1110-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	0.00
1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	0.00
1110-3410	Printing	0.00
1110-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1110-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1110-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

**KNIGHT ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Knight Assessor, starting with account 1972, 1990, 2600, 3130, 3141, 3310, 3400, 3410, 3520, 3530, 3540 and 3700, all set in at zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1130-1972	Level II Certification	0.00
1130-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1130-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1130-3141	Communications	0.00
1130-3310	Training	0.00
1130-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	0.00
1130-3410	Printing	0.00
1130-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1130-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
1130-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1130-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

**PIGEON ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Assessor, starting with account 1972, 1990, 2600, 3130, 3310, 3410, 3520, 3530, 3540, and 3700, all set in at zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1150-1972	Level II Certification	0.00
1150-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1150-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1150-3310	Training	0.00
1150-3410	Printing	0.00
1150-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1150-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
1150-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Councilmember Raben: Co-Op Extension, account 2600 to be set in at \$4,500; 3120 \$9,500; 3130 \$6,500; 3530 \$72,934, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1230-2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00
1230-3120	Postage/Freight	9,500.00
1230-3130	Travel/Mileage	6,500.00
1230-3530	Contractual Services	72,934.00

**AREA PLAN**

Councilmember Raben: Area Plan, 2210 \$900; 3610 \$35,000; account 3710, 3740, 3860, 4210, and 4250 all set in at zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1240-2210	Gas & Oil	900.00
1240-3610	Legal Services	35,000.00
1240-3710	Employee Education	0.00
1240-3740	Intern Program	0.00
1240-3860	Contractual Computer	0.00
1240-4210	Office Furniture	0.00
1240-4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	0.00



**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: County Commissioners, account 2600 set in at \$2,000; account 3001 \$190,550; 3021 \$1,756,188; 3040 \$18,962; 3090 \$48,570; 3100 \$181,414; 3130 \$20,000; 3140 \$200,000; 3210 \$152,422; 3280 \$100; 3420 \$20,000; 3460 \$10,200; 3500 \$44,241; 3610 \$100,000; 3750 \$129,994; 3850 \$50,000; 3432 zero; all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Stand by just a second.

Jeff Ahlers: I think you said 3432 unless I heard wrong, instead of 4432 on that?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the last item is 4432 set in at zero. We can go ahead and take a vote at this point since we're stopped, if you'd like.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any questions of Mr. Raben at this point? And so you're making all that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: All the previous is in the form of a motion, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Questions or discussion on any item we've discussed so far?

Councilmember Goebel: I do have one quick question on Soil & Water. There was some discussion about them moving with their rent increase to the Old Courthouse. Would that be something we would adjust later if that did happen or is it even possible? Line 3040, I'm sorry. It's on page 80. I think they're no longer getting a stipend from the federal government.

Councilmember Winnecke: If that happened, I think we could adjust that in the new year or whenever it happened.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think we did clarify, but there was a question about 3460, which was a –

Councilmember Winnecke: In which budget?

Councilmember Sutton: This is the Commissioners budget, on the Consultant fee, and I think the question was what that contract was for and I think Bill clarified that. It was that Maximus contract.

1300-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
1300-3001	Self Insurance	190,550.00

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1300-3021	Hillcrest-Washington	1,756,188.00
1300-3040	Soil & Water	18,962.00
1300-3090	Urban Transportation	48,570.00
1300-3100	Animal Control	181,414.00
1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	20,000.00
1300-3140	Telephone	200,000.00
1300-3210	Emergency Management	152,422.00
1300-3280	Examination of Records/Audit	100.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	20,000.00
1300-3460	Consultant	10,200.00
1300-3500	Human Relations	44,241.00
1300-3610	Legal Services	100,000.00
1300-3750	Purchasing Department	129,994.00
1300-3850	Building Commission	50,000.00
1300-4432	Pigeon Creek Greenway	0.00

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other questions? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

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

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Next we'll move into Public Defender. Again, as a standard motion, once again, all salary lines including FICA & PERF will be set in at our September the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Starting with line item 1160, the correct amount to set in is \$38,976; account 1170, 1180, 1200, 1290, 1610 to be set in at \$38,976; account 1620 \$114,935; 1630 \$38,976; 1640 \$38,976; 1650, 1660, and 1661 set in at \$33,210; 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700, 1710 and 1720 accounts set in at \$38,976; 1730 \$33,210; 1740 \$38,976; 1775 zero; 1795 zero; 1810 \$33,210; 1840 and 1850 set in at \$33,210; 1860 \$38,976; 3130 \$3,500; 3943 \$15,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1303-1160-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1170-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1200-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1610-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	114,935.00
1303-1630-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1640-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1650-1303	Public Defender	33,210.00
1303-1660-1303	Public Defender	33,210.00
1303-1661-1303	Public Defender	33,210.00
1303-1670-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1680-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1690-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1700-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1710-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1720-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1730-1303	Public Defender	33,210.00
1303-1740-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-1775-1303	Paralegal	0.00
1303-1795-1303	Investigator	0.00
1303-1810-1303	Juv. Ct. Public Defender	33,210.00
1303-1840-1303	Deputy Public Defender	33,210.00
1303-1850-1303	Public Defender	33,210.00

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1303-1860-1303	Public Defender	38,976.00
1303-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00
1303-3943	Pauper Expense	15,000.00

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Moving ahead to Circuit Court 1360 \$36,382; 2610 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1360-1360-1360	Pre-Sentence Investigator	36,382.00
1360-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	0.00

**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court 3303 zero; 3050 \$800,000; 3250 \$26,000; 3932 \$96,164; 3941 \$12,000; 3980 \$14,000; 4220 \$4,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Raben, would you hold on one second please?

Teri Lukeman: Would you repeat the first line please?

Councilmember Raben: The first line was 1303 set in at zero. Moving to –

Councilmember Winnecke: Wait just one second please. I don't see line 1303. Oh, no wonder.

Councilmember Raben: It's 1303-1370. It's about midways down on page 100.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I'm with you now. Thank you.

1370-1303-1370	Court Reporter	0.00
1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	800,000.00
1370-3250	Law Books	26,000.00
1370-3932	CASA	96,164.00
1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	12,000.00
1370-3980	Trans. Child & Miscellaneous	14,000.00
1370-4220	Office Machines	4,000.00

**DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, department 1371 DADS, line item 3770 set in at \$4,500, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1371-3770	Treatment Costs	4,500.00
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**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, line 2210 set in at \$20,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1450-2210	Gas & Oil	20,000.00
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**LEGAL AID**

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid, 3120 set in at \$500; 3130 zero, 3140 \$1,125; 3550 \$1,000; 3410 –

Jeff Ahlers: 3250, you said 3550.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me back up. Account 3250 \$1,000; 3410 \$750; 3700 \$500; 3730 \$1,000.

1460-3120	Postage/Freight	500.00
1460-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1460-3140	Telephone	1,125.00
1460-3250	Law Books	1,000.00
1460-3410	Printing	750.00
1460-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00
1460-3730	Continuing Education	1,000.00

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Raben: County Council, 1920 \$9,500,106; 3371 \$8,000; 3372 \$4,000; 3610 \$5,000; 3860 \$1,600,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

1480-1920	Insurance	9,500,106.00
1480-3371	Computer Hardware	8,000.00
1480-3372	Computer Software	4,000.00
1480-3610	Legal Services	5,000.00
1480-3860	Contractual Computer	1,600,000.00

**RIVERBOAT**

Councilmember Raben: Riverboat, 3111 set in at \$420,000; 3761 \$80,000, all other accounts as listed and, Councilman Winnecke, I'm going to stop there because that concludes the General fund budgets.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a motion, do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I just wanted to note on that last one, the Riverboat 3761 doesn't appear in our budget book but that is the –

Councilmember Raben: That's for the dental clinic.

Councilmember Sutton: Correct, for the \$80,000.

1490-3111	Initiative Based Assistance Program	420,000.00
1490-3761	Dental Clinic	80,000.00

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

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

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and again, at any point anyone stop me if there is a question or you want to take the vote at that point. Starting with County Highway, 1920 set in at \$686,781; 2210 \$140,000; 3200 \$40,000; all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2010-1920	Insurance	686,781.00
2010-2210	Gas & Oil	140,000.00
2010-3200	Utilities	40,000.00

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Councilmember Raben: Cumulative Bridge, 1920 set in at \$224,030; 3610 \$3,000; all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2030-1920	Insurance	224,030.00
2030-3610	Legal Services	3,000.00

**CCD/COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Commissioners/CCD, 4122 zero; 4130 \$100,000, all other accounts as listed.

2031-1300-4122	Buildings & Equipment	0.00
2031-1300-4130	Park & Playground	100,000.00

**LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads & Streets 2160 account. Starting with 2230 set in at \$65,000; 3481 \$194,602; 3930 \$480,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2160-2230	Garage & Motor	65,000.00
2160-3481	Traffic Department	194,602.00
2160-3930	Other Contractual	480,000.00

**REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR**

Councilmember Raben: County Auditor/Reassessment, 3530 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2490-1020-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
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**REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: County Assessor/Reassessment, 1900 \$765; 1972 \$11,000; 1990 \$10,000; 3130 \$1,000; 3540 \$110,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2490-1090-1900	FICA	765.00
2490-1090-1972	Level II Certification	11,000.00
2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00
2490-1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00
2490-1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	110,000.00

**REASSESSMENT/PTABOA**

Councilmember Raben: PTABOA/Reassessment, account 1180 \$2,500; 1900 \$191; 2600 \$2,000; 3130 \$500; 3530 \$42,800, all other accounts as listed.

2490-1091-1180	PTABOA Member	2,500.00
2490-1091-1900	FICA	191.00
2490-1091-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
2490-1091-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00
2490-1091-3530	Contractual Services	42,800.00

**REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Center Assessor/Reassessment, account 1900 set in at \$1,530; 1972 set in at \$3,000; 1990 \$20,000; 2600 \$3,000; 2610 \$2,000; 3130 \$3,500; 3310 zero, all other accounts as listed.

2490-1110-1900	FICA	1,530.00
2490-1110-1972	Level II Certification	3,000.00
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00
2490-1110-2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00
2490-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	2,000.00
2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00
2490-1110-3310	Training	0.00

**REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Knight Assessor/Reassessment, 1900 \$1,912; 1972 \$2,500; 1990 \$25,000; 2600 account set in at \$2,600; 3130 \$3,500; 3310 zero; 3410 \$3,500; 3520 \$1,000; 3530 \$5,000; 3700 \$700, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2490-1130-1900	FICA	1,912.00
2490-1130-1972	Level II Certification	2,500.00
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	25,000.00
2490-1130-2600	Office Supplies	2,600.00
2490-1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00
2490-1130-3310	Training	0.00
2490-1130-3410	Printing	3,500.00
2490-1130-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00

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2490-1130-3530	Contractual Services	5,000.00
2490-1130-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	700.00

**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Assessor/Reassessment, account 1900 \$1,530; 1972 \$2,500; 1990 \$20,000; 3130 \$3,500; 3310 zero; 3410 \$3,000; 3530 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2490-1150-1900	FICA	1,530.00
2490-1150-1972	Level II Certification	2,500.00
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00
2490-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00
2490-1150-3310	Training	0.00
2490-1150-3410	Printing	3,000.00
2490-1150-3530	Contractual Services	0.00

**REASSESSMENT/AREA PLAN**

Councilmember Raben: Area Plan/Reassessment, 3860 \$600, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

2490-1240-3860	Contractual Computer	600.00
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**SALES DISCLOSURE**

Councilmember Raben: Last is Sales Disclosure, account 3310 set in at \$14,000, all other accounts as listed.

3300-3310	Training	14,000.00
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Councilmember Raben: And with this final motion, I'm going to move that all other budgets that I've not mentioned in these cuts, that all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts will be approved as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any discussion or questions relative to the last part of the budget? Mr. Goebel?

**REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR (CONTINUED)**

Councilmember Goebel: Just one on County Assessor/Reassessment 4210, that would be on page 153. Did you move on that, James?

Councilmember Raben: What was the number you stated?

Councilmember Goebel: 4210 on page 153.

Councilmember Raben: I did not, but I'll open back up. Let's vote on this and then I'll open back up, if you want to take that out.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. I mean, it's open for discussion.

Councilmember Winnecke: What line item did you ask about, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: 4210 at the very bottom of page 153.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. – well, I guess you're acting president today. I would like to amend my motion on County Assessor/Reassessment, account 4210 to be set in at zero.

2490-1090-4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
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***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

Councilmember Raben: I have one other amendment to make and that is page 189, account 4209 is also to be set in at zero. We received a letter from Marilee from the Convention & Visitors Bureau requesting that. So those are my two amendments.

3600-4209	Reserve	0.00
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Councilmember Leader: Mr. Raben, would you repeat that second one?

Councilmember Raben: It's 4209.

Councilmember Leader: The reserve?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mrs. Leader, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Leader: I will.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Any questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Did we want to give a tally on what those –

Councilmember Raben: I can do that. With these cuts, you know, everybody understands, just where we're at today, today's snapshot. After we make the further salary amendments and what have you, the number will be greater than this, but as of today, these cuts represent \$2,260,333. Just General fund.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other comments from the public or officeholders who are here?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that's fine, never mind. The thousand dollars that we added, but that was Reassessment, so that's alright.

Councilmember Winnecke: Again, we appreciate everyone's input in this process. It really has been a great, very much a collaborative effort. Just as a reminder, we will vote the final vote on the 2009 budget September 10<sup>th</sup>, at which time we'll make our salary adjustments. And again, the intent is to keep the two and a half percent pay raise in. That's September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and immediately following that meeting, we'll have the September 10<sup>th</sup> County Council regular meeting. Is that right, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: With that, we stand adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10th day of September in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Roll call, please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, would you like to lead us in the Pledge for the second time this morning?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

Councilmember Goebel: We also start the school day with the Pledge.

President Abell: Well, you can never say the Pledge too many times, I guess. Yeah, we have the correct flag and it's right side up and on the proper side of the room.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 6, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 11, 12, 13 &amp; 26, 2008 BUDGET HEARINGS</b></p>
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President Abell: I would accept a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6 meeting.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Here. I mean, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the budget hearings of August 11, 12, 13 and 26.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Who made the motion?

Councilmember Leader: I did, I'm sorry.

President Abell: We're entertaining a motion. Go ahead.

Councilmember Leader: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Donna is making the motion and I need a second.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Now we'll have a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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President Abell: Appropriation Ordinance, I'll turn the meeting over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

**CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda is the County Clerk, 1010-3603 Record Storage in the amount of \$20,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>CLERK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1010-3603	Record Storage	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

**SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: County Sheriff, 1050-1971 Accrued Payments in the amount of 32,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1050-1971	Accrued Payments	32,000.00	32,000.00
Total		32,000.00	32,000.00

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



**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: County Assessor, 1090-1972, 1090-1900, and 1090-1910 for a total of \$576, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? I have a question. Do we have to pay this?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Abell: We have no choice? Even though this individual is no longer working for us?

Councilmember Raben: We have to pay the Level II Certifications for two years.

President Abell: Okay. Sorry about that. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1090-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	500.00
1090-1900	FICA	39.00	39.00
1090-1910	PERF	37.00	37.00
Total		576.00	576.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/President Abell opposed)**

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Councilmember Raben: Community Corrections, 1361-1850 Union Overtime in the amount of 20,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1361-1850	Union Overtime	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

**HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: County Highway, 2010-1026-2010 and 2010-1037-2010 for a total of \$2, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: We'll have some discussion on this.

Councilmember Raben: I might vote no just because I've never voted no on a \$2 appropriation.

President Abell: Can I ask why the 50,000 was taken off? Its marked off on mine but it was on there. Was the 50,000 – on the appropriation, handwritten?

Councilmember Raben: That's in Local Roads & Streets, I think.

President Abell: Oh, he pulled – okay. Roll call vote on the \$2 item, then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1026-2010	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1037-2010	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
Total		2.00	2.00

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

### **CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Cum Bridge, 2030-4417 Baseline Road Bridge in the amount of \$1,250,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, at our last meeting, our Personnel & Finance meeting when this project came up for Baseline Road, 1.25 million, one of the things that I had several questions, but one of the questions that I had was related to how this

project fits in the whole scheme of county roads and what the plan is and I had several questions about just kind of how this project fits into that area, and I think we had really good discussion and explanation on the safety issues and future growth. And I think Mr. Stoll, I don't know if you were going to speak to that issue concerning the projects and where this fits in because my concern is, you know, you guys come here for over a million dollars now, are we expecting something next month, six months from now, just trying to get a sense of just how the dollars are allocated, what's funded, what's outstanding, what things are on the horizon so that we can do the best job that we possibly can and making the resources go to the places where it's most needed. So if you could talk about those priorities.

John Stoll: I've never put together a specific priority ranking for the projects, but over the past few years we've been working on six large projects and those were Cross Pointe Boulevard, the Green River Road project, Green River and Millersburg, University Parkway, Oak Hill and Bergdolt, and Baseline. And of those projects, Cross Pointe has already been awarded and its under construction. Oak Hill and Bergdolt, the contract has been awarded, although construction hasn't started. Green River and Millersburg is on a November 19<sup>th</sup> INDOT bid letting. Green River Road is out for bids right now, so that left just University Parkway and Baseline is the only two projects that are still pending. And based on current estimates, there is enough funding to take care of University Parkway, so out of the large projects, that really just left Baseline as the only one that was being worked on that hadn't been fully funded at this point.

Councilmember Sutton: And what's the – on University Parkway, what's the total price tag on that and what's kind of left?

John Stoll: I believe the last estimate was about 6.4 million, I'm not sure what it will be when they update it, whenever we're actually ready to go to bid, but I believe it was 6.4 million.

Councilmember Sutton: And how much of that is funded so far?

John Stoll: We have all the local and federal funds.

Councilmember Sutton: All 6.4, okay.

John Stoll: University Parkway, assuming the federal funds come in as we currently estimate, the only section that looks like it could have some problems would be the last piece between New Harmony and Diamond. But the other two sections look pretty good at this point, assuming, like I said at the first budget hearing, we'll need roughly \$700,000 per year in Road & Streets for the next three years in order to provide the local match. Here again, that's based on current estimates, subject to change, but assuming that, we should be in good shape on the local side. It's the federal funding that could be a problem.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, one of the questions I asked with Mr. Stoll during the course of our two meetings here was, why not Boonville-New Harmony as opposed to this or one of the other roads, and he sent really good information on, just kind of why that is not as good of an option on Boonville-New Harmony, and I don't know if you want to kind of elaborate on that, just based on the ease of access and the 4-H Center and the limitations that are placed upon having it at that site.

John Stoll: If you assume the same overall project length as what we've got currently designed at Baseline, placing this bridge at Boonville-New Harmony would cut off

access to the current 4-H Center access point on Boonville-New Harmony, and it would also cut off access to the Buy-Low shopping center area. It looks like you could reroute a new access point in the 4-H Center to go out and around the bridge approach, but there's really no viable point to relocating access points to the Buy-Low shopping center without going all the way south to Old State Road. Then you'd be putting traffic at Old State and 41, and with the skewed alignment of Old State at 41, I don't think that's really a good location to put more traffic. Likewise, you'd have a substantial additional expense to acquire the additional right-of-way and build the extra roads needed to get that traffic down to Boonville-New Harmony. So it really isn't a viable location because of existing access points. And then Inglefield and Stacer, since they are continuous roadways, they really aren't that good of an option, either. Baseline is the only other continuous road across the county, so that's why really Baseline was looked at in conjunction with the comments that were received at the road hearings, as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just wanted to – just the last thing, I think this project is a good project that really looks toward the future growth of our county. It isn't bustling with population and activity as we may normally think of it at this point in time, but it is an area for future growth. So I think it's definitely worth moving forward with.

John Stoll: We did get some positive news, too, since the last Council meeting I've got a new cost estimate and the estimate actually went down. It's at 3.4 million dollars and I had previously been using an estimate of 4.2, so we did see a substantial reduction now that we've gotten almost final plans.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Leader: Good.

John Stoll: We need it.

President Abell: That's always good news. Anyone else have any – Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: We've discussed this as well, Mr. Stoll, but from a safety standpoint, I think that's a major concern. Is there along the corridor of 41 from Evansville to I-64, any type of overpass over CSX currently?

John Stoll: Anywhere else –

Councilmember Goebel: Anywhere else along the corridor at 41?

John Stoll: Probably the only other railroad bridge I can think of would be over on Old State Road between Mt. Pleasant and Hillsdale, but that's not – that's on a north/south road parallel to 41, not on an east/west road. So off the top of my head, I can't think of any.

Councilmember Goebel: That's the point I'm trying to make, we have no way of getting across the railroad especially with the increased usage by CSX, trains and that, it seems to me that this is, as was stated earlier, forward thinking. We're building overpasses now around us that maybe could have been implemented earlier in this community, and I think it's a good move to prepare for the future, schools, safety, just about every issue. And the cost will only go up if we wait. Is that correct?

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: I think that point was brought up, but I just think it's a good – now is a good time. Thank you.

President Abell: Any other comments? Mr. Korb, you're standing, did you wish to address the Council?

Jeff Korb: Good morning, everyone. Jeff Korb, County Commissioner President. At the last meeting that I was at, Councilman Sutton asked a great question, what is our priority list? And going back and talking to John Stoll about that, honestly, as John has described this to me, this is his perfect storm. He's had some of the largest projects we've had in Vanderburgh County come to fruition the past six months. In the next two or three months, we're going to know whether any of those things are going to be able to get off the ground. Cross Pointe Boulevard is already started. My desire to come up before you all today is, this is what we're here for is to work together. What do we want our priorities to be in the next five, ten, fifteen years, and would ask for your input in terms of projects. Where do you see us needing to be? Because truly, when you look at the traffic counts, Commissioner Tornatta is correct, the numbers are not there. But as we build this bridge, we expect development to come, which will increase our inflow of property taxes both from corporate citizens as well as residential people. So I'm coming to you today to sort of try to answer Councilman Sutton's question, we don't know because we've not sat down and looked at where our community needs to be. So at this point in time, I would like to encourage each of you to get a hold of John at your convenience, let's get together and meet, where do we want to be? What type of infrastructure investments, because that's what this is going to be, going forward do we need to be. And I think at that point in time, Royce, we'll be able to have a really good idea what our new prioritized list is because, really, our current prioritized list is almost all underway and taken care of. So begin thinking where you live, what should we be doing? How do we get there? That's how planning needs to be done in our county and I think that this group fits that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if I could interject, I think, if as much as possible, we really need to think about aligning what we can with the I-69 corridor.

Jeff Korb: Absolutely.

Councilmember Sutton: And whatever road improvements that can be enhanced to make that as much of an opportunity for this community as possible, is what we need to be thinking about.

Jeff Korb: Because, really, at the end of the day, our goal is to grow. And if we continue to think the way that we're thinking, that growth will come. And that's why, when you have input, and that's the nice thing about this group, and include the Commissioners, and even with the city government, we're thinking as a unit, as a team. We're not thinking as democrats and republicans. And that's very important. And that's a great point, Royce, is that our focus now maybe needs to be I-69. Where is that going to hit, how will that impact our community? But again, my challenge to you as well as to the Commissioners, as well as to the mayor has been, let's come up with a new prioritized list. Where do we need to be? Where to be want to be? And how are we going to pay for it? That's a real big deal.

President Abell: Any other comments or questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I just had a question for John again, if he...assuming this passes today, what is the time line for bid letting, construction, etcetera?

John Stoll: We're still trying to get some issues resolved with CSX and some other right-of-way issues, but assuming the best case, it could be out for bid as early as next week, which would result in a bid opening of October 7<sup>th</sup>. That's going to be something I'll have to discuss with the Commissioners on how to proceed relative to all the pending final approvals. But theoretically, the approvals could run concurrent with the bidding process. So, right now, the earliest day I could say would be October the 7<sup>th</sup>. Beyond that, I'm not really sure.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Along those lines, then, construction time, if –

John Stoll: You mean the duration of the project?

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

John Stoll: Roughly a year if, what I've been talking to the consultant about was completion by the end of 2009 assuming that it's under construction by the end of this year.

Councilmember Shetler: And the road will remain open during that period or closed?

John Stoll: No, it will have to be closed.

Councilmember Shetler: And are we working out some kind of alternative plan there with the railroads so that they'll not park and block Stacer and whatever the other road, Volkman, down the way so that there will be some emergency access? Because that's what we're doing this for anyway, and during the twelve months, there could be a...

John Stoll: We can try. I haven't talked to anybody with CSX about that as of yet. But not knowing the specifics as far as their train lengths and all that, I'm not sure how that would all work out but, like I say, we can contact them and ask them.

Councilmember Shetler: Do we have a certain amount of, like enforcement powers, though, when they do park and block intersections for a prolonged period of time? Maybe this is a question for the Sheriff? I don't know, but...

John Stoll: The only statute I've seen – I'm not a lawyer, Jeff could probably elaborate more on this than I could, if he's ever dealt with it. But the only statute I've seen basically says they can't block a crossing for, I believe the time frame is ten or fifteen – more than ten or fifteen minutes, but you read a couple of statutes on down and it says that there's really no penalty if they do fail to comply with that. So I don't know what could be done.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thanks.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Thank you, John.

John Stoll: You're welcome.

President Abell: I have a motion on the floor, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes. And I'd just like to say, Mr. Sutton, I agree with you that's there's not a lot of hustle and bustle out there but I can remember when there wasn't any on Green River Road, too. So we're showing everybody we are thinking ahead.

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2030-4417	Baseline Road Bridge	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00
Total		1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00

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

**LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Local Roads & Streets, 2160-2210 Gas & Oil in the amount of \$50,000, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Questions? Roll call vote.

Councilmember Goebel: I did have a question, James and I have been discussing this in the past, I don't know if Mike can talk on this or –

President Abell: I think he's here. Mr. Duckworth?

Mike Duckworth: Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway. I thought I was going to get off on that \$2 deal.



Councilmember Goebel: Well, sorry about that. Thanks for coming up, anyway. As far as the, we all know the tremendous increase in Gas & Oil in all departments, and we've discussed with you already about conservation methods used by your department. Do you have any kind of guidelines or any kind of print or does the county in general have any type of restriction on use of county vehicles for maybe unnecessary trips or lunch trips, things like that?

Mike Duckworth: Well, as you well know, we just went to the four day work week, ten hour shifts. And one of the policies that I implemented was that there would be no driving from the work site to restaurants or whatever, that they were to bring their lunch in to minimize the usage of those county vehicles as well as I've implemented a plan and a directive to all the supervisors that have take home vehicles in regards to their usage of their vehicles. We have, normally, just one on call, but supervisors oversee different projects so they do have the need sometimes to go out on a particular project if there's a piece of equipment out there or if there is a problem after hours. So, to and from work, basically, is our rule of thumb and, again, we're researching how much we're saving on this four day work week eliminating one whole day. We estimated that we were using in excess of \$900 and some odd dollars worth of fuel on Fridays, and so we think that we'll save a large portion of that as well as utility costs for shutting down for the one day. So we'll have that report back to you I'd say sometime the first part of October.

Councilmember Goebel: So we can lower this request, correct?

Mike Duckworth: Well, I put \$50,000 in because I knew that that would definitely get us through the year and I really didn't want to come back. Its not that I don't like seeing you all, but I knew that that would get us through, but I don't anticipate that we will use all of it and we're going to do everything we can to minimize our use.

Councilmember Goebel: Mike, as far as take home and that, do the employees have any type of charge for using the vehicles for personal use?

Mike Duckworth: No sir.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, did you have something?

Councilmember Raben: You know, Madam President, this whole issue is much bigger than just the County Highway, with the exception, and I do want to quantify this, the Sheriff's Office, I think take-home cars are necessary. You know, I think it adds to the safety in a neighborhood or community when they see the presence, but we've got a lot of other county vehicles throughout the county that I would really challenge the County Commissioners to implement some sort of policy that lays down guidelines for, you know, that a county vehicle is to be driven, you know, where they do have to be driven home, they stay home until they go to work the next day. You know, I don't think we need to have them going back and forth to the grocery store or something like that. So, again, that's – I'm simply asking the County Commissioners, with your blessing, that they look into this, because I don't think this gas situation is going to go away by any means. So they need to look into this and write a policy that everybody can live with.

President Abell: I agree. I'm sure they will read our minutes or are watching this on television and they'll get notice of our request. Any other questions from Mr. Duckworth? Thank you. Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: No, but I will make an amendment.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to amend my motion to \$40,000.

President Abell: And who seconded Mr. Raben's motion? Donna, Ms. Leader, would you like to – oh, Mr. Goebel did? You didn't?

Councilmember Goebel: I seconded this motion.

President Abell: Oh, you're seconding this one. Who seconded the first one? Ms. Leader? Donna, will you withdraw your second?

Councilmember Leader: I'll withdraw.

President Abell: Okay, so the motion is on the floor for the request for Oil & Gas in Local Roads & Streets, of \$40,000. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-2210	Gas & Oil	50,000.00	40,000.00
Total		50,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Madam President, under Auditor/Reassessment, 2490-1020-3530 Contractual Services, and we had some

discussion on this last week along with a letter and some other information that was requested. This is for the new tax billing system in the amount of \$900,000, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty?

Bill Fluty: Questions?

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Fluty, looking at this, I'm relatively good at reading charts, it appears to be that none of these people qualified as the vendor. What does that mean?

Bill Fluty: They have qualified. I just, we haven't finalized that chart on actually –

Councilmember Leader: Okay, because it's all zero, zero, zero.

Bill Fluty: It's all zero. But we had all three vendors in last week for demonstrations. We met and we went through some of that information, the Treasurer's Office and our office being the group that's studying this, on Monday. And on Tuesday, we met for two and a half hours just to put this information together and then kind of go back with some questions of each vendor and gathered the three contracts from each vendor. So we're moving forward. We haven't filled that in and made a decision at this point.

Councilmember Leader: So you haven't selected a vendor?

Bill Fluty: No, but –

Councilmember Leader: Who is in that group and does –

Bill Fluty: We have five members from the Treasurer's Office, five members from the Auditor's Office, and Matt Arvay with IT.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions of Mr. Fluty? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to say, this is a pretty large request, 900,000, and you don't anticipate necessarily that you'll spend 900,000, but for the sake of our, kind of our viewing audience and all, with a request like this and we're talking about what I think is a pretty sweeping and a really bold move on our part. Some of it's mandated, but definitely needed, but if you could talk about what this system is. I know you, and Z Tuley is here as well, but if you guys could talk about the limitations of what is going on with the existing system and why you're making this proposal that, you know, I guess we've been really hearing, I guess, the Treasurer, Z Tuley has been talking about this the last couple of years. And now that it's really bubbled up from some of the things, if you could talk about some of that. I don't know if, Z, if you wanted to horn in on some of the discussion, but –

Bill Fluty: Well, I'll start off. Then again, our system we're currently on is an old COBOL system and there's some programming challenges with that, and actually

some information challenges that we can move out to the public and to our user group. So, and of course, some of this is being pushed by House Bill 1001 that actually changes the legislation that promotes us to do a lot of new programming at a pretty high dollar cost. So that led us to believe, should we program or should we get our current system certified with the DLGF as all systems have to be certified by December 31<sup>st</sup>, or should we look at a new vendor? We weighed those two options and thought it would be more cost effective to move to a new vendor. There's a lot of technical advantages to that. Matt and his group can give you those if you need those, but that's how we came to this point. Then we went through the RFP process with the vendors, opening the bids, and we're still going through that process right now. And I think that kind of gets you up to where we are right now. Z, you surely can't get out of this conversation, so you need to come up. So this will move both of our offices, we both use this, I guess, pretty 50/50 and we're just trying to get the best for Vanderburgh County. Our old system has served us well. We have always billed on time with the exception of this year and that was late, but we distributed on time, which gets your tax dollars where they need to be for county government to move on. We believe this is the prudent thing, so that will continue. So, Z, you're next.

Z Tuley: I'm Z Tuley, I'm the Vanderburgh County Treasurer. I did serve on the board underneath two different DLGF directors and two different governors to establish a minimum standard for the tax and billing system. We found out in July of '06 that the tax and billing system that we have does not meet compliance. Starting with their minimum of the correct parcel number. Our system won't hold it. There is no room to build it in and it wasn't going to go there. And I did come before the Commissioners, I would have to look on the minutes to verify that I came before the Council, but it was in January of '07, and stated that we would not be compliant for starting in '08, and that is where we're at. And we need a tax and billing system because, as Bill was saying, all the systems are supposed to be certified by the DLGF and we don't qualify.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: And to reiterate from the last meeting, this system will be adaptable for future changes from the state of Indiana?

Z Tuley: That's what we're targeting. That's part of the exploration and that's why it's not real simple to just say this vendor, because we are intending to make whatever we purchase something that lasts. The current system that we're on – gosh, we've been on it at least thirty years or right at thirty years. I don't know that we're ever going to find anything with the way technological changes come about, with, you know, like Microsoft and your T.V.'s and so everything is booming so fast. I don't know that we'll ever find anything that lasts another thirty years but we'll do our best to make sure that it's something that can be built on and something that can grow.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Mr. Weaver has something he wants to say.

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning, Jonathan Weaver, Vanderburgh County Assessor. I guess my question is, I agree they need a new billing system, does it have to come out of Reassessment?

Councilmember Raben: If we're going to replace it, it does.

Jonathan Weaver: Well, I mean, it doesn't say anything about a tax billing system out of the Reassessment fund, what you can use that money for.

Councilmember Raben: It probably doesn't specifically say tax billing system, but it would be deemed as an appropriate use of Reassessment funds –

Jonathan Weaver: Well, computerization of assessment records, payment to hearing officers and assessment officials, payments of salary to temporary staff or permanent staff for contractual services, updating soil maps, I mean, it's pretty specific on what it can be spent for.

Councilmember Raben: We've used it for a lot of general expenditures over the years and, you know, at the end of the day, you're reassessing properties to collect the tax, this is the system that bills for that tax, so it's probably what I would perceive as the most appropriate use of these funds as we can come up with. So I'm comfortable with it. I don't know about the rest of the Council.

Jonathan Weaver: Well, I guess I'd like to ask the Auditor, is he planning on – are you planning on paying back the Reassessment fund for the 10,000 used on Office Furniture this year?

Councilmember Leader: Restate your question, Jonathan.

President Abell: What?

Councilmember Raben: I don't think we need to get into any internal turf wars here, that's a question for another time.

Jonathan Weaver: Well, it's fiscal responsibility. We need to watch what we're spending.

Councilmember Raben: That's what we do. That's what this Council does every meeting is look at what we're spending and watch. We're the gatekeepers and watchdogs for the funds.

Councilmember Shetler: The alternative is to raise the taxes on the taxpayers almost a million dollars. So I think I opt to go the way you're recommending.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, because outside of that, that's what it would be is an increase in property taxes.

President Abell: Any other comments or questions?

Jonathan Weaver: Thank you.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1020-3530	Contractual Services	900,000.00	900,000.00
Total		900,000.00	900,000.00

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

**SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, 2780-1530 Shift Differential in the amount of \$1,400, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second? Someone?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1530	Shift Differential	1,400.00	1,400.00
Total		1,400.00	1,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION**

Councilmember Raben: Local Emergency Plan Commission in the amount of \$4,200, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2861-3130	Travel/Mileage	700.00	700.00
2861-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
2861-3313	Education & Public Access	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total		4,200.00	4,200.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, if it's okay with all the members of the Council, I'd like to move that all transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Anyone have a question on any of the transfers that we need to discuss independently? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?



President Abell: Yes.

<b>CLERK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1010-1440-1010	Bookkeeping Clerk	2,354.00	2,354.00
To: 1010-1340-1010	Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk	2,354.00	2,354.00

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1050-1130-0004	Lieutenant	9,700.00	9,700.00
1050-1130-0023	Sergeant	2,300.00	2,300.00
To: 1050-1130-0228	Lieutenant	12,000.00	12,000.00

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1050-1130-0088	Deputy	55.00	55.00
1050-1130-0064	Deputy	275.00	275.00
To: 1050-1130-0057	Deputy	55.00	55.00
1050-1130-0028	Deputy	275.00	275.00

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1051-1130-0306	Confinement Officer	28.00	28.00
To: 1051-1130-0312	Confinement Officer	9.00	9.00
1051-1130-0340	Confinement Officer	19.00	19.00

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1070-3160	Radio/Pager	1,500.00	1,500.00
1070-2720	Lab Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 1070-3530	Contractual Services	4,000.00	4,000.00

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	1.00	1.00
1303-2600	Office Supplies	1.00	1.00

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To: 1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	1.00	1.00
1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	1.00	1.00

<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1361-1360-1361	Confinement Officer	326.00	326.00
To: 1361-1200-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1210-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1220-1361	Confinement Officer	293.00	293.00
1361-1250-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1260-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1310-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1320-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1330-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1340-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1370-1361	Confinement Officer	20.00	20.00
1361-1380-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1390-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1410-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1440-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00
1361-1450-1361	Confinement Officer	1.00	1.00

<b>LEGAL AID</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1460-3680	Malpractice Insurance	487.00	487.00
To: 1460-3140	Telephone	487.00	487.00

<b>LOCAL ROADS &amp; STREETS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2160-4310	Road Equipment	25,000.00	25,000.00
To: 2160-3830	Rd. Equipment Repair	10,000.00	10,000.00
2160-2220	Tires & Tubes	15,000.00	15,000.00

**REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR      REQUESTED      APPROVED**

From: 2490-1130-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2490-1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00

**SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER      REQUESTED      APPROVED**

From: 2760-1850	Union Overtime	1,512.00	1,512.00
To: 2760-1120-2760	Clerk	1,512.00	1,512.00

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE      REQUESTED      APPROVED**

From: 2030-1150-2030	Laborer	8,051.00	8,051.00
To: 2030-1970	Temporary Replacement	8,051.00	8,051.00

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move to the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I would ask our Executive Assistant, has everybody been given a copy of this?

President Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, it's quite lengthy today, I'm going to move that the amendments to the Salary Ordinance be made a part of the minutes.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved. No, second.

President Abell: Any questions or discussion on the salary ordinance amendments? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

**ALTERNATE LOCATION(S) FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

President Abell: Under Old Business, Mr. Sutton has requested a few minutes to discuss with us the collection of taxes and the moving of another office for the Treasurer. Would you like to address that, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you, President Abell. Yeah, if I could just have a few minutes here regarding a suggestion that I made to the – in response to some of the issues with the amount of traffic we get in at least two times a year during the two tax installment periods. I met with, established a team with the Treasurer, with the Sheriff, with the IT group with Matt Arvay, the Building Authority to discuss this issue and see what options were available to us. And my suggestion earlier was, you know, why not consider moving this for a period during those two heavy traffic periods over at the Centre. So we did get a chance to talk about that and look at it and we'll come back before Council at the next Council meeting to present a real detailed proposal and request for this body, but just to kind of give you an idea of where we stand right now, in evaluating the two options between the Centre and actually even looking at some location here in this building, the better option appears to be doing it here in this building, using maybe one or two other locations here in this building. But in terms of the pricing difference between doing it there and doing it here, efficiency, the ease of the traffic flow and looking at security issues, felt like this might be the better option. If we were to do it over at the Centre, the total cost would be right at about, almost \$19,000 to do it there. If we did it here, which those are two periods where we do, we're performing our tax collection, so obviously, we want to make it a great opportunity for our taxpayers to come in, its going to be about \$11,000 to do it here in this building. So I know we can't act on it now, its not on our agenda, it hasn't been advertised, but want to at least apprise you of that and at least kind of get, if we could kind of get a sense from this Council, if we could continue to move forward with it because what we need to do is bring this before the – the Building Authority needs to make some decisions as well on this, with the timing with their meetings. So if we can get a sense from this group here if that is something that is agreeable to you that we can do it. Roughly, we're talking about on, during those two tax periods, traffic flow is right at -- let me make sure I get the number -- we're talking about 14,000 people during that period of time, so just trying to make it as efficient as possible. So according to how we want to proceed, Madam President, I just want to request your –

President Abell: Did you have a question for us, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, is this open for discussion?

President Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it's a very good idea that you thought of this plan B to keep it located here because, you know, a lot of people do like to pay their taxes, obviously, in person and many, by tradition or by habit, come to the Treasurer's Office. And if it goes to the Centre, that might cause more difficulty than the system we have in place already. I think also if we could explore just somehow utilizing the facility we already have with additional security, patrol, like you've suggested, that's the best way.

Councilmember Sutton: And that was a strong argument for trying to look for something here. We're also going to look at ways in which we can improve the parking situation during those two periods, which that's something that we haven't talked about because people come in to pay tax and they go back out and they've got a ticket hanging on their vehicle, that doesn't seem to make a lot of sense there, but we're looking at some ways to hit several different points to make it as efficient and as user friendly as possible, while still providing the opportunity for the Treasurer's Office to be as efficient on what they do on their end. The main hangup that's causing the cost is something that we just addressed earlier and that is the programming issues. That's where the greater amount of the bulk of the costs that's coming in with this. With the old COBOL programs, we're talking about roughly \$7,000 of the cost that I mentioned to you that's built into that. Once the new tax billing system is put into place, that will totally go away with an express tax payment system like we're talking about here.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, did you have a question?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, are we also exploring all the alternatives? I mean, I don't know how they accept right now, but like ACH transfers and the possibility of credit cards and that whole business to cut down traffic totally.

Councilmember Sutton: The Treasurer's Office will continue to emphasize the other options for payment. You know, we've got some people who just, from a traditional standpoint, want to come to the Treasurer's Office and make that payment, get that bill right in their hand and not do it through a teller window or through an ATM or through the computer. Just, some people aren't as comfortable with that, so we just have to accommodate that crowd.

President Abell: I think it sounds like a really good proposal. We had an issue and you came up with an answer and I applaud you for working on that. How does the Council feel? We're not taking an official vote but could I just have a show of hands as to who thinks we should continue to go forward and explore this?

**(All Councilmembers gave an affirmative sign of support)**

President Abell: I guess you've got it, Mr. Sutton. You can continue to work on this.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you. Any other Old Business?

**VEOLIA ES SOLID WASTE MIDWEST, LLC. PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION**

President Abell: New business. A preliminary resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for redevelopment of property located at 12900 Warrick County Line Road, Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, LLC.

Julie Gorman: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I will move approval.

President Abell: You are going to move for approval?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and then we can go to discussion.

President Abell: I'm sorry, okay. Do I have a second? Mr. Raben has moved for approval. Do I have a second so we can have discussion?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Okay, now...

Julie Gorman: Good morning, my name is Julie Gorman, and I'm with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. This is the preliminary resolution for Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, LLC. Veolia is requesting a tax phase-in for real estate improvement for property located at 12900 Warrick County Line Road. The total cost of the project is 1.4 million and will employ an additional eight people within the next five years. This project scored 95 points equivalent to seven years, but at the time that we presented this, we did not have additional information on the bonus questions and I believe that you should have received that via email from Veolia, Mr. Elpers. Based on the information that he provided, I revisited the scoring sheet and came up with a different figure. I awarded, I looked at it and added an additional twenty-four bonus points, which would increase the total points to 119, which would change the number of years from seven to nine.

President Abell: Discussion among Councilmen? Any questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would – Dan, could you come up, please?

President Abell: Would you please give your name for the record?

Dan Elpers: My name is Dan Elpers, I'm the general manager at Veolia.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think my – theoretically, I'm not opposed to voting for a phase-in for this project. I guess I'm a little uncomfortable with the term of this recommendation based on a couple of things. One, the size, and I understand the size is the size, and it is what it is. We had discussed on the phone, the community involvement aspect of your company. Typically, and I'm just going from memory here, the organizations for which we give longer-term phase-ins usually have a greater involvement in the community. And I'm uncomfortable with nine years based on that alone. And I realize, and I'm not saying that to be critical, I realize every company can only do so much, but that's my greatest hesitation in voting for a nine-year phase-in on this project.

Dan Elpers: When you mean community involvement, is it dollar and cents or is it services you can provide to folks that are needing, getting rid of their trash?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I would characterize that kind of thing as in-kind services, which, you know, is a great tool that you offer, but it's also in terms of other community outreach beyond what you do, beyond the specialty of your business. Just one observation.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Dan, how many new employees, eight?

Dan Elpers: Eight.

Councilmember Goebel: Over five years?

Dan Elpers: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I think that is something we should consider as well. It is good that we're bringing in more employees, but I personally have a problem with the seven, definitely, I'm not in favor of nine.

Dan Elpers: Well, I didn't know and didn't want to over commit myself, I don't think anybody would want us to do that. We're hoping for more. We're building this building to do a lot more than just seven or eight, but I can't predict the future. We just went in with a conservative number. You know, I know that's being watched every year and we just wanted to be comfortable with that number. Something you have to keep in mind is these are decent salaries, too, not what we're just wanting to hire the people that are there now. We are also located in Illinois, we're in Pike County and we could very easily, we have ground there, too, that we can build a facility this size. But with the airport, the infrastructure, the workforce that we have in Vanderburgh County, we felt like it was best suited for this area. You know, I think we're also, the I-69 corridor we're going to start seeing people (inaudible) build out there, and that's going to open up a lot of interest in other folks wanting to build out there. There is no sewer out there so we have to spend a lot of extra money to put a field bed system in to be able to handle our waste water needs out there cause there's no sewer out there yet. But we still want to build out there. So maybe you'll take a few of those things into consideration.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, we do and its nothing negative about the company, at all. Obviously, this is something we want, just based upon other similar type requests, it's not strictly Veolia, but I think we have to be a little bit guarded in that regard.

Dan Elpers: I have Richard Steedman, he is also representing Veolia, and I'd like for him to speak, please.

Richard Steedman: Thank you. Richard Steedman, the counsel for Veolia. Mr. Goebel, this kind of reminds me of the prospectuses that we get on past performance is not a guarantee of future result. But I think if you look at the application, they've added over thirty employees, grown from eighteen to forty-nine employees in the past eight years. I counseled them to be conservative in their growth estimates for employees. And so I think that the number we're presenting is a solid number. We anticipate being able to add more, but didn't want to commit

to that and mislead Council. It's difficult to predict the future.

Councilmember Goebel: And you also are retaining those employees, so that's a positive.

Richard Steedman: Absolutely. Yeah, and I think, you know, if the Council feels there is some adjustment, look at the point system. I think that's the appropriate thing to do. If you think, instead of ten points, it's only worth nine,

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– that's an appropriate way to make that adjustment, rather than looking at knocking years off of the application, because I think that gets away from where the Council needs to be going in terms of uniform application of the rules. Appreciate the opportunity.

Councilmember Winnecke: I did have one other question of Dan. Dan, you referenced the large investment for the wastewater treatment, is that included in the overall project cost, the 1.415?

Dan Elpers: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Winnecke: And what percentage of the roughly –

Dan Elpers: Yeah, I can't honestly tell you that, not right now. I can get that information.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's alright. Okay. Mrs. Abell stepped out, so, Mr. Raben, did you have a question?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I guess we should wait on her.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, she asked me to continue.

Councilmember Raben: Well, in light of the discussion here, my original motion would have been to accept the new recommendation, but in the spirit of compromise, I'm going to amend my motion to an eight year phase-in.

Councilmember Shetler: I will amend my second to go along with that eight years.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, the motion on the floor is for an eight year phase in. This is the preliminary resolution and reminding everyone in the audience and at home that we would confirm this at our next month meeting. Any additional questions or discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

Jeff Ahlers: I'd just state that the written motion that's on your desk has seven years so everybody will need to make that correction if its eight years now, just so that you know that the written preliminary resolution says seven. So if the motion is eight, to modify accordingly.

Councilmember Winnecke: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?



Councilmember Sutton: I've had a chance to have some good discussion with this company and I think they are doing some good things here locally, that I think a lot of other companies here could emulate and excited about their growth and what they're doing. And we get a lot of abatement requests, like we heard earlier, I just find it difficult with the number of employees, jobs that are going to be added to the community, I'd have to grade this down so low, from my grading system, that an abatement really would be of no value to the company, to a certain extent. But I want them to keep on growing, doing what they're doing, and maybe they can come back when they're continuing to expand. But at this level, I just don't feel comfortable supporting an abatement request for seven or eight employees. So I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I agree with Mr. Sutton and I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: As I mentioned earlier, I would support a lower number of years, so I'm going to vote no, also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm really torn. I think – I'm going to vote no and it's a tough no, but I wish it were a bigger project and I wish the level of community service was beyond the scope of just the business itself.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Give me a moment. My vote actually means nothing. I was trying to figure out if we could modify it at the confirming and give us another week to work on it.

Councilmember Raben: One of us, I'll be happy to make a new motion after this vote.

President Abell: Okay, I will vote no, and then you can make another motion. Oh, you voted yes. Okay, then its going to have to be somebody who voted no has to make a new motion. That's right.

**(Motion fails 2-5/Councilmembers Sutton, Leader, Goebel, Winnecke & Abell opposed)**

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think at first, we have to make a motion to re-open for a new motion.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the things you can also do, okay, is you can pass a preliminary resolution, you can modify at the confirming resolution, the number of years. That doesn't necessarily have to be set in now. But you can set it in now if that's what you want to do. I mean, that's completely up to you. But if it does not pass on the preliminary resolution stage today, it doesn't move forward to a confirming resolution.

Councilmember Goebel: So they cannot refile immediately or –

Jeff Ahlers: I don't believe so, and I'd have to look, I think there is a waiting period, which I mean, I guess, once the project is done, I mean, that means it's done. So yeah, you would need to, before this is completed, I guess, re-open your votes and modify it or it doesn't move forward from this point.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we should move in that direction, then.

President Abell: But it's the pleasure of the majority voters, which were the no votes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would move that in a preliminary resolution, we offer a five year tax phase-in on this project.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second. (Inaudible)

President Abell: I don't think you can, you voted yes. Does it have to be somebody who –

Jeff Ahlers: No.

President Abell: Okay, then you can. And then we can have another vote. Then we can vote on this and we can still modify at the next meeting, at the confirming.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that's correct. The only thing I might ask that you might want to correct on the record is to make sure that it was understood that your first vote was just in terms of whether there would be a set-in at eight years, that it was not the intent of the vote to defeat a preliminary resolution for a revitalization area. I mean, because one way to do it is you can set it in as a revitalization area and then you can set in the number of years later, but you may need to clarify that for the record, so that it doesn't show that the matter doesn't move forward or to recast those votes, if that's what you're wanting to do.

President Abell: Okay. The record can so reflect that. Then let's take a roll call vote on the re-opening of a five year.

Councilmember Winnecke: And just for clarification, to declare an economic revitalization area for the area outlined in the application and to create a phase-in period for five years.

President Abell: Correct. And then we will have the confirming resolution at the next meeting. Roll call vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm still, given the property tax environment that we've got right now, the changes have come down from the state and the impact ultimately that this county will suffer as well as many others, I just need to feel that it's a project that's going to have more impact from an economic development standpoint than this particular project here. I think what they're doing is fantastic, but I still can't support it, so I still vote no.

Councilmember Leader: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: One question real quick, out of the approximately forty to fifty employees you have today, how many of those are living in Vanderburgh County? Do you have an idea?

Dan Elpers: Definitely three quarters.

Councilmember Shetler: So thirty to thirty-five of them? Okay, you know, because of the economic climate that we're in today and that being companies laying off, I definitely want to feel good about somebody who is adding to. So that's why I supported it originally, that's why I continue to support it. So I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I also have a question. Dan, is your present site, has there been any movement as far as someone taking that over?

Dan Elpers: Yes, it's already taken.

Councilmember Goebel: That's a good positive. With that in mind, I will vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: First I'd like to make a statement, you know, the reason this Council, this body spent a lot of time putting together the scoring system for revitalization projects such as this, was to make it equal for small or large, so I don't think moving forward, that we want to penalize anyone because they're not big enough. I mean, again, its an issue of fairness and I'll take every business or business retention we can get in this community, be it forty jobs or be it a thousand jobs. I mean, they all add up and they all make a difference. And I'll vote yes on the five.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: I'm going to vote yes but I'm going to give you my cell phone number. I'd like to sit down and meet with you personally, and go over some of this.

Dan Elpers: That's fine, thank you.

**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Leader opposed)**

President Abell: We'll see you here at the next meeting. Would you like to take this and give me a call? Maybe we could sit down and I have some questions, also. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BERRY PLASTICS</b> <b>WAIVER OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION</b></p>
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President Abell: Next on our agenda, a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council granting a waiver of non-compliance for an economic revitalization area for Berry Plastics, OpCo, Inc., a subsidiary of Berry Plastics Corporation, 2415 Locust Creek Drive.

Julie Gorman: If you recall at our August –

President Abell: Could you just give your name for the record?

Julie Gorman: Sorry, Julie Gorman from GAGE, the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. If you recall at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had discussion, we had presented the preliminary resolution and you had asked us specifically to prepare the waiver of non-compliance to put a legal ad in the paper, which we have done that, and you had also asked for Berry to come back with answers regarding your question of why the project was started and seventy-five to eighty percent complete at the time of the application. So with me today is Kevin Pennington from BP Tooling, Jim Kratochvil, which is the Executive VP and CFO, Mark Miles, Executive VP and Controller, and David Berkman, the Tax and Accounting Manager for Berry Plastics, if you'd like to ask them any specific questions regarding the project.

President Abell: Thank you. Council?

Councilmember Winnecke: So is our first order of business to vote on the waiver of non-compliance?

President Abell: I guess we need to get our motion on the table and then we'll discuss it and they can come up and talk to us.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would move that we approve the waiver of non-compliance as presented.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Now, discussion? Who would you like to talk to? Who do you want to have present? Anyone?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm wondering first if we need to do – ask for public input on this before we – that might be the most appropriate – before we get discussion going.

Jeff Ahlers: Because that's what we advertised for is a public hearing, correct?

President Abell: Yeah. Is there anyone, I just thought they might want to present their – while we're looking at it and know that everybody in the public is aware, but if they are, then if somebody here wants to address it, please come forward. I don't see anyone. Would someone from Berry Plastics just like to come up and explain this, what we're here for? Thank you. Because our viewing audience may not have

seen the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and have no idea what we're talking about.

Jim Kratochvil: Jim Kratochvil, I'm Chief Financial Officer for Berry Plastics.

President Abell: You might spell your last name for our secretary, please.

Jim Kratochvil: Sure, its K as in Kenneth, R, A, T as in Tom, O, C, H, V as in Victor, I, L.

President Abell: Thank you.

Jim Kratochvil: I wish I had a nickle for every time I did that. First of all I want to express my appreciation for the County Council considering this request. We have always had an excellent relationship with both the city and the county at Berry Plastics, and we have, over the years, I think, over delivered on what we have committed to both the city and the county in terms of our abatement and phase-in requests. Specifically, with this request, this was a little different for us. Usually, when we have an expansion project at Berry Plastics there is a lot of internal discussions and a lot of, let's say, communication that goes on within our walls, and then there's also a lot of communication with the various public entities that we deal with. This was a little different because what we were faced with here was a decision to, we knew we had to consolidate, we had two tooling facilities: one in Chicago Ridge, Illinois and one in Evansville, Indiana, the one that we're talking about today. And the executives of the company felt like we needed to have a great amount of confidentiality around this because it was affecting the lives and people of two different locations. As we gave this consideration, we did not want to put at risk losing valuable employees at our Evansville tool facility because they had concern about the viability of the facility that we had going forward. The executives of the company as well as our investors are very supportive of Evansville and this is where our corporate headquarters resides and they do have significant alternatives here. We have, you know, close to seventy plants now throughout the world at Berry Plastics and this is our corporate office for all those. So the management here believed in the tool facility. We also saw a lot of tool maker positions leave as molds went overseas, so we saw a good availability of people within the community that fit the profile of what we needed and we made that decision. So what happened here is that internally we did not communicate because we did not want to have any leaks to the community or anywhere else about what we were contemplating until we made a final decision, so that took some time. So the people that ordinarily would know and have filed for this, were not in the know because of that specific reason. So we understand that we didn't follow the process as it specifically is lined out, but we are asking for this waiver because we feel like we have met every other criteria that this program intends to fulfill. We are placing good compensation jobs within Evansville. Here we've already, at this point, hired eleven of the eighteen full-time and two part-time jobs that we've committed, even though we're not even in service yet in the facility. And the part that we are specifically in, I would say, non-compliance over is not the equipment piece, that came in later, we have been moving that later, a combination of new equipment and equipment we're relocating from our Chicago facility, but more specifically asking for the waiver on the building expansion piece. So that's really what happened here. The people within the company that would ordinarily have filed weren't able to do that because of the confidential nature of this project.

President Abell: Now that its been explained, is there anyone in the audience that wants to make a comment on this? Is there any Councilman that wants to ask a

question or make a comment?

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President?

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Jim, it might be helpful if you could kind of, in rough form, kind of lay out the chronology of events from the spring until today just so – you’ve explained the situation well, but if you could just maybe give us a better chronology, it might be helpful.

Jim Kratochvil: Yeah, I thought that you would like that so I – I’ve attempted to do that. Some of this is working back in time and I’ve also, just so you know, I’ve also had conversations with Madam Abell relative to, you know, in the future, we had a conversation about a way, when we had a confidential project, to be able to bring it to the Council in advance and not mention the project specifically and say, hey, we have a project that we want to expand in Evansville, and let the Council know, so we don’t trip any of these dates. Basically, we’ve had discussions over the last couple of years of what we wanted to do. We acquired the Chicago tool room in, actually in 2003 when we made the Landis acquisition. We have had discussions over the years about what to do. We felt like having a consolidated tool room would be much more efficient here, so late last year, in the – and Kevin, you may want to come up here as well. Kevin Pennington, who is our Vice President of tooling, might help me with this. But basically, we had a lot of conversations late last year about what we wanted to do here. So we had conversations and they were really the CEO, myself and Kevin, there weren’t very many other people that were aware of what was going on at that time, but that’s basically where the discussion started. We made a decision to quietly go forward, so we obtained permits for this in March, started the construction in April, and none of this, by the way, was disclosed anywhere to the public; the Chicago facility was not made aware of this at that point in time. Let’s see, okay, we went through a few internal things and then when did we announce specifically to Chicago?

Kevin Pennington: June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Kratochvil: June 8<sup>th</sup>, and then we came here June 16<sup>th</sup>, okay, in terms of filing an application. So we didn’t waste much time after they were notified, put in our application and then we attended the meeting, we received the notice of how to proceed, attend the meeting where we made our preliminary request, and now this is where we are. And during this whole process, obviously, we’ve continued to complete this project and get it in as quickly as possible. You may want to, Kevin, talk about what it means to your people in the company.

Kevin Pennington: From the Evansville area?

Jim Kratochvil: Yeah.

Kevin Pennington: Alright. What we’re doing here, like I said, we’ve added eleven people here and, you know, so far, I mean, its been very gratifying. I mean, we’ve had about fifty people we brought in for interviews. People that are just down on their luck getting laid off, can’t find a job, you know, the mold business is being shipped overseas, and the people, you ought to see just the glare in their eye when they come in and we’re interviewing them, you know, offering these positions and everything. And like I said, we’ve got eleven people in place right now and once we

get things full steam ahead with all of our equipment, we have intentions of adding six or seven people here within a year, a couple of part-time positions, but it's a big boost for our economy here in Evansville. I mean, the tool trade definitely needs this boost. I mean, there's a lot of shops here in town I deal with regularly. There's four of them, I mean, they work anywhere from thirty-two to forty hours a week. They come in on Mondays and they're told, well, we're going to work twenty-four hours this week. We don't have enough work to justify you guys working forty. So, as you all know, its hard to make a living week to week, and the stress in this day and age of, you know, trying to raise a family and, you know, get a better life for your kids. And its very tough. So, you know, I think with this addition that we've created here in Evansville, you know, it's a good thing and I continue to see, you know, going forward, you know, a four or five year plan, you know, I could see us adding more people here. The prices that we're doing stuff internally is a lot cheaper than the outside. You know, we're focused on growth and for the customers. So this is a good thing going forward.

President Abell: Thank you. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: And Kevin, so your five year plan is to onboard twenty-five new employees, is that correct?

Kevin Pennington: It could lead up to that, yes. Up to a total, yes.

Jim Kratochvil: We've committed to eighteen. Two part-time and we're working up towards that number.

Kevin Pennington: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Over the next five years?

Kevin Pennington: Yes.

President Abell: Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Pennington, would you elaborate on, you talked about the local tool trade, shops you work with, can you elaborate on that relationship a little bit, how many people that affects, as well?

Kevin Pennington: As far as the shops, and how many people they have working?

Councilmember Leader: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Kevin Pennington: In the Evansville area, I would say there's probably, you know, with the four or five shops that we deal with and they're the bigger shops here in town, they probably employ a hundred to a hundred and twenty people probably. And probably fifteen to twenty of those people came to our facility within the last month looking for work, you know, because they're tired of the week to week, not knowing what they're going to be working. And there's two or three shops, I really feel, that within the next year, I mean, they could close their doors, just from the outside looking in, but I know the clientele they're doing business with and a lot of those jobs went overseas. And we have an outstanding relationship with a couple shops: Evansville Tool & Die, which is next door to us and Dexterous Tool, that we do a lot of work with them. We outsource to those two shops to try to help out there. So we do feel we are keeping –

Councilmember Leader: Will you continue to outsource to them?

Kevin Pennington: Yes. And we will continue.

Jim Kratochvil: I want to make one additional comment here. It isn't just the people in the jobs here, as well, a lot of these tools, you know, Kevin's tool shop is not just servicing Evansville. Its serving corporate needs across the country. So what happens here is a lot of the vendors that deal now with Evansville instead of dealing with Chicago, there's a lot of things we've had to source out in the past. We've increased the amount of equipment capability that he has. So a lot of jobs that we would have to outsource to Canada or to other places around the country, now can come here. So it's not just the jobs. You know, its all the vendors that provide to us and who we're servicing, that were not here before. It's not like we're robbing from this shop in Evansville to bring in –

Councilmember Leader: And that's really where I was going, to get a clear understanding of your vendor relationships.

Jim Kratochvil: No, this is supporting our closure business, which is really not located in Evansville, it's supporting our thermo-forming business, which is now in Evansville and in Kansas, that tooling, this is supporting a lot of repair jobs and building stacks from various (inaudible) that we could not do before.

Councilmember Leader: That's where I was going.

President Abell: Just a moment, we're going over something. I'm sorry, Mr. Sutton, did you have –

Councilmember Sutton: I'll wait until you finish the other items there.

President Abell: We did not vote on this preliminary, right? We haven't voted on the preliminary? What we're going to vote on today is granting them the waiver.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right, and then we would vote on the preliminary.

President Abell: Then we will vote on the preliminary –

Jeff Ahlers: You could vote on it today, if you want, I don't know if everybody brought it with them. I forgot to bring my copy –

President Abell: Did everybody bring it with them?

Jeff Ahlers: It was in the packet like, a month ago, and I don't know if the representative from GAGE, I remember I spoke to them a month and a half ago, did you go ahead and notice the preliminary for today, as well?

Julie Gorman: Yes, I did.

Jeff Ahlers: You did? Okay, so I guess it's a matter of –

Julie Gorman: Excuse me. In the legal ad, we put notice in for waiver. You don't have to put a notice in for the preliminary. We went ahead and put a notice in for the confirming and for the waiver, today.



Jeff Ahlers: Okay, the confirming, though, would be next month, correct?

Julie Gorman: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: It did not notice that for today?

Julie Gorman: No, it was noticed for next month.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay. So the preliminary can be done after the waiver, assuming the waiver is passed. Its just that I don't know if everybody brought their copy with them. But if you remember what it says...

President Abell: Are we ready to vote on the waiver? Is everybody – Mr. Sutton, did you have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: That's okay, go ahead.

President Abell: I don't mind.

Councilmember Sutton: That's alright.

President Abell: Let's vote on the waiver and then I'll find out your pleasure, whether you want to do the preliminary at this time. We have a motion and a second on the floor, we've had discussion, now roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to make just a brief comment before I vote. I know you guys wish, and I appreciate your explanation, you know, you wanted to try to meet the timeliness guidelines on this and it does place us in somewhat of an uncomfortable position as you've probably already heard, and we appreciate what this company has meant to our county and our city, and it is a vital part, but I'm going to go ahead and vote yes on this waiver.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Have you found the preliminary? Did you look for the preliminary? We could vote on it now, I'm just wondering if anyone wants to see it, that's why I wondered if you had a copy of it.

Councilmember Goebel: I think there are several copies here.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke has a copy of the preliminary that we had last time. Some people didn't –

Councilmember Goebel: I have Mr. Winnecke's other one, too.

President Abell: Does anyone want to look at it or do you remember what it said?

Councilmember Goebel: The recommendation was nine –

President Abell: Let's ask GAGE to do that, to tell us what the recommendation is.

Julie Gorman: The project scored a hundred points and ten bonus points, that was equivalent to eight years and that was for the real property. The personal property scored a hundred and five points, with five bonus points and is equivalent to nine years.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time on that?

Julie Gorman: For the real property it was a hundred and ten points, that included the bonus and the regular original points, and that was equivalent to eight years. The personal property scored a hundred and five points, plus five bonus points, that is equivalent to nine years.

President Abell: Okay. Is everyone clear? Now I need a motion. Mr. Goebel?

Jeff Ahlers: The motion either needs to do one of two things, either you can, first of all, just declare it an economic revitalization area and then set in the years, or, if in the motion declaring it an economic revitalization area, set in the number of years, so I just want to make sure that we understand what your pleasure is, whoever makes the motion.

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Goebel, do you still want to tackle it?

Councilmember Goebel: Could you explain that again?

Jeff Ahlers: On the preliminary resolution, what you can do is, you can make a motion that the preliminary resolution be passed to declare it an economic revitalization area. Once that passes, you know, then another motion can be made to set in the years. Or, if you believe there's a consensus on the number of years in your motion declaring it an economic revitalization area, you can also state that it would be for X number of years and pass it all at once. Now at the confirming resolution, you can modify the number of years next month, if there's a change of

heart. But, you know, I just wanted to make sure you understood that you can either do it in two parts or one part. So I don't know if there is a recommendation and somebody wants to make a motion based on the recommendation or whether a Councilman has a different motion they want to make. So you can do it either way and I just wanted to clarify in light of on our last one, so that you understand that it can be done in pieces or it can all be done at once on the preliminary, however you chose to do it.

President Abell: It's up to you, Mr. Goebel, it's your motion. But remembering that we can still modify it at our next meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I make a motion that we declare the area an economic revitalization, nine years as suggested on equipment and one year less on the score card as far as the actual – what's the word? Real property. So seven years and nine years. Thank you.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Wait a minute.

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Abell: He did.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second and keep this in mind, though. We can change this again next month if we decide to go to the nine and eight or eight and eight, whatever.

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct. On the confirming resolution you can modify what is passed on the preliminary.

President Abell: Okay. Everyone clear?

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a question. The move to get it to seven is based on the fact that, given the circumstances?

Councilmember Goebel: That's correct. And I think Berry is aware of that and they definitely are a great industry to have in our community, so we want to keep them here. Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Now you do realize that we will vote on this again? Okay, I just want everybody to be as clear as mud here.

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Yeah, we would like to have someone here. Is that okay?

Jim Kratochvil: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you. All Councilmen need to sign this waiver of non-compliance which is being passed around right now.

<b>QTR LETTER REGARDING COMPLIANCE</b>
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President Abell: Mr. Korb and Mr. Rector, I thought they were here.

Councilmember Sutton: You've got the QTR letter.

President Abell: I thought they were just indicating they gave it to us. Did GAGE have a comment on the letter, the QTR?

Julie Gorman: That would be Libbie and she –

President Abell: And she isn't here.

Councilmember Sutton: If, Madam President –

President Abell: Go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: I know I was one of the ones that made comments about the compliance issue. I'd like for, at least to have their letter read into the record. I mean, I think they give an explanation, but I think we need to at least have that read into the record, if you do have that. If you don't, I have it.

President Abell: I had it here somewhere. Do you have a copy of it?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I've got it.

President Abell: Why don't you read it?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. This was written on August 8<sup>th</sup> to Libbie Au, Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville, and it's concerning their employment for tax phase-in that we questioned that they were below the levels that we had anticipated. So this is their response:

"In response to your letter regarding our tax phase-in compliance, I was very surprised and concerned that you would believe that we are not meeting our commitments for estimated employment. It was our understanding when we went through the tax phase-in application process that we were to include all jobs that will be generated over the next five years for the investment in the new facility and equipment. The application has no place to list the increase in employment by year, so the total increase for all years is shown as one number. We worked closely with Rob Schaefer (who was with DMD) to accurately complete the application. We also believe we presented to the County Council in detail that the job creation would occur over the next five years as we grew our business to fill the constructed facility.

As we moved into the new facility, we immediately increased our employment by seventeen jobs, from thirty-five to fifty-two jobs. Additional employment will be created as we fill the capacity of our facility with additional sales. We anticipate over the next two years we will expand our workforce by at least the additional thirteen positions needed to meet our target total employment of sixty-five jobs.

Please advise if any further action is required on our part.

Best regards,

Mary Perigo  
Chief Financial Officer of QTR"

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. He has a good voice.

<b>DEMOLITION AND RENOVATION OF OLD JAIL SPACE</b>
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President Abell: Okay, I think we're ready for Mr. Korb or Mr. Rector to talk to us about the demolition of the old jail.

Jeff Korb: Good morning, my name is Jeff Korb, County Commissioner President. Commissioner Nix is in Louisiana on business and I was asked to fill in for him. Commissioner Nix, it's my understanding, and David Rector have met with each of you in the past several weeks regarding the old jail demolition and additional video arraignment for Circuit Court. It was decided that the Commissioners would request the Building Authority to solicit quotes for the project. Bids have been received and opened in the Building Authority board meeting on 8/26/08. We will be requesting the Council for appropriation of monies of \$920,00 from the Jail set aside fund. This amount covers the cost of the low bid demolition quote and alternate for the old rec yard roof, Circuit Court video arraignment, contingency and engineering and architectural fees for the bidding specifications and the build out

design of the second floor space. This request will be on your September 24<sup>th</sup> agenda for action at your October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Any questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Of the \$920,000, how much is demolition and how much is – is any of that rebuild?

Dave Rector: There is a little bit of – Dave Rector, Building Authority. There is some rebuild in there with the reuse of cellblocks, 21, -2 and -3, and relocating the central control unit for the deputies, so there is some build out in that, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: So then, as we discuss moving the entire assessor function to this area, that will be an additional expense?

Dave Rector: Yes, it will be.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. And is there any idea, will the city take over any of this new space?

Dave Rector: The city – not on the second floor, no, they are not wanting any of that. There is some thought on the third floor, the city has expressed an need for some additional space for the Controller's Office to combine Purchasing in there. I don't know whether they're going to pursue that or not. And they've also, I'm hesitating here, wondering if I'm supposed to say this or not, yet. They're looking at another need on the third floor that may come about. I'm not trying to be coy. It was through the Personnel Department, if I ought to offer it up here.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's alright. But this \$920,000 is only second floor demolition –

Dave Rector: Second floor demolition. Also the engineering, architectural fees to design the build out for what that may become, and also then for an alternate one, which is the demolition of the old rec yard roof area to get those problems corrected.

Councilmember Winnecke: And of the \$920,000, how much is dedicated for the Circuit Court video arraignment?

Dave Rector: A hundred and twenty-five thousand. That was for both Circuit Courts also, the main large one and the micro circuit.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Other comments or questions?

Councilmember Sutton: And what kind of timetable are you guys – if this is approved at our meeting next month, what kind of timetable are you looking at? You've already got –

Dave Rector: I'd better, and perhaps Council Attorney Ahlers can answer this, we could request the quotes before funding is in place, we can't award the bid until funding is in place. We meet on the 30<sup>th</sup>. You guys then meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, I don't know if our board can award it contingent to your vote or not. If we can't, then we're going to have to try to call a special meeting, but the contractor is ready to start immediately on us awarding the project. But could you address that?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I would suggest on something like this that you make sure that, I mean, I would go ahead and take an abundance of caution. If that means having a special meeting to do so. Obviously, the final call as to what you do, I mean, Mr. Ziemer would have to make that call, so if he feels it appropriate, you can do that. But yeah, you can do like RFP's, you know, request for proposals, but in terms of if you are making a request for binding bids, I think you need to have your money in place unless, you know, Mr. Ziemer thinks otherwise, since he would be the one that would advise you on that.

Dave Rector: It's Joe Harrison, Jr. for us.

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, okay, I'm sorry.

Dave Rector: And Joe and I have traded calls, but we'll certainly – I'll let Joe know what your thoughts were.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: When is our next Personnel & Finance meeting? What is the date on that?

President Abell: September 24<sup>th</sup>. Two weeks from today.

Councilmember Sutton: So is that a possibility to, at that meeting, as opposed to calling a special meeting, you meet on the 30<sup>th</sup>, right?

Dave Rector: Yes, what I would do –

President Abell: Yeah, they're the ones that will have –

Dave Rector: Yeah, on the 30<sup>th</sup>, I'll request them, say, hey guys, can you come back the day after tomorrow? All we need is, you know, a quorum to do it. I just didn't have the answer to this yet as to how we're going to have to address it.

Councilmember Sutton: The other thing, at what point will we kind of see the – we've had some preliminary drawings, when will we see the layout of this new space and what will go in there?

Dave Rector: Once everybody agrees. We have probably twenty-four different scenarios that could happen over there. I think we have finally settled on the one at this time, is where we all talked with Commissioner Nix about moving the Assessor's group down there, because they are so large now. I think that's where the Commissioners and the Council are at this time. But no official vote or decision, I don't think has been made to say yes, that's what we're going to design around.

Councilmember Sutton: One other issue as we're kind of talking about, is there any thoughts or consideration about security in that area? Is that something that might need to be factored in here as we kind of rolled in discussions really with all parts of this building?

Dave Rector: We have, the Mayor, Commissioner Korb, the Sheriff, Chief of Police, and Councilwoman Abell met about two or three weeks ago to address building security and we left that meeting with identifying there is a more prominent need and we're working towards that.

President Abell: The entire building.

Dave Rector: And I'll let Councilwoman Abell or Commissioner Korb say anything more if they'd like at this time.

Jeff Korb: I've learned that saying less is more, is better for me, so I won't say much on that other than the fact that we've left it with the Sheriff to come up with a plan and the city Police Chief, Mr. Hill, and they'll come back with their recommendation. Also, I'm going to ask Dave to elaborate for just a moment about the additional holding areas, that these fees also contain. Sally port.

Dave Rector: This has nothing to do with a sally port at this time. We're going to address the holding needs for the Sheriff in cellblocks 21, -2 and -3. We all thought that with the video arraignment in Circuit, it may further reduce the number of prisoners coming back and could dramatically affect the size of this proposed sally port.

Jeff Korb: Which means maybe not even have to have it because we had talked about over a million dollars for putting one in. And by incorporating these changes now, we feel like we're going to be able to greatly reduce that.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Fluty, I don't have a – for some reason, I didn't get a copy of our balances on our various accounts with this request that would come before us from the Jail set aside fund. What would be the balance in that account if this proposal moves forward?

Bill Fluty: Right now, you have \$2,914,342, and I believe they're asking for 920,000, so you'll just be a little under \$2,000,000, if it's granted.

Councilmember Sutton: And – okay, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Ahlers has something.

Jeff Ahlers: Something I wanted to point out, Ms. Deig reminded me that there is a delay in terms of when Council approves and appropriates the money, that I guess it can take the state a few weeks before they approve it. So you may want to have Mr. Harrison call me or get with me, because one of the questions may be that we may not be – it could be a little more problematic than just a one or two day delay, that if it's an issue to get the money in place, it needs to be approved by the state, we may have a three week gap here. So you know, if you guys think you need special meetings or something like that, you probably ought to get with us right away or whether – you know.

Dave Rector: Like I said, Joe and I have been trading calls. Hopefully, we'll connect today.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Well, I just have a comment, but you probably neither one can do anything about it at this point, but we're paying to –

Dave Rector: Why do you always do this to me?

President Abell: Well, because we're paying to tear this area – to demolition this area, we're going to pay to fix this area up to put the Assessors in, then we're going



to pay rent to have the Assessor in there. I don't know any other business where we pay to do all the renovations and then we also have to pay rent on it.

Dave Rector: Well, I guess it was in the vision of our leaders forty years ago.

President Abell: Bad vision. That rent should go back to replenish the \$900,000 we're going to loan you to fix it up. Just a comment on the contract.

Dave Rector: Good observation.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments for them? You think you know what you've got to do? Okay, thank you.

Dave Rector: Thank you.

President Abell: Is there anything else that we haven't possibly covered this morning to come before this Council? Then we stand adjourned until September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10th day of September, 2008 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the final budget hearing of the 2009 budget. Roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Good morning. This is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete the adoption of our budget and establish the salaries and all employee benefits, and also to recommend to the state what would be the proposed tax rate. Today, the chair will only recognize Councilmembers until after the Finance Chairman has completed his duties. At this time, I'm going to ask Councilman Raben, the Finance Chairman, to begin the salary ordinance corrections, amendments and additions.

<p><b>2009 SALARY ORDINANCE SALARIES FOR AIRPORT NON-UNION AND CONVENTION &amp; VISITORS BUREAU EMPLOYEES FICA AND PERF</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. Thank you, Madam President. First, I'd like to move that all full-time county employees receive a two and a half percent raise for year 2009 as listed in the 2009 salary ordinance for all salaries in accordance with the county's salary ordinance. All Airport Non-Union employees and Convention & Visitor Bureau employees receive a two and a half percent raise for 2009. All salaries are listed in the 2009 salary ordinance and I would move that that be made part of the record and entered into the minutes.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: I also need to include all FICA and PERF to be adjusted accordingly as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Include that in my second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>SALARY ORDINANCE EXHIBITS A THROUGH H</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Madam President, I move that Exhibits A through H be approved as listed in the 2009 Salary Ordinance. A through H is, I think, your last tab for those that...

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>LIST A/CORRECTED POSITION TITLES AND SALARIES</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Next, I'll ask all Councilmembers to check the listing of salary and position title changes from the budget book and move to approve List A and make it part of the record, which everyone has been given a copy of List A.

President Abell: Does everybody have this?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>LIST B/ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS/CHANGES</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, all Councilmen have been given a list of additional cuts and/or additions, which is List B, which you also have in front of you. I move that List B be approved and also be made part of the record.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>2009 INSURANCE BUDGET</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, all Councilmembers have been given a copy of the final insurance data, which is in front of you. I move that the County Council

approve the 2009 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the County's share of the current three health plans, with the total employee contribution of eight percent. The figures are for full-time employees and do not include insurance for Superior Court Magistrates. I move that we also make the insurance exhibit part of the minutes and move for approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts for the 2009 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following, and it's a rather lengthy list: 911 Emergency Service, Airport Authority, Area Plan Commission, Area Plan Commission/Reassessment, Assessor, Assessor/Reassessment, Auditor, Auditor/Reassessment, Bond Issue, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Center/Reassessment, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Clerk, Clerk IV-D, Commissioners, Commissioners/CCD fund, Convention Center Operating fund, Convention & Visitors Bureau Commission, Co-Op Extension, the Coroner, County Council, Cum Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral

Services, Election Office, Health Department, Highway, Jail, Jail Bond, Knight Assessor, Knight Assessor/Reassessment, Legal Aid, Legal Aid/United Way, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon Assessor/Reassessment, Property Tax Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement Program, Prosecutor Fees - Check Recovery, Prosecutor Forfeiture fund, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Victims/Witness Assistance Program, Public Defender Commission, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure Fees, Sheriff, Sheriff/Community Corrections, Sheriff/Misdemeanor Housing, Sheriff/Vanderburgh County Community Corrections, Misdemeanor Offender, Superior Court, Superior Drug Court, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Superintendent of County Buildings, Surveyor, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, Surveyor Maps, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Treasurer/Reassessment, Veterans Administration, Voter Registration, and Weights & Measures, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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



<b>COUNTY TAX RATE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Madam President, I would move that the County Council set a tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following a review of our final budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? What can you say? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that we set the Cum Bridge rate in at \$.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Discussion?

Councilmember Raben: It's three cents.

President Abell: It's three cents, it's .03%, I guess.

Councilmember Raben: Three tenths.

President Abell: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX DESIGNATION TO LOCAL ROADS &amp; STREETS FUND</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay next, I'm going to move that we set in a million dollars of COIT into the Local Roads & Streets fund.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX DESIGNATION TO COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, I move that we set in a half million dollars, five hundred thousand dollars COIT into the County Highway Department fund.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, that concludes what we had before us today for finalizing our 2009 budget.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Before we close the budget hearing, I'd like to thank all the Councilmen for all your hours that you put in working on this. I'd also like to thank all the elected officeholders and department heads who also spent a lot of time preparing their budget to present to us. We know that some of our cuts were hard and difficult for you to have to handle. We hope that with what we've done, we've left the county with enough of a cushion in the event we have to have an appropriation for something this year, we will be able to continue county government as we all know it. We also have the hope that next year the blow won't be any worse than it was this year, we're hoping to be able to get through a tougher year next year by making it a little bit tougher this year. I appreciate all the cooperation, all the responses to my emails from all the elected officeholders. Mr. Raben, did you have any final words you wanted to say?

Councilmember Raben: Well, you said a mouthful right there. That says a lot. But for everyone's information, these cuts represent nearly 2.3 million dollars. And just to echo a few comments made by Council President Abell, not everybody – you know, when there's only so much money to go around, not everybody gets exactly what they want just like we live our own lives. I mean, you make sacrifices, but at the end of the day this budget does fully fund every county department. You know, there should be enough funds to do exactly what they need to do throughout the year next year. So I'm happy with it and I echo, again, all your comments. And thanks and praises to all seven councilmembers for their input and help and along with that, the officeholders, too, and department heads.

President Abell: Does anyone else have any comments? Mrs. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I'd just like to commend, also, the county department heads and those in their departments that helped us cut our budget so dramatically. And also commend my County Council men and women because having attended a number of state educational seminars, we learned that the other counties in Indiana are not as healthy as we are, have not been as fiscally responsible as we are, are not as timely as we are in communicating with our citizens, and I think that's due in part to this organization, and I want to commend all of you for that.

President Abell: And you're a part of that. Any other comments? We will adjourn the budget hearings and we'll – does anybody want to take a break?

(Inaudible)

President Abell: I thought we advertised that it would start immediately following this

one? No, did we say 9:30? Then we're going to have to wait until 9:30. I thought it said immediately following the budget. We will go into our County Council meeting at exactly 9:30. Everyone please be here so we can get started on time.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of October in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. I apologize for the delay. Could we have the attendance roll call please?

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Councilman Sutton, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 BUDGET ADOPTION SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>
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President Abell: I would entertain a motion for approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2008 regular meeting and also the September 10, 2008 final budget hearing, unless there are any corrections to either one.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF**

President Abell: We're here this morning for the appropriation ordinance, and I will turn the meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda today under 1050-1210 College Incentive in the amount of \$700, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?



Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210	College Incentive	700.00	700.00
Total		700.00	700.00

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

### ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Next Election Office, 1210-1910 PERF in the amount of \$300, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-1910	PERF	300.00	300.00
Total		300.00	300.00

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

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Councilmember Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings, 1310-3200 Utilities in the amount of \$36,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Someone on Council requested some information from the County Commissioner's Office. I can't remember who did. If you remember who you are, did you get the information you wanted? Someone asked about some savings and whether they had – what their...

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I wasn't asking for additional information, but just kind of that they ought to have maybe put out some kind of memorandum informing everyone to raise up the temperature during the winter or the summer and lower it in the winter – whatever. Anyway, try to save some money. And to shut off the 50% of the vacant rooms that we have, to shut those off so that we don't pay any additional dollars out. And I think they had already been in the process of doing that, it started back in June. So....

President Abell: Thank you. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS      REQUESTED      APPROVED**

1310-3200	Utilities	36,000.00	36,000.00
Total		36,000.00	36,000.00

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

**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court, Juvenile Home Detention in the amount of \$4,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**SUPERIOR COURT**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1370-3054	Juv. Home Detention	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total		4,500.00	4,500.00

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

**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Burdette, 1450-2210 Gas & Oil in the amount of \$4,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		4,000.00	4,000.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Knight Township, Extra Help and FICA in the amount of \$8,612, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	8,000.00	8,000.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	612.00	612.00
Total		8,612.00	8,612.00

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

### JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Jail Project in the amount of \$920,000, I'm going to move approval to get it on the floor.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Rector?

Dave Rector: Good morning, Dave Rector, Building Authority.

Jeff Korb: Good morning, Jeff Korb, County Commissioner.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Dave, you and I have had some dialogue and I apologize for pulling you away from your meeting last week.

Dave Rector: Not a problem.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, one of my concerns has been with this appropriation request, is that the county is taking the onus for the whole enchilada on the tearing down of that space, not knowing what the real space allocation is going to be when the project is finalized, whether the city uses X percentage of that space and we've taken on the responsibility for whole tear down. I have had some dialogue with Commissioner Nix on this project as well as your board's attorney, Joe Harrison, and I understand that there is – you're in a bit of a quandary that there is an expiration on the bids that you need to either accept or not accept. So, Madam President, one of the suggestions made was to possibly treat this as somewhat of a loan to the Building Authority until such time at which they have time to secure outside financing for this part of the project or the entire project, and then at that time, reimburse the county for the full sum. I'm okay with that, I would just like to somehow have that caveat in this motion or in the action we take today that this is only subject to an agreement, a written agreement from the Building Authority, that they will reimburse the county once they secure their financing.

President Abell: And I understand that your meeting is tomorrow, Mr. Rector, or you are having a special meeting, --

Dave Rector: We had a meeting yesterday and then we can't award until the money is actually approved and then we can award the project. We can bid it without funding in place, but we can't award it without funding in place. And we opened the bids on August 26<sup>th</sup> with them good for sixty days. I think for the county's benefit, all of our benefit, we don't want to let that lapse, we got very good bids in and we won't see those bids again if we have to rebid it.

President Abell: How much is the demolition bid?

Dave Rector: \$380,000, plus we had an alternate of about \$84,000 for the roofing on the old rec yard that we've got to rip off. So it was that portion of it and then we had design engineering fees in for the build-out of what that space would be on the second floor and also \$125,000 is in there for Circuit Court video arraignment. That's what comprises the 920,000.

President Abell: Okay. I think what our concern is at this level is, I think that the Superior Court is ours. I mean, we're county and we fund the courts. The rest of it, I think our concern is that it be properly distributed, if I'm understanding you, Mr. Raben, among the county and the city, based on who takes what particular portion. And with that caveat and this being on the record, I feel comfortable with approving this money today. You can take it to your board and tell them that we're making it as a loan, you can back it out against us on our rent, or however we can work that out later, but I think the main thing is, to get the money appropriated so you can make the award and not lose this low bid that we have out here.

Dave Rector: Yes, and what we do, we back the 125 out then for the video arraignment, and not knowing definitely what that space is going to be yet, and build-out, we don't know proportionately occupancy-wise, what departments that would fall to. I've had conversations with ONB right now and we'll go to the other banks and bid the loan process. But that's going to take a few weeks to get in place, and really, we don't need that in place until we all decide definitely what that space is going to be. Commissioner Korb is here today, Commissioner Nix asked me to apologize, he was out of town on business, so Jeff is here if you've got any questions for the Commissioners. The city may or may not use some of that space, so if they do, of course, some of that would go to them, the demolition part of this amount proportionately to how much space they occupy. So I understand what you're saying, its just kind of a convoluted way to get there right now with the need to award the bid.

President Abell: I understand. I think we have a little conversation regarding the amount -- bear with us.

Councilmember Goebel: President Abell?

President Abell: I'm sorry, Mr. Goebel, yes?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Rector, you're satisfied, though, that if we would let the bids lapse at this point, that we're not going to get a comparable bid in the future?

Dave Rector: Undoubtedly. We will not see this bid again. I'll be happy to talk with you if you'd like at some point, and I'll explain, but we will not see this bid again.

Councilmember Goebel: I have been in contact with the Commissioners, so—

Dave Rector: Okay, so you understand.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand, so I think we do need to move on this.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: So we should consider this like a bridge loan and not a bail out. We want to get that clear.

Councilmember Raben: I would ask that our County Auditor, you know, this fund, we're really, technically, I mean, the funds aren't leaving this fund, we're saying it's okay to spend X. So I would ask the County Auditor not release any of these funds from these lines until the agreement, whatever that agreement is between the Building Authority's board and this body is in place. So you say, again, you're going to meet —

Dave Rector: Next Tuesday we'll meet and award the bid and I can have Joe get with Jeff and they can work out some kind of agreement that it would proportionately be allocated by the departments occupying the same way we do the rent.

Councilmember Raben: The cleanest way, right off the bat, is just complete reimbursement and then we'll work out the rent side.

Dave Rector: Because it's going to be some time before we get it demo'ed and built back out.

President Abell: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Are you good with that, legal Counsel? Complete reimbursement initially, and then we'll work out the allocations?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that's fine.

Dave Rector: And without getting into it, I'll let Joe and Jeff figure it out and get with Bill. But I think the additional appropriation is actually to go into the Commissioner's budget, we'll pay for it, we'll bill them, and then it will have to go back either to the set aside fund or to the Commissioners, however you all decide that works.

President Abell: I think its best to let the two attorneys work this thing out for us.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess that's — I understand what we're trying to accomplish, but I don't know if we really have the authority to make a loan per se, but we could make an appropriation with some restrictions or some covenants that go along with it, which is what we're doing. So really in the context of making this appropriation, we probably should rephrase it as just simply an appropriation with some contingencies that go along with the appropriation.

President Abell: I agree, to leave the verbiage "loan" out of it is correct. I think you're correct. Any other comments or questions among the Council? Does everyone understand what we're doing?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to say, is there a way we can get some idea of when we might get a list of what those contingencies are and what these timetables are that we're shooting for? I don't know if that's something our counsel is going to put together in cooperation with the Building Authority? When will we actually receive this list of contingencies?

President Abell: I think Mr. Harrison and Mr. Ahlers are going to get together and they'll do the contingencies and then we can all be provided a copy of it. And I suppose that you'll be wanting to do that in time for your next Tuesday meeting so we should be getting this –

Dave Rector: That would be good if we could, then they could approve that at the same time when we award the project.

President Abell: Is that –

Dave Rector: Joe and Jeff can get together.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, and I mean, we're probably going to need to get the county attorney involved, too, because the Commissioners, you know, as the executive are involved. I mean, really, we're just an appropriating body, so, I mean, its probably equally or more important that we get Mr. Ziemer involved. I mean, because they're going to be the ones that are going to oversee the improvements as the executive and –

Dave Rector: I'll call Joe as soon as we're done today and tell him what's going on and have him get with you and Ted.

President Abell: And I know Mr. Ziemer emails all of us on a regular basis so we'll make sure that by email, if that's okay with everyone, you can get a copy of the contingencies and if there's any questions on them, maybe we can get that handled before next Tuesday's meeting.

Dave Rector: Sure.

President Abell: Does that – is that okay with you, Mr. Sutton? Anyone else? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>JAIL PROJECT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
3660-4192	Jail Project	125,000.00	125,000.00
3660-4196	Facility Improvement	795,000.00	795,000.00
Total		920,000.00	920,000.00

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

**JAIL BOND**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Jail Bond, 3661-3993 in the amount of \$800, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>JAIL BOND</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
3661-3993	Jail Bond	800.00	800.00
Total		800.00	800.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Does anybody have any questions or problems with any of the transfers as they are listed?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh the – I did have a question on the second transfer request from the Commissioners where we’re taking 40,000 from Southwestern Mental Health and allocating it to two different line items: Travel & Mileage and then Telephone. Is Commissioner Korb, did he take off?

President Abell: He should be coming back. He has to be here.

Councilmember Sutton: Well...

Councilmember Raben: I tell you what, do you want to – we’ll come back to that. Let’s go ahead and just take them one at a time.

Councilmember Sutton: Or just skip around that one and then just – you can come back to that.

**JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Jail, in the amount of \$37,000 I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: I’m sorry. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1051-1130-0321	Confinement Officer	26,000.00	26,000.00
1051-1130-0328	Confinement Officer	11,000.00	11,000.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	37,000.00	37,000.00

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

### **CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Next, Circuit Court in the amount of \$1,675, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1360-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
1360-3520	Equipment Repair	675.00	675.00
To: 1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	1,675.00	1,675.00

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

**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court in the amount of \$3,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1370-3520	Equipment Repair	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1370-3410	Printing	3,000.00	3,000.00

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

**FAMILY & CHILDREN**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Division of Family & Children, Madam President, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions? I see Mr. Buckman is here. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**FAMILY & CHILDREN**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2042-32500	Out of Home Place- ments Foster	750,000.00	750,000.00
2042-32600	Adoption Services	100,000.00	100,000.00
2042-32520	Out of Home Place- ments Institutions	350,000.00	350,000.00
2042-32550	Miscellaneous Costs of Wards	20,000.00	20,000.00

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To: 2042-32820	Wards In Institutions	350,000.00	350,000.00
2042-32540	Family Preservation Services	850,000.00	850,000.00
2042-32840	Preservation Services Probation	20,000.00	20,000.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: The Assessor/Reassessment has been withdrawn. That telephone line item is in the Commissioners' budget, but I think we do need to set that in at zero so I'll move that we set that transfer request in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>REASSESSMENT/CO. ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2490-1090-2600	Office Supplies	800.00	0.00
To: 2490-1090-3140	Telephone	800.00	0.00

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

**COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: County Council in the amount of \$485,580, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Did we want to have any – I mean, that's a pretty large amount. Did we want to have some discussion?

President Abell: Yes, Mr. Sutton, go right ahead.

Councilmember Raben: That's, you remember last week we took action, or last month, on the software. We're doing it in lieu of that action as a transfer and the amount actually went down significantly, almost in half.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I knew what it was, I just wanted to make sure everyone else knew. That's a pretty large amount. So, yeah.

President Abell: Everyone else okay with that? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	485,580.00	485,580.00
To: 1480-3530	Contractual Services	485,580.00	485,580.00

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

**COUNTY HIGHWAY (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, County Highway in the amount of \$375,000. This was maybe the only one I had a question on. It seems like – are we buying simply what we think may be what it takes to get us through the winter? For one winter, that seems like a lot.

Jeff Korb: That is correct. I’m going to pass this information out real quick.

President Abell: Mr. Korb, please give your name when you go back to the microphone. Before we get started maybe we need a motion and a second to put this on the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Now, Mr. Korb.

Jeff Korb: My name is Jeff Korb, I’m a County Commissioner. I asked Mike Duckworth, the Superintendent of the Garage to put this information together for us. A small historical lesson: in 2007, our price per ton was \$43.68; in 2008, we paid \$45.27 and you’ll notice in 2008 and 2009 we are looking at prices in around the \$125 mark. We have, as I understand it, approximately 700 to 1000 tons in storage already. As you take a look at what we have used in the past, that’s pretty well right in line. I guess the important thing to understand here is, at least from our perspective, we put a bid out for salt in June, the Purchasing Department did, and there were – we got no bids. Nothing. And there is a shortage of salt going on in the United States as we know it. Mike has been able to find some salt for us in Delaware and so we’ll have to have it trucked in or shipped in by barge. Very little domestic salt is available at this point in time. The other bid that we had come in was for \$150 per ton. As a result of what we’re asking for is, I realize that we don’t need the salt today, but if we wait until November or December to purchase the salt, I’m afraid there will be no salt available to be purchased and that’s a concern that we have. Obviously, if we don’t use it all, we will have it for next year, sort of what we’ve done in the past. But its one of these things that I don’t feel like – I mean, we can wait if you want to, just to transfer these monies. And my understanding is, Councilwoman Abell, that Mr. Duckworth has had conversations with you about the transfer from University Parkway. I don’t understand the dynamics of all that and where we are with that at this point. All I know is that, if we miss this opportunity to purchase salt, and it has been a hard row to hoe, here we are in October, and we’ve been looking for it since June, we get into November, I’m afraid we won’t find it. I’m not saying we won’t, I don’t know what it will cost us and I don’t know if it will be available. The only comforting thing with this is the fact that, fortunately or unfortunately, Ed Ziemer is going to have to have the exact same conversation with the City Council and asking for the same amounts of money. So, Mike, would you come up? If you have any questions, you can ask me or Mike. Really, Mike would



be more the person on this. And again, trust me, this is not something – a conversation I want to have with you all. But I just don't know that we want to take the risk of not having salt on hand if we get hit two or three storms in a row, we'd be, basically, up a creek. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'm fine with it, I mean, this one page report answers all my questions.

Mike Duckworth: Can I just make a couple of quick comments? First of all, let me just clarify a couple of things. The supply and demand situation is such that we had a very harsh winter last year across the country so the salt supply is low and then we've had a couple major mines either close or be completely destroyed by Ike. And Jeff alluded to you where we're getting the salt from. We were looking in Delaware, we've looked everywhere to tell you the truth, and if we hadn't had such a good working relationship with the Indiana Department of Transportation, I think we'd still be looking or paying \$150 a ton. But I will tell you that Delaware, that was unavailable. This is coming from a chemical company out of Pennsylvania, but it is being imported by ship to their facility and then barged along the different waterways to the different communities in need. And they're all paying this much if not more all pertaining to the cost of delivery. And I would tell you that one of the reasons that we're at – our actual cost for the salt is \$118 a ton and then there is about a seven dollar – five to seven dollar charge for offloading on the barges for Mulzer, which gets us to the \$125 mark. But because we're on the Ohio River, because we need to do this if we're going to do it now, because as you know, waterways freeze up. Last year, we had that problem and it had to be trucked in and that just equates to nothing else but a rise in the cost. So my recommendation to you is to – I know it's a tough pill to swallow, but it's available and I think we should act on it at this point.

President Abell: Any questions? Mr. Sutton and then Ms. Leader and then –

Councilmember Sutton: Mike, how much salt do you have on hand right now?

Mike Duckworth: About 750 – 800 ton right now. Last year we used, with what we had, somewhere around 3,200 – 3,500 tons, so this will give us 3,700. All the forecasting that I've seen, all the predictions are calling for a harsh winter. And, you know, we've got 560 miles. We will brine, we will mix it with salt, we will ration this as we need to, according to the type of event that we get. But I don't want to get into the middle of February and be low and be hit with a 22" snow, or a 6 or 7" snow and then really be in a bad way. I think this is a conservative way to do this and, you know, if we have a mild winter, we'll have a lot left over. But I don't – from what I'm reading, and the research I've done, it doesn't appear that that's going to be the case.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess my last question, with what you have on hand and then what you're talking about ordering here, do you have a place to put all this?

Mike Duckworth: Well, we're going to make a place. We're probably going to put it outside. We're going to fill our salt barn up, which will take about another two or three hundred ton, and then we will stockpile it on our property and tarp it, and that's what many of the municipalities are doing, they just keep it out of the weather the best you can.

Councilmember Sutton: That's a huge tarp.

Mike Duckworth: Its going to be costly, yes. And these are all conditions that we're

not familiar with and so we're doing it step by step. But getting it here is our number one concern at this point.

President Abell: Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Duckworth, this \$45.27 price in 2008 going to \$125, did that \$45.27 also include shipping and you just said the 125 does include – its all inclusive?

Mike Duckworth: That's getting it to the port. The \$45.27 included the offloading as well.

Councilmember Leader: So that was everything?

Mike Duckworth: Yes. Our 125 is getting it to the port and offloading it from the barge to the yard. And then our vehicles and our labor will have to load it and transport it to our facility.

Councilmember Leader: And where does this company – where did you say it was, Pennsylvania, you ended up?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Where do they import this salt from?

Mike Duckworth: Overseas. I really don't – you know, it used to come from the Bahamas and Ike just completely wiped out a salt mine in the Bahamas that provided about a million ton a year to the United States. Detroit was a major producer and they closed their mine, which took care of about a third of the country's salt. So with last year's increase in use and the depletion of the supply, of course, it raises the price.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, the \$285,000 coming from University Parkway, is that capital money?

Mike Duckworth: I'd defer that to Mr. Fluty.

Bill Fluty: That's Local Roads & Streets.

Councilmember Shetler: Is that money to be used for the construction –

Bill Fluty: It's all within the County Highway. I'm sorry, I thought that was in Local Roads & Streets.

Councilmember Shetler: This is money that was earmarked to use for capital in the extension of that present highway? And, I guess, basically, then, how are we going to replace that next year or is this...

Bill Fluty: Appropriation next month to replace the money. I talked to John Stoll. What they needed today was a transfer to put that money in place so they could go ahead and purchase the salt. And I talked to John and he does not need that

\$700,000 now, so he, with you putting the money back in, the 285,000 next month, he's fine with this.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I have two questions. Back to Councilman Sutton's question, you usually have about 3500 ton at the beginning of the season?

Mike Duckworth: Well, normally what we do is, we have leftover, which can be anywhere from 500 to 1,000 ton. We then order somewhere around 2,000 ton and then during the season, as we use it, and as its available and the cost is attractive, we buy according to what our budget allows. So on mild winters, we may use only 2 to 3,000. And in heavy winters, its 3 to 4,000.

Councilmember Goebel: How do you protect that amount if the building itself handles 1,000 ton, how do you protect –

Mike Duckworth: It handles 1,500 ton and in addition to that, what we do is, we tarp it and we put it in our aggregate holders and just cover it –

Councilmember Goebel: So we really have the means to cover it, right?

Mike Duckworth: We have the means to cover a small amount, but, I mean, you're talking about stockpiling probably close to 2,000 ton, so we're going to have to figure out a way to cover it and protect it, and we're looking at that right now. It won't arrive here for another, if things work well, two to three weeks, so we've got some time to work on that.

Councilmember Goebel: Are predictions in the future going to bring the cost of salt back down? The Detroit mine, I don't know anything about that, but is that going to reopen or is that out of salt or what's –

Mike Duckworth: Past practice has shown that they've sold, whenever they've gotten down to a certain point, I had one of the contractors tell me that they were blasting for salt, that they've quit doing that, but the city of Detroit only does it for their own use. I'm really not that familiar with any other information, other than exactly what he's told me. It depends on the usage, I think, this winter. It depends on how they are able to import it. At \$125 a ton, it's a commodity that a lot of these chemical companies want to get a hold of. My estimation is, like fuel, once it got over the three dollar amount, is it going to go below that some day? You know, its dependent upon the availability. It also would depend upon another material being developed that we could use instead of that which would drive the cost down, I think. But right now, we're not at that point.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that. I was just thinking maybe that, with the hurricane damage in the Bahamas, that will be repaired and we'll be able to get that supply and maybe the cost will come down accordingly, or do you think its going to be like fuel, period, once it's there, it's there?

Mike Duckworth: I anticipate that being the case, because some of these mines, I don't know of the abundance of their supply. So if they're able to produce more and make it more abundant, then I think that will drive the cost down. If not, then I think we're in for at least this amount, if not, you know, even higher at a later date.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, did you have a question?

Councilmember Winnecke: I did. I just wanted to clarify how the University Parkway fund would be reimbursed and what's going to come from the COIT windfall line item, just so we know.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, go ahead.

Bill Fluty: Yes, I think I talked to you, Marsha, I guess, last week and felt that there was money in the COIT windfall that would replace this.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Just one last comment. You know, I urge that you exercise caution. When you speculate – I mean, you know, we're banking on whether we have a hard winter, not so hard winter, we're speculating price, usually, you speculate when the price is low. This price is about 200% higher than it was last year so the last thing we want to do is get caught with 1,500 ton going into next year and the price is \$45 again. So exercise caution here.

Mike Duckworth: I think my comment to that is, I'm giving you the estimates of what I think it would – in past practice of what it would take to get this community through this winter. I can't guess as to whether we have a mild winter or a harsh winter, and I would say to you that I feel comfortable in the responsibility that I have in ordering this amount that it will be used. I would much rather have it and not use it, than need it and not have it.

Jeff Korb: I think also, to address that, Jim, this stuff needs to be shopped for immediately after the season because that's when its going to be the least expensive. And then I think going forward, we ask Mike to continue to monitor purchase availability and prices at that point in time. I hope it comes back down, but I'm afraid, like fuel, it's not going to. So I respect what you're saying, it's just, I feel like, at this point, we're sort of backed into a corner. Do I mind waiting? I mean, I would prefer to wait to see if it comes back down from the 125. Even it came down to a hundred, that would be great. But gee whiz, the last thing we need is to wait and then not even be able to get it. That's the concern that I have. The other flip side of that coin is, I've instructed Mike to begin searching for alternative ways to put solutions down that may not have anything to do with salt. If this is happening to us in Vanderburgh County, it's happening throughout the United States, wherever we have weather related events. So hopefully, we'll be able to come up with some new chemical usages for roadways and how we keep them clean going forward.

President Abell: Any other questions of Council? If not, there's a motion and a second on the floor. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1920	Insurance	80,000.00	80,000.00
2010-2230	Garage & Motor	10,000.00	10,000.00
2010-4416	University Parkway	285,000.00	285,000.00
To: 2010-2580	Calcium & Chloride	375,000.00	375,000.00

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

## COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, under Commissioners, we had a transfer in the amount of \$40,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, did you have a question about that?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Mr. Korb?

President Abell: Mr. Korb?

Councilmember Sutton: Before you take off...on the Telephone line item, we were budgeted 223 on that, can you give us some explanation of what's going on there, what caused the –

Jeff Korb: Be happy to give you the update on that, because when we were talking during budget hearings, your question specifically was really, what are our monthly costs and where are we going to be with this. That request was made of information to Mr. Arvay and I've yet to receive any information with regards to what those monthly figures are. And my understanding is that the conversations that we've had– to answer your question more directly, Royce, we're averaging, as it says, for us, about \$18,000 a month. I, personally, want to have a much better and finer grasp of what that cost is. An average of \$18,000 a month is not an acceptable answer to me, because from a budgeting standpoint, we just can't do that. And in

that monthly cost, I'm going to find out what the breakout is in terms of the cost per line, the cost per department, so we understand where the cost differentiations are.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just trying to get an idea because when we set this line item in, the thought was that we were in step with what the cost would be, so just trying to get an idea if there is something that's causing this figure to fall out of whack like this because I did mention the telephone back during budgets, so just trying to get an idea because thousands here, thousands there, and then we've got a lot of money.

Jeff Korb: And it does, and that's why I'm trying to nail down with Matt, because it's really, we don't have much control over that but I think out of respect to the Council, because you all are trying to set your budgets, we've got to have an understanding of where that comes from, and that includes more conversations with AT&T. So I'm right there with you, we need to know exactly where we are, going forward at this point. I wish I could give you those numbers, but they have not been made available.

Councilmember Sutton: So this will cover it through the end of the year?

Jeff Korb: My understanding is, that is yes, however -- Marissa, our Administrative Assistant, is nodding her head and saying yes. That's the best answer that I can give you at this point.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Jeff Korb: And just so you know, we did have conversations with John Browning of Southwestern Indiana Mental Health, and he was comfortable with that transfer. He had indicated that was money that he would not be requiring or needing, which we thought was helpful, too. So we didn't just arbitrarily pull that out and say we want to take this money from this individual's account. We had conversation, dialogue, and he was willing to work with us on that. So we were grateful for that.

President Abell: Any other questions of Mr. Korb? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3020	Southwestern Mental Health	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,000.00	5,000.00
1300-3140	Telephone	35,000.00	35,000.00

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

Jeff Korb: Thank you, everybody.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last under Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, I'll move that we amend salary line 1050-1210 College Incentive as previously adopted; under Knight Township I move that we amend salary line 2490-1130-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted; Jail, salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted; and we have a correction to the Public Defender, I move that we amend salary line 1303-1620 Chief Public Defender setting the 2008 salary in at 113,083 effective July 1, 2008. The Chief Public Defender's salary is based on 90% of the Prosecutor's state approved salary of \$125,647. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VEOLIA ES SOLID WASTE MIDWEST, LLC CONFIRMING RESOLUTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12900 WARRICK COUNTY LINE ROAD</b></p>
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President Abell: Under old business, we have the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for property located at 12900 Warrick County Line Road, Veolia Solid Waste Midwest, LLC. Would you like to come forward?

Julie Gorman: My name is Julie Gorman and I'm representing the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. This is the confirming resolution for Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, LLC. Veolia is requesting the tax phase-in for real estate improvements for property located at 12900 Warrick County Line Road. The County Council passed a preliminary resolution for this project on September the 10<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of the project is 1.4 million and will employ an additional eight people within the next five years. There are representatives here if you have any other questions.

President Abell: Council, do you have questions? I think we're going to handle this as two motions. We will entertain a motion to accept the revitalization area and then, due to the difference of opinion regarding the amount of years, I will entertain a second motion regarding the number of years of the tax phase-in.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved --

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Councilmember Shetler: – on the first motion.

President Abell: On the resolution declaring it an economic revitalization area?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

President Abell: And, Mr. Raben, do you second that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Abell: And could I have a roll call vote on that please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?



Councilmember Sutton: This was – the first one was – I’m sorry.

President Abell: This is just to make it a revitalization area. This does not set the years. We’re going to – this is the confirming resolution just making it a revitalization area.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: I will now entertain a motion for the number of years that the Council would approve for a tax phase-in for Veolia.

Councilmember Shetler: I’d like to make a motion to set that at seven years.

Councilmember Raben: I’ll second that motion.

President Abell: For seven years? Discussion? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If we defeat the seven, we can come back with five, is that correct?

President Abell: Is that correct, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: That’s correct.

Councilmember Raben: Julie, again, your recommendation was...

Julie Gorman: It was seven originally, and the bonus information that they provided added more points that moved it up to nine years. But originally, it was seven.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Anyone? I just have one. I took some – used this form that we all were provided last week and found that the difference between a five year and a seven year tax phase-in for this company would be \$35,020, that they would be to the better if we go seven years as opposed to the five. And as I recall, Mr. Elpers, correct me, didn't you indicate that your sewage and your wastewater system would cost close to 30,000 by the time you got both systems in?

Dan Elpers: I'm Dan Elpers with Veolia. Yes, roughly that.

President Abell: Okay. That is my reason for wanting to go with the seven because I think they're going to be spending money that we normally don't see other companies spending. In fact, I don't know of a company we've ever had that spent it because we've always got the sewer lines run out to the property already, that they're developing. And here we have a company that's willing to develop in an area that has no sewer lines. So my comments are that I like the seven for that purpose. Any other comments?

Councilmember Raben: Such is the case with VIP. I mean, we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars for infrastructure and yet we still grant abatements to most anyone that comes there. This company is actually doing most of that or doing all that themselves, so I concur with you. This is deserving of seven.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Dan, I know I asked this last week or last month and I don't recall the answer, is the amount of the sewage treatment system, the 30 or \$35,000, isn't that included in the 1.4 million dollar cost of the overall project that's in the application?

Dan Elpers: Eighteen of it is.

Councilmember Winnecke: Eighteen of the thirty-five or whatever? Okay.

President Abell: Any other? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: As we left it last week, was it set at five?

President Abell: Yes, it was.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Sutton, Leader, Goebel & Winnecke opposed)**

President Abell: I will entertain any other motion that...

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam Chairman, I would make a motion that we confirm the tax phase-in for Veolia at five years.

Councilmember Leader: I will second.

President Abell: Questions? Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)**

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Elpers.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BERRY PLASTICS OPCO, INC. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2415 LOCUST CREEK DRIVE</b></p>
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President Abell: Next is a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for redevelopment and/or rehabilitation of real property and for acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at 2415 Locust Creek Drive.

Julie Gorman: Again, my name is Julie Gorman, representing the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. This is the confirming resolution for Berry Plastics OpCo., a subsidiary of Berry Plastics Corporation. The Council passed a preliminary resolution on September the 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The total cost for the real estate component is 1.1 million, and 1.8 million for the manufacturing equipment. Upon completion, the project will employ 25 people full-time within the next five years. And the project scored 100 points and ten bonus points that was equivalent to eight years, I believe, that the preliminary resolution was for seven years for real property, nine years for personal property.

President Abell: I need a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Madam President, I will move that we confirm the tax phase-in for Berry Plastics at seven years on real property and nine years on personal property as previously passed.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you.

Julie Gorman: Thank you.

<b>PROPERTY TAX EXPRESS PAYMENT CENTER - PILOT</b>
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President Abell: Mr. Sutton, I think under new business, you wanted the floor?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I'm going to pass something out to you. I have a couple of people coming forward. Let me give you the right thing. I want to share with you just where we were. I did make some mention of the property tax express payment center that we have been working on. Its an idea that I brought forward a couple of months ago that helps to address the issue that our Treasurer, Z Tuley, has mentioned about the long lines. In fact, she's got some video that shows the long lines during the installment periods. And we've been kind of bouncing this around and put together a team with the express purpose of trying to see if we can alleviate some of the delays, the lines, that slow down not only the staff in being able to be efficient, but the length of time that people have to wait to actually pay property taxes. And we should be able to make that process as convenient as possible, being that that helps to help us do what we do right here on Council. So I've got a little explanation of kind of what we did and the project team that was involved with it and the considerations that we -(Tape reversed)- on looking at and evaluating other options for paying the property taxes other than just at the Treasurer's Office. And so we looked at the project costs, the efficiency and customer convenience, the ease of access to the payment site, parking, security, technology, waiting areas for customers as they come, privacy of each client as they come to pay their property taxes, the ability to set up and tear down the site, and then the program length itself. So looking at a couple of different options, initially, when I first proposed the idea was with the idea that we would look at trying to do this at the Centre, because of all the space and being that that is a publically owned building and close to the Civic Center here. But as we began to evaluate several different options, it did not appear to be the most feasible way of going about it. It's a good location but as we explored it here, right here in the Civic Center, we found a space that would be very suitable, and that's room 307, or as we know it, the old Commissioners meeting room is a site that we've identified for this particular location. I want to – Z Tuley is here and want to give her a chance to kind of talk about some of the things that they addressed and the issues they confront and how this particular system mitigates some of those issues that she's been seeing for the past several years.

Z Tuley: What we're hoping, I'm sorry, I forgot to address myself. Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. What we're hoping that this will accomplish is

make the traffic flow line a little bit better so that they're not so bunched. If someone does have a problem, they have the potential to get it solved up here or if it's a little more in depth and there are reports or something that needs to be grabbed, then they can still go down to my office and have that checked out. We are for that purpose and for the purpose of mail, going to go ahead and leave two cashiers open downstairs, and we're going to bring four up here. We're also going to have a third cashier on standby in my office if need be due to potential heavy mail or something like that. But hopefully what this will do is make it so that when a gentleman or a lady comes up to the counter and they're ready to pay, if they have a really short question, it's going to be able to get that done. Right now, they have to stand in two different lines because they have to address the counter if they have an issue and then they have to go and then stand in the cashier line. And so its causing a great deal of frustration and confusion, and sometimes the line gets botched and little kids get drug in here, and they get very anxious about being stuck in here. So we're hoping that that will do that. And I think that with four cashiers up here and those people that know that they don't have any issues, and they just want to pay and for some reason they don't go to the bank, they don't want to go to the bank, or they were already here to vote, or they were already here to get a copy of something from the Recorder, or to file something with the Assessor, or to file something with the Auditor, if they were already here in the building, it does seem kind of silly that they couldn't go ahead and pay, and this would get them through with ease and some speed. And hopefully, some privacy as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, the IT area was very much involved with this and I wanted to at least give them a chance to discuss just what items were included in on this to make this a smooth operation for those coming to pay property taxes.

Mark Rolley: Mark Rolley with computer services. We looked at like the Centre, you know, as Councilman Sutton said. And although we have connectivity to the Centre, we do not have any cabling infrastructure within the Centre, and we was looking at 5 to \$10,000 in build out costs just to use a room in the Centre for this purpose. We starting looking around at rooms in this building where we already have cabling in place and we found a good room. We've contracted with Lieberman to do additional programming to the program that Z uses to accommodate the additional cashiering stations. Phone lines are to be moved from her office or additional ones put in place to enhance the additional room. We're going to be going through a lengthy test period with this addition from a computer services standpoint. The additional programming and everything gets put in place, sometimes there's bugs and stuff, so we want to make sure none of that happens to her during her production period, so we're going through extensive –

Z Tuley: Lieberman is done.

Mark Rolley: Outstanding. We're also obtaining other equipment such as computers, scanners, printers, etcetera to accommodate this.

Councilmember Sutton: And then, as well, just to try to accommodate the ease and flow for those coming to pay taxes, we've heard issues where people come up, wait in a long line, and then they come back out and they've got a ticket sitting on their car once they get down, so we're trying to address that as well. And, Mr. Rector, if he could kind of give us an update on where we stand on that.

Dave Rector: Dave Rector, Building Authority. Actually, we don't have that resolved yet. The parking committee has somewhat addressed that. City Clerk Matlock was

not available to meet with Commissioner Korb and I. We met with Lynn Buhr. Logistically, we're trying to figure out where and how many we're going to put this. Are we going to have them stamp something, they come in to show they came in to pay taxes so it's not abused and everyone else parks there and says I was here to pay taxes. Does it take 15 minutes to come up and pay your taxes or is it going to take an hour. So we're working to resolve that. I don't have an answer for you yet. We were able to clear 307 for those two weeks of all meetings and move them to other rooms. And we came up with a queuing plan that will accommodate 40 to 45 people in that room without it spilling out into the lobby. But honestly, we are still working on the parking and hope to be able to report back on that.

Councilmember Sutton: The queuing plan that Dave makes mention of is that map that you see here that allows the traffic to flow through the room rather efficiently. So hopefully, we won't have parking issues but if we do, we want to be prepared to respond to that. And then, of course, security is another concern that we want to make sure we're taking care of and the Sheriff's Office has agreed to provide support in that regard. Total cost on the project, we were able to lop off a great deal of cost by bringing it here as opposed to having it at the Centre, and so we're talking right at \$12,000. We don't have the final figure yet because there are a few supplies that we're still waiting on, but the dates for the event will be October 24<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>, and then, of course, there's some testing that goes on before that. So a great job on the team and we should have a request coming before Council at our next Council meeting specifically dealing with this request. But the Building Authority is handling all of the equipment and supplies on this.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Sutton, you've done a good job on this. We appreciate that help. I have a question, Ms. Tuley, maybe more of a comment than a question. You might want to get with Mr. Rector and maybe you have already thought about this, of making sure there's a sign downstairs that says, if you are going to just pay your taxes, go to the third floor, and if you have a problem, go to the second floor. Otherwise, you're going to have people even madder if they're standing in line and finding out they're going to have to go to another floor.

Z Tuley: Yes. I am going to be upstairs with the rest of the staff. I'm not going to have a cashier drawer. I am going to be up there to try to answer questions as people come in. Hopefully, it will be mostly cashiering going on. This gets the money in, it gets it turned into the bank quicker. Downstairs they are prepared to handle any major problems and we will make sure that that is noted somehow in the lobby. Signage really isn't all that costly and it's already, I can probably already cover that in my budget, so I don't see any need to tack it on to this.

Dave Rector: I had – part of the cost I had included was for signage, so I'll work with Z and see what she had in there. I'm trying to think, too, how the staff at the information desk can help with this. If they could be the ones that maybe stamp the parking or somebody that says I'm paying the taxes, so they don't come all the way up, all the way back down. So, as I said, we're still working through that.

President Abell: Good. I think you've done a commendable job, Mr. Sutton, and your team. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you. So when you come to drop off your taxes, all of you, it will get through a lot quicker, if you aren't mailing it or you aren't using some of the other means that she's made available.

Z Tuley: And if you're out and about, go ahead and use the bank.

President Abell: Thank you so much.

**KRISTEN TUCKER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

President Abell: The next item of business on our agenda is the conflict of interest form. We don't normally do this, and so I'm going to let Mr. Ahlers explain what we're handling here.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, this is the routine Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. I know that most of you filed them here. The reason it's coming before Council is because Mrs. Tucker is an appointee of this body to the Convention Bureau and the statute indicates that if you're not an elected official, but an appointed official, that there ought to be an approval of the Conflict of Interest form by the appointing body. And because the Convention Bureau, I guess, you know, from time to time may do some business with Tucker Publishing, they want to get that disclosed. So it's just for a vote for Council to approve that so it can be signed and sent up.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.



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

President Abell: Thank you. Mrs. Tucker, I see, is in the audience. Thanks for coming.

<b>CONVENTION &amp; VISITORS BUREAU BOARD APPOINTMENT</b>
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President Abell: The final thing on our agenda is the Convention & Visitors Bureau appointment. Due to the resignation of – Mr. Winnecke, help me out. I can't remember the name of the young man who resigned. Oh, Mr. Niemeier –

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, Fred Niemeier.

President Abell: I was having a blank moment there. And we have reappointed Mr. David Dunn and everyone is aware of that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Correct.

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Buckman, did you have something you wanted to discuss with us? I saw you move up to the front –

Councilmember Winnecke: We did his transfer earlier.

President Abell: I know we did, but he moved from the back to the front, so I thought he might have a question or something.

John Schroder: Actually, I'm John Schroder, Assistant Director with the Department of Child Services. And due to legislative changes, the financing for our agency will be moving over to the state and I've been working in the financial aspects of our agency for twenty-four years, and working with you and your predecessors in the financing for what was the Welfare Department and the Division of Family & Children, now the Department of Child Services. I wanted to thank you for all of your efforts and considerations for the financing for the services for our agency. I may be back on another transfer or something, but I won't be working much with you in the future, and I just really wanted to thank Mrs. Lukeman for keeping me up to date on the time frames of things and budgets and Mr. Fluty for keeping us to the penny on our issues, and all of you for your efforts and consideration in doing so. It has been very good working with you all and I just wanted to thank you very much. As a side note, I also was a college instructor, teaching American Government and after boring my students to death, Mr. Winnecke can provide a very interesting perspective of politics and the media and their combination. So I wanted to thank you all for all of the efforts and things that have happened over the years, and Mr. Raben for the financial perspective, too. Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, and I apologize, I'm having a name problem today, obviously.

John Schroder: Actually, Mr. Buckman retired in March.

President Abell: I'm just having a bad name day. It's one of those fifty things. Is there any further business to come before the Council? We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of November in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Ms. Leader, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

President Abell: First on our agenda is the appropriation ordinance, and I'll turn the meeting over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First is Co-op Extension Services, 1230-3200 and 1230-3130 in the amount of \$3,390, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Comments from the Council? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3200	Utilities	1,890.00	1,890.00
1230-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		3,390.00	3,390.00

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

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, County Commissioners, Postage in the amount of \$55,000. Madam President, they had stated last week that they thought they may be able to cut that figure, but after further review they say that it's going to be necessary that we appropriate this 55, so I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions from the Council?

Councilmember Sutton: I think it was noted last week that this increase was mainly due to the election and voter registration cards and all going out.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	55,000.00	55,000.00
Total		55,000.00	55,000.00

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

### CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court, 1360-3903 Petit Jurors in the amount of \$5,810, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions from Council? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	5,810.00	5,810.00
Total		5,810.00	5,810.00

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

**THE CENTRE**

Councilmember Raben: Next The Centre, Union Overtime, FICA and PERF in the amount of \$9,333, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions from the Council? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1850	Union Overtime	8,000.00	8,000.00
1440-1900	FICA	613.00	613.00
1440-1910	PERF	720.00	720.00
Total		9,333.00	9,333.00

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

**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, 1450-4100 Lighting & Sound in the amount of \$26,758, Utilities in the amount of \$20,000, for a total of \$46,758, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions from Council? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1450-4100	Lighting & Sound	26,758.00	26,758.00
1450-3200	Utilities	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		46,758.00	46,758.00

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

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: County Highway, 2010-4416 University Parkway in the amount of \$285,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions from Council? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>COUNTY HIGHWAY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2010-4416	University Parkway	285,000.00	285,000.00
Total		285,000.00	285,000.00

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

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Health Department, 2130-2241 and 2130-3510 in the amount of \$39,193, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions from the Council? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-2241	Institutional & Medical	31,123.00	31,123.00
2130-3510	Other Operating	8,070.00	8,070.00
Total		39,193.00	39,193.00

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

#### **TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Next under Tourism Capital Improvement funds, I'll move approval for 3600-4070 Burdette Park in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: I think there are some questions.

Marilee Fowler: I am Marilee Fowler with the Evansville Convention Visitors Bureau. We brought pictures. The building has been completed, we've had our first big racing event out there. It was like three days after the building was completed. We had over 500 people registered to participate in that race. So I brought you some pictures and we've also got some big ones that perhaps can be seen by the audience at home. If you haven't been out there, this is a pretty impressive site. And as you know, the volunteers that have been doing this for over thirty years are very pleased to have this new facility. This particular one is an aerial, it shows the new building, the track itself, and also in relationship to the O'Day Discovery Lodge. That is the entrance and that's the building right there, on the left. The other thing that we are very pleased with is that the design and the completion looks very similar to the O'Day Discovery Lodge, so it's very compatible in the appearance. If you haven't seen this track, it's supposed to be one of the best in the country. And so this is a great aerial of the track itself. One of the riders. Yeah, this was the event, that first event that was held out there since it was completed. We like this action picture. To be that young again. So that's some pictures, you have some also right there to review. What we would ask is for your support today in approving the appropriations for us to pay the architect for the completion of this building.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll defer to Tom.

President Abell: Oh, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: How many square feet were involved in that building?

Marilee Fowler: Oh! Do you know how many –

(Inaudible)

Marilee Fowler: 2800, it's one level.

Councilmember Shetler: And cost?

Marilee Fowler: Cost is \$345,000. The building itself has the area for the concessions. It's probably, the concession area now is bigger than the older building was total. Its got a great area then for the riders coming in to register. It has restrooms and its got a little storage area.

Councilmember Shetler: And did that include equipping the building like with a commercial stove and all those kind of deals for the concession area?

Marilee Fowler: It included all of the equipment they needed for the concessions.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I'm a little confused as to the request. I think in July, the amount appropriated, the request was 325, and that's what was appropriated.

Marilee Fowler: The total cost is \$345,000, but what we had in our budget for this current year was \$325,000. The Innkeeper's Tax that has come in, there is plenty of resources there to pay this money to finish the project, we just did not have that totally in the budget, not knowing what to anticipate.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I understand that Marilee, but it seemed to me that the price tag was 325, completed.

Marilee Fowler: No, it was 345 completed. It was just our budget, the resources that we had left in the budget were 325.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Now I'm confused. In July what was the amount – originally you came in and it was like 407.

Marilee Fowler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: And we said let's scale it back a little bit. Let's make the building where it can be utilized for other services outside of our other park functions. But I thought that the project, and I think that's where Mr. Goebel is going, I thought the project then dropped to like 320.

Marilee Fowler: That was what we had in the budget. That was what we could put toward that project, but we knew the project, based on those cutbacks was \$345,000. So that was why, once we knew the resources would be here in the

Innkeeper's Tax, that we could come back and ask for the \$20,000 to complete the project. But you are correct, the budget, the original request was for \$407,000, that was with a two-story building and Council had requested that that cut be made to the one story and that was done, but the total price tag was 345.

Councilmember Raben: This is not a cost overrun or anything?

Marilee Fowler: No, this is not a cost overrun.

Councilmember Raben: It came in at budget?

Marilee Fowler: The complication is the fact that the resources that we had in our budget in July when we came to you.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand now. I think you requested 345 on the hit sheet here and we appropriated 325. I was wondering, have the bleachers and lighting, has all of that been taken care of or is this what you're asking for?

Marilee Fowler: The lighting has not been done. We will not make the final payment, this last \$20,000, until everything is done and I want Mr. Craig to sign off on it, I want the BMX people that oversee this project to sign off on it, so that check will not be cut or paid until everybody is satisfied that all the work is done. And the big project left to do is the lights.

Councilmember Goebel: And this is then operating within budget, correct?

Marilee Fowler: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I just wanted to comment. Mr. Craig invited us out to Burdette after last week's meeting to look at the track and to look at the park, which is a much cheaper ride than going to Brown County. And it is as beautiful as Brown County. The BMX is pretty astounding so I encourage the public as well as the Council to go visit the park this week before the leaves are all gone.

Marilee Fowler: It's an incredible facility to see, but it's also beautiful out there right now.

President Abell: Anyone else have a question for Marilee? I just want to say that I'm encouraged to see the young children using this. That's a real plus to see these pictures of young children out there and I always enjoy seeing us spend our money for our youth of Evansville.

Marilee Fowler: We had our board meeting out there last week and we had one board member that has two young boys, and she knows they are going to be out there wanting to participate with this new facility – they love biking anyway, so I think, again, once the community finds out this facility is here, it's a great opportunity for our children. It's also an Olympic sport at this point, and I think the opportunity to grow this for Vanderburgh County is very, very good.

President Abell: Well, we appreciate you're coming in this morning.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you. Do you have another question, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just, you'll keep us abreast as far as attracting any major tournaments?

Marilee Fowler: Yes. We made that very clear to the volunteers that we have certainly helped them with this project and we hope they can enhance it by bringing in more tournaments and enhancing the ones they already have, making them even larger. So they understand their mission.

President Abell: Any other comments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4070	Burdette Park-BMX	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**AUDITOR  
PUBLIC DEFENDER  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
FAMILY & CHILDREN**

**AREA PLAN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE  
REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP.**

**COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, on the transfers, everyone has had an opportunity to review all the transfers including the late transfer today, I'm going to move that all transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Does anyone on Council have a question about any of the transfers, including the late transfer?

Councilmember Leader: I have a question about – well, relative to the Green River Road culvert, but its really about the light at Bergdolt Road, do we have any idea when we're actually going to put that light in? Mr. Stoll, can you address that for us please? I thought we were going to begin that in October or something. And then the Green River Road thing would be following that.

John Stoll: It was supposed to have started back in – I can't remember the exact start date. Originally, the project was bid in July. It has an August 1<sup>st</sup> completion date for next year. Utility relocations have prevented the start of the project, is what it amounts to. Until Vectren and AT & T get out of the way, the contractor couldn't start. So right now, it looks like a spring start date for the project.

Councilmember Leader: So will that be at the same time as Green River Road, which we were trying to avoid, right?

John Stoll: Unfortunately, yes. With Green River remaining open, that will help, but there will still be an overlap with the two projects.

President Abell: Any other questions? Jim, did you put that in the form of a motion? Okay, I need a second.

Teri Lukeman: Lloyd seconded.

President Abell: I'm sorry. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>AUDITOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1020-3141	Communications	238.00	238.00
To: 1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	238.00	238.00

<b>AREA PLAN</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1240-2810	Drafting Paper	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1240-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1303-3000	Bond & Insurance	298.00	298.00
1303-3120	Postage/Freight	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1303-3482	Investigative/ Contractual Services	1,798.00	1,798.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1360-3902	Grand Jurors	650.00	650.00
To: 1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	650.00	650.00

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1480-3520	Equipment Repair	101.00	101.00
To: 1480-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	101.00	101.00

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2030-4745	Green River Road Culvert #2125	250,000.00	250,000.00
To: 2030-4373	First Avenue Bridge #111	250,000.00	250,000.00

<b>FAMILY &amp; CHILDREN</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2042-32500	Out of Home Placements-Foster	200,000.00	200,000.00
2042-32600	Adoption Services	150,000.00	150,000.00
2042-32520	Out of Home Placement-Institutions	550,000.00	550,000.00
2042-32550	Miscellaneous Costs of Wards	50,000.00	50,000.00
2042-32850	Miscellaneous Costs of Wards-Probation	8,000.00	8,000.00
To: 2042-32820	Wards In Institutions-Probation	150,000.00	150,000.00
2042-32540	Preservation Services	808,000.00	808,000.00

<b>REASSESSMENT/ CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2490-1110-3380	Photo/Blue Prints	350.00	350.00
2490-1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	95.00	95.00
2490-1110-3410	Printing	700.00	700.00
To: 2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,145.00	1,145.00

<b>LATE TRANSFER REQUEST</b>
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<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1480-3530	Contractual Services	58,202.00	58,202.00
To: 1480-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	58,202.00	58,202.00

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, the amendments to the Salary Ordinance, and I'll move that we amend salary line 1440-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted, that was for the Centre. Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, amend salary ordinance effective January 1, 2009 to pay interns and part-time help up to \$9.00 per hour. This was not included in our approved 2009 salary ordinance.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Does anyone have any comments or questions from Council? Roll call vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2008</b></p>
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President Abell: In an effort to hurry right along, I forgot to have the minutes approved from our last meeting. I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?



Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>JAIL PROJECT APPROPRIATION FOR DEMOLITION WORK AT OLD JAIL</b>
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President Abell: Under old business, I do have something to bring before the Council. We had appropriated and there is money available for the demolition work at the old jail. And we have found that we don't need the amount of money that we have appropriated. What they need is \$100,000 set aside for contingencies which would be for change orders at the jail, \$30,000 for the architect in the event of the need for these change orders, and \$30,000 which is due now for the preparation of the design, for a total of \$160,000, which is a lot less than we had originally appropriated. Since this is not a new appropriation, what I would like to entertain is that someone would make a motion that these figures be set in for that amount and the remainder of the money that we had appropriated be put that in the General F Fund.

(Inaudible)

President Abell: Well, our counsel told me I could. The money is there.

Councilmember Sutton: So is the question –

President Abell: We're not repealing it. We're actually just putting what's left over back into the General Fund.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I guess, is the question that, the amount that's being proposed here is less than what was budgeted or expected for this project?

President Abell: Considerably less and we hesitate to leave that money out there when its not needed, that it might be used for something that we don't want it used for.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess what we would - I mean, wouldn't we just take the remaining balance after we know what the true final figure is and repeal that back?

President Abell: Well, there was some question about whether or not any of this

money could be used for the actual demolition, which is why we set forth what these figures – I had a meeting with Mr. Rector and this is the amount they actually need and the County Commissioners are covering the actual demolition expense with some money that they have. And this way, that kept our money from being used for the actual demolition, which is why I bring this before you this morning.

Councilmember Leader: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Yeah, it was subject to a written agreement and we never did enter the written agreement with them. Mr. Raben had some stipulations on it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I'll make the motion – did you make yours in the form of a motion?

President Abell: No, I did not make a motion, I called for one.

Councilmember Winnecke: I will move that we designate \$100,000 for potential change fees, \$60,000 for architectural fees, and \$30,000 –

President Abell: No, two thirties, not one sixty –

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, \$30,000 for the architect fees and \$30,000 for design fees, correct?

President Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: For a total of \$160,000, and then we would repeal the balance of the previously appropriated money in December.

President Abell: Yes, back into the General Fund, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's my motion.

Bill Fluty: Jail set aside.

President Abell: Jail set aside, yes, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Abell: Okay, does everyone understand what we did here? Okay, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Then I have a question and probably need to talk to Mr. Rector on this. The demolition, do we have a – is the contract signed on that? Do we have someone out there doing it?

Dave Rector: Good morning. Dave Rector, Building Authority. Yes, actually, we started Monday of this week doing the environmental demolition and we have issued them a purchase order.

Councilmember Shetler: The – I guess what concerns me, we're talking about a potential 100,000, that they could come back on some overruns there, are they getting a part of the scrap metals and things like that, that come out of the –

Dave Rector: That was an opportunity for them. I understand that the contractor that

got the low bid is not going to do that. They're going to landfill the scrap. That's their choice. They could scrap it out, though. But –

Councilmember Shetler: And they could change their minds at any point, I guess, because it's not –

Dave Rector: They could, but we didn't want to get into the market of trying to be in the scrap business ourselves and left that to the contractor hoping to attract some good bids, thinking they'd get some scrap metal value for it. And this particular one decided to go ahead and landfill it.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, that's kind of getting to the heart of my question there because I know some of that scrap stuff, being on a commodities market is, you know, pretty volatile and goes up and down, but I think it's on its upward trend from everything I've been hearing. And I didn't know if there was going to be some offsetting to any kind of cost overruns that they may incur on the actual demolition by some of that scrapping.

Dave Rector: If they do, that's theirs. The local market was not paying as much a ton for scrap steel as in the Chicago area. I know off of the Fulton-Lloyd project, they put theirs on trucks and hauled it up to Chicago and got \$300 more a ton. But it was up to the contractor.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Dave Rector: And the \$100,000 contingency won't be spent without one, unless it's needed for a change order and two, then with Commissioner approval, because it would have to go from us to them to pay the additional amount.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. I was just looking for some offsets here, that might pare that down. Thank you.

President Abell: In a meeting that I had with Rector, Mr. Nix was there and Mr. Nix assured us that they would be watching the project rather closely and making sure that we weren't spending some money we didn't need to spend.

Dave Rector: Yes.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Dave, on the other fees, the 30 architectural, 30 design, aren't we kind of putting the cart before the horse on any design work or architectural? Because I don't know that, well, particularly, this body hasn't – doesn't have any future plans for that space.

Dave Rector: That's not designed for anything new. That's to pay the architect currently for the bid specs that were done for the demolition and then the 30,000 only spent if needed for any assistance through demolition for questions, for change orders, and that type of thing. So its not for any new design for build out of any sort.

President Abell: Are there any other questions of Councilmembers? We have a motion on the floor, did I have a second?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben was the seconder.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Rector.

<b>INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PAVING LOCUST HILL CEMETERY</b>
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President Abell: Under new business, we have the discussion of the interlocal agreement between the County Highway Department and the Board of Public Works for paving project at Evansville Locust Hill Cemetery. Mr. Duckworth, did you want to tell us what that agreement was? We've done this before, I think, Council will remember, with the city.

Mike Duckworth: Yes, ma'am. Good morning, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway. This is in an effort to help the city save some money as well as utilization of the equipment that we have. I think we have done this with fire stations and this is helping the cemetery project, as well. These are small projects that if they went out to a contractor, for them to mobilize their equipment, it would be quite a bit more for them to do these small projects. So in working with the city, this agreement was put together by the county attorney to ensure that all the paperwork was proper and that we were reimbursed for our labor and our use of our equipment. This agreement and the other fire houses brought back \$12,250 to the county and so my recommendation is that, of course, you approve this and that at times when we're at the end of our paving season, and we still have our equipment out working and we can help the city and bring some revenue back into the county, I think it's a win-win situation.

President Abell: Questions of Mr. Duckworth? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mike, you'll have just an in-kind trade on this type of work or do they always –

Mike Duckworth: Well, what happens is, they buy the mix on their own, that's a separate expenditure – we don't want to get into the middle of that. But as far as we understand that, you know, we're going to have some personnel out there for a couple days, we're going to have the use of some equipment, and the more you use it, you know, the more you depreciate it, so it's just a formula that we use to ensure that, you know, it's not really a win for us, but it keeps us on a level playing field. I would also tell you that, before I forget it, that in this last disaster, we made 98 runs on downed trees in this last wind storm. And in connection with Sherman Greer and FEMA, we submitted the paperwork, and we're going to be reimbursed about \$98,000 for that work as well, so it's always nice that the work that we do to bring revenue back into the county, and that's basically what this is and helping the city as well.

Councilmember Goebel: That's good. As far as this work, though, if they have a request, is that put at the bottom of your priority list or as can do?

Mike Duckworth: Well, specific to paving, we will not do any paving for them until all of the county paving is completed, and, as well as other things unless we're looking at an emergency situation.

President Abell: Mr. Duckworth, is this done normally when you're in that area anyway or...

Mike Duckworth: We try to do that but normally, but as Mr. Goebel was pointing out, we do it at the end of the season, we've still got the equipment out, its not been cleaned up and put away for the winter, so to speak. So we're still mobilized and so, you know, they have selected some this year and, of course, the cemetery that is in pretty close proximity, so there's not a lot of driving, not a lot of fuel use and that kind of thing, so I feel like this is a win-win for county government and the residents of Vanderburgh County.

President Abell: Any other questions of Council? Thank you, Mr. Duckworth.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

President Abell: I will need a motion to accept the interdepartmental agreement between the city and the county.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Any further questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES</b></p>
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President Abell: Resolution of the County Council of Vanderburgh County providing approval of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of financing certain economic development facilities. Does everyone have a copy of that? Any questions? I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Leader: I make that motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Any questions? Did you have a question, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

President Abell: Okay. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA VARIABLE RATE DEMAND LIMITED OBLIGATION MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2008 FOR ARBORS AT EASTLAND PROJECT, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,415,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO**

President Abell: An ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Council authorizing the issuance of Vanderburgh County, Indiana variable rate demand limited obligation multifamily housing revenue refunding bonds series 2008 Arbors at Eastland project in the aggregate principal amount of \$9,415,000 for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds and approving and authorizing other actions in respect thereto. Mr. Ziemer?

Ted Ziemer: Good morning, Madam President, and members of the Vanderburgh County Council. I'm Ted Ziemer, I'm the attorney for the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission and the Vanderburgh County Commissioners. In this capacity, this request for a refunding of this bond issue came to me as attorney for the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission to call a meeting of that commission and have them adopt a preliminary resolution, if they determined to do that, to recommend to the County Council that an ordinance be adopted by the Council at this meeting today. The original bond issue to Arbors at Eastland, and they are owned by Sterling Group, and I have Mr. Lance Swank here today, he's a representative of the Sterling Group, was a refunding of a bond issue that was originally in the amount of \$9,600,000. That bond issue has been paid down to \$9,415,000. The bond issue was made under an initial credit enhancement or letter of credit, if you will, given by the Bank of America to support the bond issue for a five year period. That five year period expires at the end of this month, I think actually on November the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Sterling Group then began to negotiate terms for a refinancing of the bond issue and that required, of course, the issuance of a new credit enhancement or letter of credit, and the Bank of America, who had offered the original credit enhancement for a five year period was willing to extend it for a period of one year only. Under the terms of that credit enhancement of Bank of America, the interest rate would have been substantially higher than is now being paid under the current credit enhancement. So they looked further and the Freddie

Mac, acting through Wachovia Bank, agreed to give a twelve year credit enhancement letter of credit which would avoid the necessity for the Sterling Group to have to keep coming back and renegotiating letters of credit every year if they use the Bank of America letter of credit. So they began the process to have the bonds refunded and new bonds issued, secured by the credit enhancement of Freddie Mac. That resulted in a reduction of the interest rate on these bonds by 38 basis points, thereby being a good thing in this credit market we're in today, and especially a good thing since the developer and owner of the project would have more money to put into the project than would be the case if the developer turned out having to pay higher interest than is currently being paid under the letter of credit which will expire at the end of this month. At the Economic Development Commission meeting, a question was raised by one of the members who happens to be a realtor, who suggested that she thought perhaps the property wasn't being maintained as well as it could be maintained. I had never seen the property, I did know about the property, you can see it off of I-164. If you're going north and look to your left when you get near Old Boonville Highway, you would see the project over there, these apartments. But she said that she thought the additional savings that the developer would achieve by having this refinanced should better be put into the project to augment the status of the present maintenance of the project. But she was impressed by the fact, as were the other two members of the Vanderburgh County Council, that the project is entirely tenanted, rented 100 percent, and those who are renting the facility fall in the 60 percent median income bracket for this area as determined by HUD. So she, along with the other two members of the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission voted in favor of adoption of a resolution which has been presented to your body, as an inducement to you to adopt an ordinance today to allow this bond issue to go forward. After that meeting, I immediately contacted members of the entire working group, the Wachovia people and the Freddie Mac people, and Baker & Daniels, who are our bond counsel for this issue, and members of the Sterling Group, in a conference call and advised them that, well, I did not know the status of the maintenance of this property, that I knew that there was some concern about the maintenance of this property, and I suggested that a representative of the Sterling Group be here today to discuss this with you and to answer questions that you may have regarding the maintenance. So with your permission, I have Lance Swank with me today, who is one of the owners of the Sterling Group, and he is going to discuss the project with you and will be pleased to answer any questions that any of you may have regarding the project.

Lance Swank: Thank you very much, appreciate the opportunity to be here. I am Lance Swank of the Sterling Group. We are located in Mishawaka, Indiana and we develop affordable housing throughout the Midwest, primarily Indiana, Michigan and Illinois and we've been pleased to be a business owner here in Vanderburgh County for the last five years. Ted contacted us, as he said, and notified me that there was some concern over some maintenance issues potentially in the past at the property. Let me kind of walk through a little bit, if you'll indulge me for moment, kind of some of challenges we've had with the property. Overall, its been very successful, however, during the construction phase of the project, it took an additional eight months to complete due to arson. We had a building that was burned during the construction process. The individual that did that was caught, tried, and is now incarcerated. As I understand it, we were victims of a long line of incidents. As we operated the property, moved on, we noticed we definitely had a drainage issue that really culminated through a poor design in civil engineering. We spent just under \$100,000 last year to address that issue and what was happening was, in a heavy rain, we would be getting backup in the parking lots and then it would slowly dissipate through the drainage system as designed, but not as quickly as designed. That's been remedied, that's been taken care of. That, I think, has been our primary



maintenance issue that has disrupted our resident base and caused us angst from the standpoint of money and issues. Other than that, at the end of May this year, 2008, we were moving along great, 97 percent occupancy, we had a fire, and that is the building that you see when you drive down I-164 and see the blue tarps. We immediately contacted our insurance company, who is Travelers, very helpful, came to our support. However, they got into a tangle with some of the resident renter's insurance providers and had to wrangle through issues between those two, which held up our ability to start the reconstruction work. That reconstruction work started in September and will be completed on approximately November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you've driven by recently, I am sure you have seen the progress that's been made out there. We actually have half of those apartment homes pre-leased to affordable households awaiting the completion. So having said all that, I am here to answer questions and ask for your support on this resolution today.

President Abell: Councilmen? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, I guess the first question I have, and probably not for you at the moment, but is the county on the hook for anything? I mean...

Jeff Ahlers: No, and I've got both the bond documents which I've got two copies on file with the Auditor, which Bill has. I've got one here if anybody wants to look, that we printed out. In several places in the bond documents it specifically states that the issuer, being the county, doesn't have any liability, you know, on the bonds or any payment for the bonds. It's just simply, it's under a different section of the code, but similar to the bonds that were done for the Catholic Diocese. Keep in mind, this was passed by this Council in 2003 and this is just a refinancing. In addition, because I knew that would be a question that everyone would rightfully ask, I did get an opinion letter from Baker & Daniels, the bond counsel, specifically reiterating the fact that there is no liability to the county, it's just merely a mechanism to making public purpose bonds available for the financing.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, my second question and perhaps you can answer this, if not you will be shortly able to answer it, how much are you paying in county taxes? By November 10<sup>th</sup>, I think you'll have that down pat.

Lance Swank: Yes Sir. Councilmember, is it Stetler? Shetler? Excuse me. It's a moving target every year, to be honest with you. As you know, here in our state, there's several approaches to determining your property taxes. In the case of affordable housing, it's typically based upon the income capitalization approach. And so what happens is, the County Assessor looks at our year end statements and determines the value and then interpellates that into a tax number. We've paid anywhere from 500 a unit and we've been assessed upwards of 700 a unit. And we usually end up going in, discussing it, and arriving at a number of roughly \$500 a unit.

Councilmember Shetler: And you have how many units?

Lance Swank: One hundred and seventy-six, Sir.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Swank, did you guys receive any type of tax credits on this project, local housing tax credit project?

Lance Swank: Yes, Sir. It is a tax credit project and it also has the taxes and bond

financing accompanying that. And that's what couples it to the tax credit, Sir.

Councilmember Sutton: And what is the breakdown regarding the occupancy by income? And I know all of them, as stated earlier, are below 60 percent of the median income, what are the other breaking points on the occupancy requirements that you have for this property?

Lance Swank: The entire property is based upon 60 percent of area median income rents and we will not rent to anyone who is paying rent that exceeds 38 percent of their income unless they happen to be a HUD voucher recipient.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, if their income after they move in begins to exceed 60 percent of the area median income, not necessarily issued just upon occupancy, correct?

Lance Swank: Yes, Sir. There is a rule that allows individuals, and the purpose of the program allows individuals to improve their lifestyle up to 140% of area median income before we would ask them to find another place to live.

Councilmember Sutton: Now along with the tax credits that you receive, there are annual inspections that go along with that? And can you talk about what those, what your scores have been on those inspection reports that are required?

Lance Swank: Absolutely, thank you for that question. In conjunction with the Indiana Housing Community Development Authority in Indianapolis, they are mandated through the IRS, who administers the tax credit program, to do annual inspections. And they hire a third party engineering firm to do these inspections throughout the state. They come in and do physical needs assessments. If they find anything and they have two categories, one is a critical issue and another is just a time and maintenance issue, they report that back to us and we have a certain amount of time to resolve those issues. We have had very minimal items identified. In that process, in fact, they didn't even note the drainage issue because the day they went there, it wasn't raining, but something like we have a GFI that may not be functioning in a kitchen, which is a GFI outlet, it needs to be repaired immediately. We may have a light globe that needs to be repaired. The primary item we have pointed out on every property that we manage, is batteries in smoke detectors. Now these are tied in electrically, so the batteries don't really, they're backup, but residents tend to take those out. That's typically what's on that report.

Councilmember Sutton: When did you guys last have your inspection on this property?

Lance Swank: I don't know, it was earlier this year. I can't tell you the exact date, but I know we had to respond to that immediately –

Councilmember Sutton: So have all those items been corrected from the –

Lance Swank: Yes, Sir. Indiana Housing sends us then a notification via email that all of our issues have been resolved.

Councilmember Sutton: Are there any other projects that you guys are planning in this near area?

Lance Swank: We have actively looked for opportunities down here in the Vanderburgh County area. We've been very tentative about what we're doing,

obviously, given the current economic situation that we're all facing, but we would not probably look at doing another tax exempt bond project down here at this time because the economics are very difficult to make work. But we're looking at what's called nine percent tax credit opportunities here in the area.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Lance Swank: Thank you. I might add one more thing: as part of Freddie Mac's underwriting due diligence represented by Wachovia, they have to do a site inspection prior to a refinancing and a physical needs assessment as well, that has been done and there was nothing that was of concern noted in that report. Normal things such as paint the entry doors on a regular cycle and things like that. There was nothing of consequence. Thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else have a question? I have a couple of questions. Bear with me, I don't have a lot of faith in Freddie Mac, I'm sorry, the past few weeks haven't been very good for them. Local management? Who manages that locally?

Lance Swank: The Sterling Group. Madam President, we're a vertically integrated development company, real estate services company. We build our own project, develop it and manage our own product, so we manage over 6,000 apartment homes throughout the Midwest, and about half of those are affordable.

President Abell: So you have someone on site here in Evansville?

Lance Swank: Yes, Ma'am.

President Abell: Where are they located?

Lance Swank: We do not have anyone that lives on our properties. That's a philosophy we have. It tends to make a pretty long work day for the folks, and we moved away from that. We have variable staff members. In fact, if you'd like, I'll list our positions that we have there. We have an on-site manager who has been there since June, we have an assistant manager that's been there since July of '06, our lead maintenance person has been there since January of '06 and we have a leasing specialist that's been there since August of '07.

Ted Ziemer: Mr. Swank, you might tell them who those people are.

Lance Swank: Oh sure, I'd be happy to. Our manager is Carol Blair, I don't know if you know Carol, she's a local resident. Mandy Bender is our assistant manager, again local. All these folks are local here. Sarah Watson is our leasing specialist, and Jim Hibbs is our maintenance supervisor. We also then have a district manager who is responsible for their day to day activities as well from a management perspective, meaning managing our staff to make sure the property is being maintained properly, leasing levels, and so on and so forth. Her name is Becky Carty, she's located out of Indianapolis.

**(Tape changed)**

President Abell: Do these people work out of their homes or do you have an office or...

Lance Swank: We have an on-site clubhouse that includes office space for our assistant manager, leasing specialist and our manager.

President Abell: And they're there on a pretty regular basis?

Lance Swank: Every day but Sunday.

President Abell: Okay.

Lance Swank: And our maintenance staff and our management staff are on 24 hour call.

President Abell: Okay, that's good. Anyone else have a question? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: My question is regarding the police and the Sheriff's Department. Do you have any idea how many runs we've made to that apartment complex in the last 90 days, six months, and is it a relatively safe area? Do we have robbery there, have we had any additional arson? You know, the residents, who is hanging around out there, because it's influenced, of course, by the neighboring communities and it's a great experiment and I'm totally in favor of it, but I'm very interested in what it's like out there. And the Sheriff is here if you wish to call him.

Lance Swank: Councilmember Leader, affordable housing is a challenging business. It's needed housing here in our country, here in our state, here in this county. However, it takes vigilant management and there are, from time to time, we have difficult residents. Now this particular property, we've been very fortunate, however, earlier this year around June, we identified the start of some vandalism. We hired a security company for 60 days which identified a group of teens that lived in five households which we then evicted and we no longer have the courtesy officer, security company, they are no longer needed out there. We reacted to that, we then received recently, were contacted by law enforcement to say we have somebody we're concerned about there, they ended up busting a family, a couple, and took them to jail. That's the extent of what I know about that.

Councilmember Leader: Is that a drug issue then, the family?

Lance Swank: What we found in the apartment after the fact was makings of potential methamphetamine, but there was no lab in it. We try to work very closely with law enforcement, they let us know that they were under suspicion, and we worked in conjunction with them. They did their jobs and now we're simply trying to go through the legal process and get rid of the stuff out of the apartment and release it. Those are exceptions to the rule, but I bring them up only so you understand how we react to them. Our resident selection criteria is set up to try and minimize that type of situation. We do a credit check on every adult in the household. We do a criminal background check for every adult in the household as well. And obviously, we do a landlord check, and we have criteria set up to, it doesn't leave it up to our on site manager to make the decision. It's already set up. If they don't meet certain criteria, they can't move in.

Councilmember Leader: Additionally, I'm interested in the average rent and what's the minimum – are they two bedroom units typically, and how many people are allowed to live in each unit?

Lance Swank: We have four apartment home types. One bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom and four bedroom, and really, it's based upon no more than two individuals in a bedroom, to give you an idea. Our rents, I'm going to give you the general sense of it. One bedrooms around 300, up to four bedrooms, they can exceed \$800. And square footage ranges from 700 all the way up to 1350.

President Abell: Any other questions from anyone? Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I just wanted to point out, and I don't know if Mr. Swank or Mr. Ziemer want to comment, too, is that the issue we have with regard to this bond is that there is a time deadline, where this has to be done by the end of the month, so there is one of two things in terms of determining how you want to vote or handle this and that is that you can either do like we do on some bonds where you, you know, make this the first and final reading if it passes unanimously, then that's it, or if there is going to be a second reading, we probably need to have a special meeting and I was asking Sandie, I forgot what the date of our Personnel & Finance committee meeting is, I guess that's the 26<sup>th</sup>. I don't know if that's too late or not, if it was noticed for a final reading on that date or whether it would have to be sooner. But I just wanted to point out the timing issue so that you can all make your decision as to how you want to handle this, because if it goes past the end of the month, I think that the window closes. Is that right, Ted?

Lance Swank: I'd be happy to speak to that. Madam President spoke about Freddie Mac. Obviously, Freddie Mac is a triple A rated company due to our country backing them. However, we were grandfathered into this credit facility and if we exceed the end of the month, the deal changes tremendously, becomes much more expensive and then creates much greater debt service, creating higher burden on the property. That's the sensitivity to the timing. You know, the world doesn't end for us, but it will help the property tremendously if we're able to get this transaction closed by the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. Technically, we have until the end of the month, but with the holiday, it makes it very difficult to try and make that happen past the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would make a motion to waive the second reading and this would be the first and final reading if it passes unanimously.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Let's have a roll call vote on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Does anyone have any further questions regarding the bond? I don't know that this is a question or a comment, but, you know, that is a very visible part of our city and you don't live here, and we do, and we don't want to see that become a slum, and we're all very, very – not all, but some of us – are very, very concerned from the comments that residents of that area have made to us and that I talked to our bond committee regarding this, and I would certainly encourage you to realize that whatever we do here, we do with the thought in mind that we want that to be an asset to our city and not a liability.

Lance Swank: Madam President, I appreciate that very much and our goals are aligned, 100 percent. Obviously, we have a reputation, we personally are on the hook and responsible for the property. I would suggest that if there is ever an issue, please do not hesitate to contact us, directly. I'll be happy to leave my contact information, but, you know, we believe we've got it well in hand and our policy and procedures will handle that.

President Abell: Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I'll move that we approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Vanderburgh County, Indiana variable rate demand limited obligation multifamily housing revenue refunding bonds, series 2008, for the Arbors at Eastland project, in the aggregate principal amount of \$9,415,000.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I echo the comments made by President Abell just a few moments ago regarding the condition of the housing. Affordable housing or low income housing doesn't necessarily have to equate with poor standards and poor residents in terms of how the maintenance and the care, the selection of residents is handled, so I hope you take to heart the comments that were made here and will take the appropriate steps. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes, and please make us proud that we voted this way.

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

Lance Swank: Thank you very much. I'm going to leave these with Mr. Ahlers, so if any of you ever have a direct requirement to get hold of me directly, please don't hesitate. Thank you very much. May I approach?

President Abell: Yes, you may. Thank you.

Ted Ziemer: Thank you very much.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Ziemer. Thank you, Mr. Swank.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND IC 36-2-7-10 (i) TO PERMIT THE COUNTY RECORDER FEE COLLECTED THEREUNDER TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND</b></p>
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President Abell: The next item is the Vanderburgh County resolution requesting that the General Assembly amend Indiana Code 36-2-7-10 (i) to permit the County Recorder fee collected thereunder to be distributed entirely to the County Affordable Housing fund. Mr. Sutton, would you like to explain?

Councilmember Sutton: Sure. We had discussion on this issue. There was a state law that was passed last July and allowed for counties throughout Indiana who have trust funds, that they can help to support their trust funds by generating revenue from their recording fee. The way that structure was set up, though, which caused a lot of our discussion, is that sixty percent of the proceeds from that would stay local, the other forty percent would go into a statewide fund. Obviously, if we're going to collect funds, we felt that it's important for us to maintain 100 percent of those funds. And what this resolution here is doing, is encouraging our local delegation to support a change in that law in that 100 percent of the funds will stay here. This resolution, as well, will be presented before the County Commissioners and the city, as well, to gain their support for this so that our local delegation will understand at least what we are trying to do here locally in regards to affordable housing. That explains it.

President Abell: That was great. Anybody have any questions? I think we've all had this issue before us for several months and we know what we're dealing with. Would you like to make a motion, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Madam President, I'd like to move that we approve

Vanderburgh County Council resolution requesting that the General Assembly amend IC 36-2-7-10 (i) to permit the County Recorder fee collected thereunder to be distributed entirely to the County Affordable Housing fund.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, but I probably should have raised this question. Let's wait until after the vote. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

Councilmember Raben: Who would be responsible for the oversight of a new fund like this?

Councilmember Sutton: There is a local housing trust fund that is set up and as a part of the discussions that I've had with them on this, the County Council will have an appointment to that commission, that board, the County Commissioners will also have an appointment to that board. Right now, that board is comprised of city appointments. So...

Jeff Ahlers: To answer your question, you can also, I mean, I think we've talked about before, we'd have to look at whether or not, if you decided to, at some point, I mean, implement that fee as to whether or not you can set up a fund for the county or whether you reach some sort of agreement that that becomes a joint city/county type fund. But right now, it's my understanding, Mr. Sutton, there is only a city fund, is that right?



Councilmember Sutton: That is true. But in discussions with individuals involved with the fund and the city, that they are open to that, recognizing that if we're going to support it financially, if we pass this recording fee, that we obviously would want to restructure that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and when will we have that opportunity? I just want to make sure the county has some oversight here for these funds.

President Abell: I would think we'll have that opportunity when and if the state legislature approves, changes the –

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but I'd like to have that worked out even prior to this, should the opportunity arise.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we can do that prior to. I definitely understand what you're saying there, but again, of course, if the legislature does move, we're probably talking at the earliest, you know, July of next year. But yeah, we'll, in our discussions with the city, we'll make sure we can get that moved and changed prior to the state law putting it into place.

President Abell: Any further comments?

#### **DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

President Abell: Alright, next on our agenda is the Disability Advisory Board appointment. This is a relatively new board that's been set up. I did receive a call from Rob Kerney, who is an instructor at Ivy Tech and who is sight impaired, he asked that we appoint Michelle Kirk. I have not contacted Michelle Kirk. I understand that she has dealt extensively – the Sheriff is shaking his head, so he must know Michelle Kirk and he gave a thumbs up. I have not contacted her. I wanted the pleasure of the Council first unless any of you had someone else that you know, that you think would be a good appointment to this Disability Advisory Board. If not, I will assume that that's an okay for me to contact Michelle Kirk and see if she would be interested in being our appointee to the board.

#### **FILING DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS**

President Abell: Notes for the only two officeholders in here, filing deadlines: for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the filing deadline is November 13<sup>th</sup> and for the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the filing deadline is November the 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL DISPATCH**

President Abell: A couple of other things that are not on your agenda. You had passed out to you this morning: Agreement to extend the interlocal agreement to provide for a joint department of Central Dispatch. This is a verbal agreement I worked out with the Mayor of Evansville regarding the Central Dispatch agreement that we have now is to expire – or has it – did it expire or is it through the end of December?

Jeff Ahlers: No, it actually expired. The Mayor's office had sent, a little over a year ago, a notice of termination which has to be done, you know, a year in advance

terminating the agreement. So, technically, you know, it expires at the end of October. And so what this does is just retroactively extend it for a year and a couple of months to give the parties time to work through a new agreement. And I talked to Mr. Ziemer, this was just sent over to us a couple of days ago, and I guess they have yet to get – I guess the Mayor's office put this together and so I guess the Mayor will sign it, the Commissioners, I believe, are going to take this up – is their next meeting the 11<sup>th</sup>, I believe, and then if you guys want you can wait and in December, pass it and sign it then. But, I mean, we got this at the last minute. While I'm talking, the other thing I'd say is, make sure, if you can, with Teri, we've got a lot of bond ordinances, resolutions, and things around here, if, before everybody takes off, make sure we get everything signed because some of this stuff has to be sent on to various people, so if you would, please. Thanks.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, are you looking for approval of this extension today?

President Abell: No, we're going to do that in December. I just wanted everyone to know why it was so late getting to you. And it really just extends the agreement as it is right now. It is in the best interests of our county and our city residents to extend this agreement and give us time to work out some type of an arrangement with the city on how this is going to be funded in the next few years.

<b>2009 HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT</b>
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President Abell: I have only one other comment that I wanted to make. I attended a County Commissioner's meeting and I have some great concern about the insurance contract that the county entered into and I have asked for some figures which I have not yet received, but I do want to go on record as advising the Council that I know that the County Commissioners entered into a health insurance contract from \$10,800,000 and some odd thousand dollars and we only have appropriated \$9,500,000 for health insurance. They advised me that they intend to get the additional \$1,300,000 from other sources, however, I do not know what those other sources are and I do not know whether they have them. I am concerned that they would enter into a contract without the money in place. I'm just making that as an FYI information for everyone here, so that maybe the County Commissioners would get some figures to us so we would know that we have not had them enter into a contract that is not funded.

Councilmember Shetler: Marsha, to follow up on that, do you know what their contract was last year or how much they spent this current year?

President Abell: I think Ms. Deig could probably tell us that.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Shetler: I assume it's going to be in that nine and a half million range.

President Abell: Well, actually –

Councilmember Shetler: They didn't pull it out of the air, I guess.

Sandie Deig: 9.5 million is general fund money.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

President Abell: Turn your microphone on.

Sandie Deig: The 9.5 million is general fund money only. The other funds would come from the Highway Department, the Sheriff's grants. There's quite a few of them, it's grants from the Prosecutor, grants from the Sheriff's department, County Highway, Cum Bridge, Health Department – the Health Department has, like, five different funds it's paid out of, and Community Corrections has a grant, too. So it comes out of all the grant money as well as the outside of the general fund accounts.

Councilmember Goebel: So this is standard, though, every year when we pay, this is the way we get the extra funding, correct?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And, Bill, are we set to save money on the contract?

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Any idea how much?

Bill Fluty: From what I remember before, it was about 650,000 to 700,000 if each employee remains in the same category they're in right now, just rates compared to what their rate was last year and what their rate will be this year.

Sandie Deig: Let me say this, too, this 9.5 million also includes, we have to make provisions for retirees such as in the Sheriff's department and other county employees, that we pick up their insurance, so that's all included in our budget. You don't see it, but we have to forecast that, too.

Councilmember Shetler: So kind of looking over your shoulder here, it looks like we have about 11.5 appropriated, rounding numbers off here, but, and the contract was 10.8, rounded numbers?

Sandie Deig: That's what I'm told.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright.

Sandie Deig: Like the Health Department, the Sheriff's grants, those monies are not appropriated at budget time. What we do is project what they're going to need and then the different offices put that money to the Auditor's office for payment.

Councilmember Goebel: There's no change in coverage at all? No change of anything as far as doctor selection or plan selection? It's just a different carrier, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: We were assured that there wasn't any change, however, I do have a question from yesterday. I intend to talk to Bill's representative. I visited a doctor yesterday and they said that the new plan doesn't cover our doctors making rounds with this plan, so I'd like to have an answer to that for the employees.

Councilmember Goebel: That's a good thing to find out. But in the end, it should be a windfall for the county, I think.

President Abell: Well, it would be nice if someone would provide that to this body because from sitting at this desk, I don't see that. And I'd like to see that and I think

that the general public, who pay the taxes to provide this health insurance, deserve to see that also. And I don't think anyone has been forthcoming giving us those figures, although they have been requested at least twice. So I would like to see a spreadsheet that shows where we're getting this money and that we are making a savings. Is there any further business to come before this Council? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: There is one other thing, item and it's a good segue, you're talking about health related issues, if you remember last year, we unanimously approved participating in the prescription discount card program and it's administered through our Health Department. Great program, it started back in April of 2007. Through the end of September, that's when the most recent report is available, we have had a total of 48,291 participants here in Vanderburgh County through that program and they saved an average of \$10.71 per prescription that they filled, and through the end of September we went over the one million dollar mark as a county. We have realized a total savings for county residents of \$1,121,587.45, so great program for Vanderburgh County.

President Abell: That's good news, Mr. Sutton. Thank you. Any further business to come before the Council? We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Marsha Abell

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of December in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke		<b>X</b>
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Before we have the Pledge of Allegiance, I'd like to tell everyone, I think Mr. Winnecke is in a Commissioner's meeting in Indianapolis and that's why he is not here. And Ms. Leader had surgery yesterday. We all – all of us on Council knew that she had been diagnosed with cancer, but she called me and she said both tumors were removed, everything appeared to be good. She was in great spirits and wanted to know what she was missing today. And I told her in the whole scheme of things, she wasn't missing anything because her health is much more important and we wish her a speedy recovery, and I hope everyone will keep Donna in your prayers and in your thoughts that, as she goes through her chemo and the rest of her treatment, that everything will go well for her. And I would like to ask Mr. Sutton to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Abell: I'd entertain a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

President Abell: We have an extremely long meeting today as evidenced by the many of you that are in our audience. I hope you'll bear with us. We are going to try to muddle through two meetings at one time. We cancelled our last meeting, it was right before Thanksgiving, and we were not going to have a quorum, so if you'll please be patient with us, I will turn the meeting over to Mr. Raben for the appropriation ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess this is my first time having the meeting where we've combined Personnel & Finance with our final action meeting. And I might ask our legal counsel, before we begin discussion today, do we need to make a motion? I guess that would be following Roberts Rules if we –

Jeff Ahlers: In terms of what, because the meetings are being – no, not necessarily because the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting is not necessarily, I mean, this is just a meeting that has been properly noticed for you to take final action.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but I meant before discussion, do we need to get a motion on the floor or do we just –

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, okay, I see what you're saying. That's fine. Yes, that would be appropriate to...

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**TREASURER**

Councilmember Raben: Alright, first is the Treasurer, 1030-4220 and 1030-3530 in the amount of \$5,954, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now discussion.

President Abell: Ms. Tuley, would you like to come forward?

Councilmember Raben: Or does anybody have any questions or concerns in regards to these requests?

Z Tuley: I'm Z Tuley, the Vanderburgh County Treasurer. The whole event went real well. We were able to reduce comp time accumulation almost by 40% because we

were able to get everyone through and we always wait on everybody that's there at the time of closing and because we were able to get them through so quickly, we didn't have to stay over as long on any given evening. So that went real well.

Councilmember Raben: That's good news. Like many up here, I appreciate your efforts and Councilman Sutton's efforts for making this happen. Hopefully, it's something that I'm sure we're going to need to continue to do in the future and I'm sure the taxpayers appreciate it, the one's that typically have stood in line much longer than they did this go around.

Z Tuley: That's right.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there a dollar value that you probably would – I mean, with that comp time reduced, you would have –

Z Tuley: I didn't calculate a dollar amount with it.

Councilmember Sutton: Because, essentially, the program has more than paid for itself, but to put a dollar figure on that would be very helpful.

Z Tuley: I'll do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if you could show us that, we could see where we stand overall.

Z Tuley: I'll do that and send it around.

Councilmember Sutton: And the numbers that came through the express pay station, can you –

Z Tuley: Were huge. They were up from – I think because of the advertising and so forth and, you know, prior to the deadline itself, people were able to vote and pay their taxes while they were here in the same building. That made it convenient.

President Abell: And our thanks to both of you. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.



TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-4220	Office Machines	5,079.00	5,079.00
1030-3530	Contractual Services	875.00	875.00
Total		5,954.00	5,954.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

Z Tuley: Thank you.

**SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Sheriff, 1050-1911 Sheriff Retirement in the amount of \$105,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions for Mr. Williams, Sheriff Williams? Doesn't appear so. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	105,000.00	105,000.00
Total		105,000.00	105,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Voters Registration, 1220-2600 Office Supplies in the amount of \$2,200; 1220-3410 Printing in the amount of 500, for a total of \$2,700. I will move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Bushrod, would you like to come forward? I see Mr. Bushrod is here.

Tony Bushrod: What's it's needed for, we had an extended expense due to the big turnout –

President Abell: I don't think your microphone is on, is it?

Tony Bushrod: Testing? Had extended expenses due to the big turnout and people registering to vote. And we do our poll books in-house now. And then we have to send them out to have them drilled, which that increases the amount of cartridges that we need for printing and paper and things like that there.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions of Mr. Bushrod? Roll call vote please. I'm sorry, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Did you have a little bit of an offset, then, since you're doing it in-house as opposed to contracting it out?

Tony Bushrod: Well, before, it was done by Computer Services. Okay, you know, they used to print it out for us and we didn't pay anything then. So what we requested is what we actually owe to different vendors.

Councilmember Shetler: So we're taking on more responsibility and more costs?

Tony Bushrod: Right, right.

Councilmember Shetler: That's going the wrong way.

Tony Bushrod: I mean, that's the facts.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Tony, in general, I know you probably didn't have a lot to do with this, but stations away from the building here, early voter registration, do we have any kind of numbers as far as the percentage of people that voted in Vanderburgh County, that voted early?

Tony Bushrod: Those are available. Susie Kirk has made those available, I can get copies for you all and give them to you.

Councilmember Goebel: I was just curious because it seemed like a lot of people took advantage and in the afternoon of November 4, it was rather sparse.

Tony Bushrod: It was a real good turnout, but that's under Susie Kirk's office.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you. I didn't know if you had those figures. Thanks.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Tony, I guess, based on what you've shared with us here, is this something we should – is this expense something we should anticipate with

each election cycle or was this just a one-time only cost?

Tony Bushrod: Well, this is something that would happen each election cycle because, like I say, we do everything in-house. But, I mean, this was just overwhelming, this particular election cycle. And, of course, next year, unless it's something, a referendum or something that comes up, --

Councilmember Sutton: We won't have anything next year.

Tony Bushrod: Right.

President Abell: We don't have an election next year.

Tony Bushrod: Right, unless the School Corporation wants something.

President Abell: Oh no. Any other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-2600	Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,200.00
1220-3410	Printing	500.00	500.00
Total		2,700.00	2,700.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Public Defender 1303-3948 Death Penalty in the amount of 20,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Owens?

Steve Owens: Good morning. I'm Steve Owens, Chief Public Defender.

Councilmember Raben: The question I have is, how much more do we need to look at going forward with this case?

Steve Owens: We're on the, thankfully, on the downside. There are \$8,500 worth of bills currently pending that have not been approved by Judge Heldt at this point. That will get us through the briefing schedule. After that, I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: Steve, what is our current cost, county cost to date on this case?

Steve Owens: You've appropriated, if my figures are correct as of today, not including the one pending, you've appropriated \$466,000. You've received about \$260,000 in reimbursement. They reimburse at 50%. The reason you're a little higher than 50% is because we absorbed some of the early cost out of the Supplemental Public Defender account.

Councilmember Raben: As far as your office and the stress and the time factor that's involved to you and your staff, what percentage over the last 18 months has this consumed in your office?

Steve Owens: Well, most of that has actually been my time working the calculations, doing reimbursement requests, that sort of thing. As you know, the rule provides that the two attorneys are appointed by the judge, they basically report to him. Basically, all we've done is seek the appropriations, seek the reimbursement. Because those two attorneys were placed on administrative leave, we had to do a little shifting in terms of our other caseloads, but that was not anything terribly out of the ordinary.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Excluding this particular case, do you have any idea of how much money has been reimbursed to your office from the state, to date, or –

Steve Owens: To date, it's over \$600,000 excluding the death penalty case.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3948	Death Penalty	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

Steve Owens: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Next, Superior Court, and there is three requests for a total appropriation request in the amount of \$292,488, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Judge Niemeier, did you...I think Mr. Heston is going to talk about the Youth Care Center, but you should – would you like to come up? They may have some questions about the Patient/Inmate Care. Thank you.

Brett Niemeier: Brett Niemeier, Superior Court.

President Abell: Does anyone have a question regarding the Patient and Inmate Care?

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) – in 2006 in this line, we spent approximately a little over \$2,000,000. In '07, we were knocking on 1.7 million dollar's door. And this year, it's going to be about 1.6. And I'm concerned, you know, we've got an appropriation request here today for the Youth Care Center, and I hope we're using every opportunity we can to utilize that facility that we're also paying a lot of money for. But I would really look to have seen this cost get down far below where it's at today. And I was just hoping maybe you could speak to that. I'm sure there's good reasoning, but you need to make me feel more comfortable about why we look at this account every year and why it seems to stay so large.

Brett Niemeier: You know, it's always a tough issue, not only the Patient/Inmate line item, but the other line items where you're dealing with kids. And I do my best, quite frankly, not to be looking at my budget thinking, okay, I need to cut because I don't want to send this kid to treatment and what he needs. So we do have ebbs and flows, there's no doubt about it. I anticipated, quite frankly, that our cost would go down. I had promised you and myself that once we had the Youth Care Center expanded, that we could take at least a few kids, you know, maybe ten – fifteen kids from the Department of Corrections and bring them back locally. Quite frankly, that hasn't worked out very well. One, whenever those kids were sent to the Department of Corrections, it proved out that that was a good decision. They just weren't appropriate to be here locally. And, because of other circumstances, you know, what's going on locally in the community, crime is up, which means that those beds aren't available now. You know, thank goodness, we haven't been overcrowded at the Youth Care Center, but we don't have much room to spare. So I just don't have the ability to bring those kids back and save us costs on the Patient/Inmate line item and put that cost to the Youth Care Center.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I don't, this is one business I don't understand or don't claim to have any knowledge in, but when you send a juvenile off to a state institution, as an example, is there any risk that maybe they come back more aggressive or, you know, from being in that type of environment, I mean, would they stand a better chance of rehabilitating had they gone to the local facility first and then find out that maybe they need to go to the state, to a higher secured facility?

Brett Niemeier: Absolutely. My practice is called graduated sanctions, so I don't think there's probably ever been a child where – unless he committed a horribly serious offense, you know, an attempted murder, an armed robbery, something like that, we use graduated sanctions, which means that we try everything possible here locally first. We try probation, we try house arrest, then we try short-term detention, and then we try a longer-term detention, ultimately, we end up trying a treatment facility. Whenever that doesn't work, typically, the Department of Correction is the last resort. And those kids that are up there have had every opportunity in the world to correct their issues here locally through outpatient and then also in-patient services, and they just have not responded. And the reason why we do that is that typically kids that go to the Department of Correction, once they come out, you've got a bigger problem on your hands, so that's why we just absolutely use that as a last resort.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Niemeier, do you know a head count, how many Vanderburgh County has outsourced to the state?

Brett Niemeier: In the Department of Corrections?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Brett Niemeier: It varies – anywhere from 60 to 100 kids.

Councilmember Goebel: Out of Vanderburgh County?

Brett Niemeier: Out of Vanderburgh County, yes.

President Abell: Judge Niemeier, are you aware of any possible, I'm not aware of any, so I'm asking you the question, any possible pending legislation that the state is going to give us any financial relief on this?

Brett Niemeier: Well, as you know, in this latest budget cycle, the Department of Corrections, starting January 1<sup>st</sup> will be paid for by the state. So instead of the \$60 per day per diem, we now will be at zero cost to the Department of Corrections, so that will be a huge benefit to us. But I don't want to change my philosophy just because now we have a free facility up in Indianapolis.

President Abell: Oh, I understand.

Brett Niemeier: I still think we need to do the same as we've been doing, the graduated sanctions and those kids that go to the Department of Corrections, that should be the last resort even though it is free.

President Abell: I wanted to clarify that. I thought was the case in the new bill, but I wanted to make sure that it was.

Brett Niemeier: Absolutely, and that will be a huge savings –

President Abell: Budgeting for next year should be easier.

Brett Niemeier: It should save us, you know, over a million dollars a year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and there's also the request for the YCC operations which I had mentioned that's in the same motion if anyone has a question.

President Abell: I think Phil Heston is here to speak to that.

Brett Niemeier: And I'll be glad to speak to that, also, if you want, if you have any questions. I've reviewed their paperwork. It's kind of unique because there was really no vehicle to get this before the Council except for going through my office, so I went ahead and asked for you to consider it. You know, after looking at it, it's such a small amount of money, if this is coming out of January of next year's budget, if you want to do it that way, I would suggest just appropriating it from the Patient/Inmate Care line item, which should have more than enough money now because of the reduced cost from DOC.

President Abell: Can we do that?

Brett Niemeier: That's a suggestion.

Councilmember Raben: We can't do that today.

President Abell: We can't do that today, that's a transfer.

Councilmember Raben: But, which does drive another question as far as the request for the Patient/Inmate side today, this pays bills through November?

Brett Niemeier: That I'm not positive. I didn't prepare that. My Chief Probation Officer prepared it. The DOC cost, they bill quarterly, we'll have another bill come in probably February, early March, which will be our last DOC bill, and that's going to be, you know, a quarter million dollars or so.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question? You're looking like you did.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think there is some bills coming in for November yet, I think, according to this request.

President Abell: We can always repeal the money, you know, but we have to go ahead with the appropriation today. You can't make a transfer. I think that's correct, isn't it Mr. Fluty? Okay. Are there any questions anyone has? And Mr. Heston is here representing the board at the Youth Care Center if any of you have any questions of him.

Councilmember Sutton: I had a question back on the Patient/Inmate line. Now all of this is Indiana based care that's being provided there? Is any of this for out of state or anything like that?

Brett Niemeier: None of it's out of state.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote. I'm sorry, Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't have any questions specifically, just a request that if we could amend the motion to remove the item for the moving expense because I have a potential conflict of interest there from that motion, and then we can vote on that separately where I could abstain then.

Councilmember Raben: I'd be happy to do that. Are we finished with questions?

President Abell: I think Mr. Heston has something he wants to say. He motioned to me. You can come ahead, Mr. Heston.

Phillip Heston: Obviously, I appreciate this moving so fast, but one thing I'd like to do, and one thing we are pleased with at the Youth Care Center and you will be pleased, that DOC inspected the Youth Care Center a week or ten days ago, and gave us a hundred percent rating. So we can congratulate Brian Cook, who runs the Youth Care Center, is with us today. There hasn't been any question about this bill, as Judge Niemeier alluded to. On page 12 of the contract that you have there, our attorney, Steve Krohn is here, and your attorney, a number of months ago, Ziemer, they worked this out. We had a three percent increase standard on our billing for a five year contract. That's worked very well, but we added and this is included, any bills that came in above the three percent increase with costs of living, we could pass it on monthly. Nobody has questioned that. What has been questioned is who we bill and who pays it. One of our men, Norm Snyder, Chairman of our Board, has talked to everybody and worked with Judge Niemeier, who has been very gracious on this thing. So if you would, this will be coming up, it's a monthly bill that we pass on an increase above our three percent. You should have, and we didn't have a vehicle in here where your controller made sure that what we were passing on was absolutely correct. We have a very, very good accountant and it will be correct. But then, who do we bill monthly? This will come up again this next April as far as a new contract. Three percent increase and you've got the same kind of expenses with your facility as far as adults, they're staying in detention, some things go up more. We just had a renewal come up on our health insurance at the Youth Care Center. It was going to go up ten percent. We think this amounts to heavy dole, that would have been seven percent more than the three percent cost of living increase. We worked on that and we put in larger deductibles and held that about the same, otherwise, you'd have seen a big increase that you wouldn't have liked this next April. But anyway, if you would in approving this, which we appreciate, get a vehicle in the minutes as to who should check this out to make sure that we're honestly sending things over correctly each year and the vehicle where it goes to be paid on a monthly basis, because we're supporting this by contributions, not to the Youth Care Center, but contributions to take care of the poor and transients, and so on. So thank you for your help, but make it efficient as far as next year is concerned. Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Heston. I think that will probably be written into your contract negotiations as to where you send that, but just on the blush of it, I would think that they would go to the County Commissioners because they are the ones that sign contracts, and they would be the ones who will be in charge of making sure this gets on the agenda. Mr. Niemeier, really, is way too busy to be looking at this and it needs to be looked at by the County Commissioners. They have a staff that can do this.

Phillip Heston: And should that we done a couple of months before this comes up for annual renewal next April 1<sup>st</sup>?



President Abell: Well, I would say you probably need to contact the County Commissioners and ask how they want to handle that. Mr. Raben, did you have something you wanted to ask?

Councilmember Raben: I guess my only question here is, I mean, we have to see that the expenses are going to continue to go up three percent. I mean, some of this may stabilize and even go back the other way. So it seems like we're kind of putting the cart before the horse here.

Phillip Heston: Well, we would have to, through Judge Niemeier and whoever the County Commissioners have to check us out, justify the expenses. But a lot of expenses at your jail facility here in Evansville, you've got a perfect example, same thing is happening there is happening at the Youth Care Center. Some things are going up more than three percent.

President Abell: I think this figure is –

Councilmember Raben: It's happening everywhere, quite frankly. And in our households, but, you know, again, --

President Abell: But this 18,000 is in arrears, isn't it? This isn't the future.

Councilmember Raben: Food and things of that nature, you know, might stabilize and go back down at some point.

Phil Heston: And we don't have food in this bill here. Mainly, you're talking about insurance, utilities, our CPA controller, is with us to ask any specific questions on it, but utilities, and insurance and some other items are jumping. The payroll is limited to a three percent increase, and some of that has gone up more, but that's a decision that we have control over. We're not passing anything like that on to you. It's just what we don't have control over.

Councilmember Raben: Right, because salaries and whatnot, should be part of the big number that –

Phil Heston: And it is.

Councilmember Raben: – the annual increase. But food is one of the explanations in here and part of the rationale and some of the invoices.

Phil Heston: That's exactly right, and it has been jumping. And it might go back down this next year. I hope so. I bet it doesn't, but it might.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Heston.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that we totally answered his question yet. I mean, are you wanting to be paid every six months, is that what the –

Phil Heston: We were told that we could submit monthly bills along with our regular bill. Now if that's not appropriate, but we don't want to have to come before a body after it's approved for this next year.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we would probably rather you come back once or twice a year. Let's – I mean, rather than come in here monthly asking for an additional appropriation for this part of the contract, let's maybe June 1<sup>st</sup> look at it

and we'll see where you're at and make that adjustment and then, you know, again this time next year.

Phil Heston: Obviously, Mr. Raben, I don't know how this works, but if this could be out of a fund of Judge Niemeier's or somebody else's, it seems like it would be approved for a year and flow once a year. Now we would be glad to come back every six months, but we would be billing for six months ahead, because this is off of the expenses that we had the year before, and rather than – I guess we'd have to work out the mechanics of it, but it seems like it would be out of the facilities and so on because this is – I'm not qualified on this, but this is a contractual arrangement on a monthly basis for this billing. We're not asking for anything special.

Councilmember Raben: We can look at that. In fact, Judge, maybe you and I can come back to this in the next 30 days or something. We can possibly look at a line within the Commissioner's budget or something that we can fund after the first of the year. But, again, the judge and I will circle the wagons and –

Phil Heston: The judge has been wonderful and he's very familiar and he's – if you can work with him so that we could bill somebody every month or six months ahead and so on. But it is a contractual arrangement.

President Abell: We can't pay bills ahead. I don't think we're allowed to do that. I mean, we're not allowed to do that.

Councilmember Raben: You can do as, maybe fund a line within the Commissioner's budget and let them pay these bills or claims out of it, --

President Abell: Yeah, monthly.

Councilmember Raben: As they come in.

President Abell: But bills have to be incurred for us to pay them. Any other questions? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Have you had a chance to look at this, Mr. Ahlers, the contract, at all?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: The three percent, is it based on the increased rates or the overall usage?

Jeff Ahlers: Well...

Councilmember Shetler: For example, two areas that I can think of, let's just say that you are at 50% occupancy and the amount of food purchased has actually gone down because you don't have as many people, but the cost of living or the cost increase in food from the supplier has gone up 6%. Okay? Which would – are we going off that rate and something – I guess this is where I'm really coming from is the utilities. If the utilities usage has gone up because you're going through a hot spell or a cold spell or you've got more demand for it, certain sections are turned on or off, versus the actual rate increase from Vectren, and that's, kind of trying to determine that.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think it's from the budgeted amount as in 8.1, so it would have to

exceed that by more than 3 percent.

Councilmember Shetler: It goes off the budgeted amount, not on specific –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, in other words, I would assume that if their costs are less because they have less people there, then there would be no need to get an increase, to your point, right?

Councilmember Shetler: Uh-huh.

Jeff Ahlers: It's only if it exceeds the amount that was budgeted by more than the 3 percent, would there be the ability to have a claim. And I don't read anywhere in there, Mr. Heston mentioned monthly, there's nothing in there that says it needs to be done monthly, so, I mean, that's your prerogative, how you want to go about it. And still, to a certain extent, you know, discretionary, you know, from Council's standpoint, you know, as to what you want to do on that. You still have the ability to control and budget for expenses. I mean, it's not a blank check, so that's still within your prerogative how you want to do that.

Phil Heston: Mr. Shetler asked a very astute question. I mean, depending on how many boys or girls we feed over there, that is adjusted a little bit, but for all practical purposes, 98 percent of all our expenses are just the way they are. I mean, our payroll isn't more or less. The number of employees, the insurance, the cost of operating the building, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera, the insurance, and so on. Food is depending on how much you feed, but all the rest of it is basically the same.

President Abell: Well, I think we'll leave the logistics of this thing up to the contract time with the County Commissioners and how they can work this out. I think today we're just interested in working with the \$16,488 request. So does anyone else have a question about that particular court request? Okay, thank you, Mr. Heston. Do you want to amend your motion?

Councilmember Raben: I will. Madam President, I'd like to amend my motion to include only account 1370-3050 Patient/Inmate in the amount of \$275,000, and 1370-3052 YCC Operating Cost in the amount of \$16,488, for a total of \$291,488.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, you had seconded that. Do you want to amend your second?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I will amend my second.

Terry Dietsch: Excuse me, Madam President?

President Abell: Yes, Judge Dietsch?

Terry Dietsch: I have a question. Is this on?

President Abell: It should be.

Terry Dietsch: My question goes to the part of Mr. Raben's motion regarding the requested appropriation for \$1,000 for moving. I don't know why we were asked to submit this request to begin with, but if I understand you correctly, Mr. Raben, you are not including that in your motion.

President Abell: In this motion. Mr. Shetler doesn't want to vote on it.

Councilmember Raben: And I was going to make a motion after this vote for just that line.

Terry Dietsch: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought that you were deleting this.

President Abell: No. Mr. Shetler has a conflict.

Councilmember Raben: In this initial motion, I am.

Terry Dietsch: Okay, well I do have that question, anyway.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if –

Terry Dietsch: To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time this has ever occurred, I could be wrong. I attempted to call Mr. Rector yesterday, and unfortunately, we missed one another. To the best of my knowledge, in all the time that we've been around here, if there was a move from one office to another, I don't ever recall anyone requesting money from the County Council to affect that move. Am I correct or incorrect?

Councilmember Raben: You're correct.

Terry Dietsch: And do we know why this happened this time?

Councilmember Raben: Do I know why?

Terry Dietsch: Yes.

President Abell: The only information I have – Ms. Deig told me that Bennie is not able to help with that, is that correct, Sarah?

Sarah Nunn: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Abell: Yeah, and there is a conflict with the work release people because of court records and –

Councilmember Raben: That was the only explanation I was given, is that –

President Abell: I guess Judge Lloyd felt that maybe they shouldn't be –

Councilmember Shetler: I don't think that's what your question is, because there were a couple vendors, movers, that come in from time to time and do work in the building and for the court system. I think your question is, why is it coming through the County Council as opposed to coming through the Building Authority –

Terry Dietsch: Through the County Council and into a line item.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, and that I can't answer. It has happened on a couple occasions I can think of in a couple township assessor type of situations, it did come up, but they were relatively small amounts like this is. Other than that, usually bigger projects do come through the Building Authority and I don't know. I can't...

Terry Dietsch: Okay, well, at any rate, it's a moot question now. Alright, thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Judge Dietsch.

Councilmember Shetler: But the rest of it is to give me cover, so...

President Abell: Okay, well, any other questions? We are voting on the two expenses minus the moving expense. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	275,000.00	275,000.00
1370-3052	YCC Operating Cost	16,488.00	16,488.00
Total		291,488.00	291,488.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next 1370-3605 Moving Expense in the amount of \$1,000, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second? Are you seconding, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No I have a question.

President Abell: I need a second first.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll second.

President Abell: Okay, now...

Councilmember Goebel: I think that does merit a little bit of consideration as to why it came to us in this form and it didn't go through the Building Authority because I don't remember this ever happening before at any time.

President Abell: Well, I don't either and I used to be the Clerk here and I did a lot of moving around there and I never asked the Council to pay for any moving expense.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there somebody to speak to this?

President Abell: I told you all I know is that Judge Lloyd was concerned about work release people handling the court files and then Bennie, I guess, couldn't do it.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we want to have it done, I just don't know if this is the right way to go about it.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, do you have a –

Bill Fluty: I just know in the past, Bennie has done most of the moving with some help and it's usually been with people from the Community Corrections. Apparently, this can't happen this time. I don't remember the Building Authority actually moving, they do all the maintenance, but I don't know when they participated in actually moving furniture from one office to another office. That's always been something Bennie has done. So I guess that's the real change here.

President Abell: Judge Niemeier, who moved you, because you moved from one building to another.

Brett Niemeier: Yeah, it was hired out, but the Building Authority paid for it.

President Abell: That's what I was wondering.

Councilmember Sutton: This move is within the same building –

President Abell: It's from one floor to the other. She is moving from the second floor down to the judicial corridor.

Councilmember Sutton: Outside of someone retiring, was there any reason given why a move needed to be made?

President Abell: Well, I guess there's some pecking order as to who gets to move down to the judicial corridor and she has seniority, if that answers your question. So the new kid on the block gets her office and she gets to move downstairs to the judicial corridor. Fair answer, Judge Dietsch? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: They're shaking their heads as in yes.

President Abell: They're shaking their heads – no one wants to broach the subject. I just happen to be brazen enough to do it. That's it.

Councilmember Sutton: And, uh –

President Abell: Do you want to remove – you know, we have another meeting we could always –

Councilmember Sutton: When is Bennie going to be back?

President Abell: I don't – it's set to move when?

Councilmember Raben: Bennie is, I mean, he's in the building today. I saw him. I don't think that Bennie, on his own, is physically able to – I don't know that any of us in this room on our own are able to make this big of a move. And again, it's a matter of security if you have work release people in there moving court records. I mean, you know, common sense tells us that that's probably not the best situation, so...

Councilmember Sutton: And who was going to do this move? It doesn't say in here.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think you heard it earlier. The person awarded the contract is to your left.

Councilmember Shetler: Well no, not exactly. They use a couple different vendors and he usually gets quotes on those moves and I don't think anything has been awarded on this specifically yet. Because there's a possibility, I think it's better for me not to be involved in that. There have been numerous moves over the course of the last 40 years that have taken place in this building by professionals. It particularly, when it gets into the court system, it becomes a bit more sensitive. I don't think it's the amount of money here, I think the question is, why is it being handled in this method? And I can't answer that question because it is unique. I've not seen it before that I've been on the Council and I don't know how it was handled before except that I know that I eventually got a check and I was happy about that.

Councilmember Goebel: When is the move scheduled?

President Abell: December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember Goebel: Do we have a meeting? Or we couldn't approve it, though, next week.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, Mr. Rector may be in the building and maybe he could give the explanation. If we put this off toward the end, somebody could track him down, because that's really, I think that's where that request would come from anyway.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me withdraw the motion and if –

President Abell: Sarah, you want to go find him?

Councilmember Raben: If we can get him up here before the end of the meeting, let's do that.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I'm going to withdraw my motion.

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## **COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, County Council, Accrued Payments, Office Machines and FICA in the amount of \$113,902, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Any questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	Accrued Payments	105,296.00	105,296.00
1480-1900	FICA	8,056.00	8,056.00
1480-4220	Office Machines	550.00	550.00
Total		113,902.00	113,902.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

#### **SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Insurance in the amount of \$5,000, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Sheriff Williams is here. I don't have a question about this, Sheriff Williams, but I did see you on television last night and I wanted to ask you how the charge for the sex offenders is going.

Eric Williams: I was hoping I'd get to tell you that. Actually, it's gone very well –

President Abell: Telling me to call you to the podium worked out.

Eric Williams: – much as I predicted and what I pledged to you. I know Kim is preparing a quietus to quietus about 13,000 back to the General Fund to cover the cost that you gave us to pay for the extra part-timer to cover that. So that part paid for itself. So far, I think it's a good program. It is generating funds. I think it's going to end up being about \$18,000 for the year.

President Abell: That's based on \$50 a year?

Eric Williams: Fifty dollars for an annual registration and five dollars any time they have to amend their information.

President Abell: I hate to hear there are that many in our community.



Eric Williams: You know, much as I said last night to the news, I think this is the perfect example of a peer user fee. These are the individuals that created the situation and they're the ones that have to be on the registry and they ought to at least foot the biggest portion of the bill. While that's not really occurring, they are making a dent in it.

President Abell: Anyone have a question of Sheriff Williams?

Eric Williams: My actual request, though, just so you know, that is for insurance and it's from unappropriated grant money, that's just to cover insurance for employees that are paid from that grant.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you, Sheriff, and thanks for doing a good job.

Eric Williams: Thank you.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1920	Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

<p><b>REPEAL OF FUNDS JAIL PROJECT</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Jail Project 3660-4196 repeal in the amount of \$635,000, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Is that the correct amount? Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4196	Facility Improvement	635,000.00	635,000.00
Total		635,000.00	635,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

Councilmember Sutton: Madam President, before we move on to the transfers, could you indulge me for a second? On one of our previous ones that we went through, on the County Council, on the Accrued Payments, do we have something that lists – Sandie is not in the room – do we have something that lists those accrued payments out on an itemized basis, who they're going to and the amounts? I mean, because we've got 105,000 on that line. Do we have something that shows that?

Bill Fluty: I know Sandie does. We have projected, we don't know exactly all the moves that are going to happen, but we do have some information on quite a few of them, and the ones that have already been turned in to us. So that is an estimate.

Councilmember Sutton: So that is an estimate. So if we can get that itemized for us, before those payments are actually made, that would be extremely helpful for us to see that. I know we do at the end of the year always get some changes in staffing with people retiring and so forth, but if we could see that, that would be great.

Bill Fluty: We can do that.

President Abell: Thank you. Mr. Goebel, did you have a question? Okay. Transfer requests?

Councilmember Raben: Did we vote on the last request?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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<b>CORONER</b>	<b>ELECTION OFFICE</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION</b>	<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>
<b>LEGAL AID</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>FAMILY &amp; CHILDREN</b>	<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>
<b>REASSESSMENT/TREASURER</b>	<b>CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL</b>
<b>LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMM.</b>	<b>ELECTION OFFICE (LATE)</b>
<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)</b>	<b>REASSESS/KNIGHT ASSR. (LATE)</b>

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Madam President, if everyone wants to take a moment and revisit the transfers, there's several of them including the late transfer request for the Election Office, the Cum Bridge and the Knight/Reassessment. If no one has any questions with any of those transfers, I would like to make one motion to include all transfers and approve as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second. I do have one question on one of the transfers.

President Abell: Go ahead, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: It's on the Coroner, back during budget time, we had a presentation that talked about the extensive number of issues and repairs related to that building and trying to get an idea if we're any closer to coming up with a list of what those projects are. In this here, there's a request for replacing out the carpet and they were talking about the air conditioning unit, and the cooling unit was bad. Is there any progress being made toward that before we start buying carpet?

President Abell: I think the Chief Deputy is here to answer that question.

Annie Groves: Hi, I'm Annie Groves, Chief Deputy Coroner. The air conditioning is not going bad. It did need a few repairs and it's going to need some more. Our refrigeration is going to need some more. But we aren't in to where we have to replace everything. It's, you know, we have to add stuff every once in a while. The Freon goes out and we have to give it a little boost there, but the building is, you know 17 years old. We will need a roof. There are things that we will need. However, we're to the point now that we do have the money for the carpet, if we can transfer. We can no longer clean our carpets, they're that bad. In fact, when it rains now, the carpets bubble up. So it, you know, it's something that it's a band-aid approach but we're going to have to start slow there. There's a lot that needs to be done.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, during budget time, I know I did make a request and there was a lot of discussion about just the condition of the building and recognizing the condition of it and the age of it. What we were anticipating was something that, someone who would go over from the Building Authority in coordination with the Coroner's office and giving us an assessment of what those needs are in that office so that --

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– might get to the point where their repairs might be larger than what they may need to be right now or any issues that may cause a compromise in the level of service that you guys can provide because of just structural issues. I haven't seen that yet. I mean, is that something that's being developed?

Annie Groves: Well, the Building Authority does not own the building, the Commissioners do.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand that, but in relation to what they do with some of our other buildings and really gaining some assessment of what repair needs, that's what we were hoping there would be some coordination there. They wouldn't be responsible for it. Ultimately, it would come back on the Council in making those repairs. Is there something that is being worked toward so that we can get a true assessment of what those needs are? Because we have had some requests related to the building.

Annie Groves: I would be more than happy to take care of that and bring that to you because I know it needs to be done. There's a lot of things that does need to be done. And I could go ahead and get prices, etcetera, on the repairs that we do need, if you would like that.

Councilmember Sutton: It's something, like I said –

Annie Groves: And whoever you want me to work with, I'd be happy to.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what brought it to bear and like I said, just seeing that we're dealing with a carpet issue and knowing the refrigeration issue is just – I want to make sure we're in line with what priorities are highest.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Annie, hi. Did I hear you correctly, the old carpet bubbles up when it rains?

Annie Groves: Yes, it does.

Councilmember Goebel: Will the new carpet not do that?

Annie Groves: No, it will not. What it is, is it's the glue is coming up from the floor because of the age, so what happens is, when we have some rain, the moisture makes the carpet bubble.

Councilmember Goebel: The humidity.

Annie Groves: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: But water is not getting into your –

Annie Groves: No, it's not.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a comment. I think that building is actually older than 17 years.

Annie Groves: 1991 is when we built it.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, really?

Annie Groves: Uh-huh. We moved in in 1991.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. But I think everybody up here, Annie, agrees that it's time to probably give that thing a little care to preserve it.

Annie Groves: I appreciate that very much.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote. Wait a minute. We're on all the transfers. And this is on all the transfers, we're voting on all the transfers, not just the Coroners. Although she is the one that got picked on. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1070-2720	Lab Supplies	500.00	500.00
1070-2740	Chemicals	500.00	500.00
1070-3520	Equipment Repair	1,200.00	1,200.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	3,571.00	3,571.00
To: 1070-4122	Buildings & Equipment	5,771.00	5,771.00

<b>ELECTION OFFICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	827.00	827.00
To: 1210-1900	FICA	827.00	827.00

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1230-4220	Office Machines	700.00	700.00
To: 1230-2600	Office Supplies	700.00	700.00

**SUPERIOR COURT** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1370-3520	Equipment Repair	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 1370-3250	Law Books	4,000.00	4,000.00

**LEGAL AID** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1460-3000	Bond & Insurance	100.00	100.00
1460-3010	Other Insurance	259.00	259.00
1460-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
1460-3450	Yellow Pages	96.00	96.00
1460-3730	Continuing Education	1,275.00	1,275.00
To: 1460-3410	Printing	96.00	96.00
1460-3140	Telephone	2,134.00	2,134.00

**COUNTY COUNCIL** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1480-1920	Insurance	651.00	651.00
To: 1480-1910	PERF	651.00	651.00

**FAMILY & CHILDREN** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2042-32500	Out of Home Placements-Foster	85,000.00	85,000.00
2042-32520	Out of Home Place/Institution	85,000.00	85,000.00
2042-32550	Misc. Cost of Wards	10,000.00	10,000.00
2042-32850	Misc. Cost Wards-Prob.	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 2042-32540	Preservation Services	170,000.00	170,000.00
2042-30090	Child Welfare Services	12,500.00	12,500.00

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2130-3130	Travel/Mileage	7,000.00	7,000.00
2130-3530	Contractual Services	3,810.00	3,810.00
2130-1170-2130	Med. Lab Tech. Super.	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2130-4230	Motor Vehicle	10,810.00	10,810.00
2130-1990	Extra Help	1,000.00	1,000.00

<b>REASSESSMENT/TREASURER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2490-1030-1990	Extra Help	100.00	100.00
To: 2490-1030-1900	FICA	100.00	100.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2600-1910	PERF	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 2600-1920	Insurance	2,500.00	2,500.00

<b>LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2861-3310	Training	2,000.00	2,000.00
2861-3130	Travel/Mileage	600.00	600.00
2861-4431	Hazmat Response Equipment	500.00	500.00
To: 2861-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	3,100.00	3,100.00

<b>LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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<b>ELECTION OFFICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1210-3410	Printing	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 1210-1120-1210	Election Assistants	2,500.00	2,500.00

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 2030-1150-2030	Laborer	2,910.00	2,910.00
To: 2030-1970	Temp. Replacement	2,910.00	2,910.00

REASSESS./KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1130-3310	Training	800.00	800.00
To: 2490-1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	800.00	800.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I see Sarah is not back yet, so I guess we'll delay the \$1,000 until later on in the meeting.

President Abell: We'll continue with the meeting and when Sarah gets back and we hear from Mr. Rector, we'll go forward.

<b>APPOINTMENT TO DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD</b>
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President Abell: Under old business, there is a new board that has been, is in the process of being formulated, it is the Disability Advisory Board, and we have an appointment and I asked all of you last week if anyone thought Michelle Kirk would be a suitable candidate for that. And as I recall, the Sheriff was in the back of the room at that time, shaking his head yes. We do have her papers prepared, I understand. And Ms. Kirk is here and if you'd like to come forward, Ms. Kirk, maybe we can introduce you to the Council, and you can tell us a little bit about your background and why this is a good appointment for you.

Michelle Kirk: Hello, I am Michelle Kirk. I am currently the director of Sycamore Services and we serve the deaf and hard of hearing population as well as adult and children with developmental disabilities, and I have been in this field for about 22 years and started actually working in the Special Olympics and continued from there. I have extensive experience in the field. I am really excited about the appointment and really look forward to serving.

President Abell: We're very happy to have someone so well qualified as our appointment on the board.

Michelle Kirk: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you for agreeing to serve, too.

Michelle Kirk: Well, I appreciate it. I really look forward to it.

President Abell: Thank you so much and if you can see – we have your papers here. You'll need to go to the Clerk's Office to be sworn in. If you can stick around for just a few minutes, we can take care of that.

Michelle Kirk: Sure.

President Abell: Okay.

Michelle Kirk: Okay.

President Abell: Thank you.



Michelle Kirk: Thank you.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Madam President, we can go ahead and take care of the amendments to the Salary Ordinance –

President Abell: Oh, I guess we could, sure.

Councilmember Raben: – before we get into the other business.

President Abell: Are we going to take the Township Assessors later? How do you want to handle that?

Councilmember Raben: No, I'm going to address those in the same amendments.

President Abell: In the salary – okay.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know, has Sarah passed around, did she pass around before she left...let me look on her desk and make sure everybody... Okay, sorry about that. As you can see, we've got quite a few amendments to the Salary Ordinance and, Madam President, I would like, rather than call these or read all these out, ask that they be entered into the minutes, be made part of the minutes. If anyone has any questions on the Assessors portion of it, which is about 80% of what we're dealing with here, I'll be happy to answer any of those. I might speak to it just briefly and call on our legal counsel if I don't explain this well enough, but as everyone recalls, last August when we prepared our budget, we appropriated for the Assessors, six months of their salaries in these three individual township budgets and then we funded a lump sum line within the County Assessor's budget. You know, at that time, none of us knew what was going to happen in regards to the referendum, and as it turned out, the action we took was the appropriate action. But, all these accounts, basically, are shifting those lines from their general budgets into the County Assessor's budget. The three at the bottom are for the actual elected township assessors, for Center, Knight and Pigeon. And what the law states is that, while these individuals will still be considered elected officials, we have to fund their level two certifications and whatever we opt to do on the benefit side. But it's my understanding that some or all of these individuals have applied with the Assessor's Office for other responsibilities within his budget or within his office. But they'll no longer be paid out of their original line items. And, again, according to law, it states that we cannot adjust an elected official's salary in the same budget year, so we can't go in and reset those line items after January 1. We have to do it this year and then the ones who might take work at the County Assessor's Office will have lines that you see above and we'll make those appropriate adjustments after January 1. So I know I probably didn't do a great job explaining that, it's a lot to explain, but if there's any questions, please ask now and I can even turn to our legal advisor.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler and then Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Shetler: The pay level then, for the Assessors if they decided not to take on a job underneath the new arrangement underneath the Assessor would be one dollar for the entire year?

Councilmember Raben: Could be up to that one dollar. No, by law, all we're required to pay them is actually their level two certification, which is \$1,000, which is a line that's already funded.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, are we treating this differently than what we did back in June and July on the other townships? Because at that time, what we did is, we paid, I think, the balance for the six months when those guys left that office, they were still paid for – and what we did is, we agreed upon, I think according to the Assessor's advice at that meeting back in June, that we pay them for six months even if they weren't going to go on. And now we're kind of dropping them, and German Township, I'm thinking of specifically, so are we treating this differently?

Councilmember Raben: Again, you couldn't adjust their salaries in the same budget year.

President Abell: Because it had already been set.

Councilmember Raben: That's what the statute states.

Councilmember Shetler: I understand that.

Councilmember Raben: So this is totally different. I mean, to make the adjustment we need to make, we have to do it this year for 2009. We have to do it in December of 2008.

Councilmember Shetler: I understand that. My point being, though, that what we did has established the fact that, and particularly in German Township, I think they were kind of given a choice, and in German Township, he decided not to, and then he continued on to be paid and that was just kind of the way we set that up.

Councilmember Raben: And again, --

Councilmember Shetler: So we're not doing the same thing for these folks.

Councilmember Raben: Well, but you've got the other lines established. It's just, there will not be a need for an actual Center, Knight, Pigeon Township Assessor line item. Okay, --

Councilmember Shetler: I understand.

Councilmember Raben: So we can shift, we can transfer funds, you know, if any or all three, we can transfer funds into other line items. You just, if it pertains to them as an elected official, we can't take any action after today. They all three can go to work in the County Assessor's Office where funds will be made available, we'll transfer funds to fund those positions.

Councilmember Sutton: And I think the – kind of along the lines of what I was going to – really similar to what Tom has alluded to, the question is, if a person in any of these three Assessor Offices chooses, say that the elected assessor chooses not to go over to the County Assessor's Office, do they still have the ability to be paid for duties under their old office or I guess their office that no longer exists, similar to the issue that we had with the German Assessor. So if they choose not to go over, would they still receive compensation with no adjustment whatsoever to their salary, but they would receive the same salary they ordinarily would?

Councilmember Raben: That would be up to this body. But...

Councilmember Sutton: Didn't the Department of Local Government Finance act on this? I thought we received a memo on this issue.

President Abell: They've changed, they've flip flopped. We've received a lot of memos, they keep changing their –

Jeff Ahlers: And I think Mr. Raben did a good job of explaining it, but, I mean, essentially, what we've got here is because of a technicality in the law that says that an elected officeholder's salary can't be changed in the year that it's fixed. Our problem is, is that within the salary line item for them as an elected officeholder, we have to set that, whatever you want that to be set, by the end of the year because come January 1, '09, whatever it is, it is. The law says you cannot increase or decrease an elected official's salary line item in the year for which it is fixed. Now, in '09, you can change it for '10, but you can't change it for '09. So the thought is, that – and then the Attorney General, because of all that's occurred with the Township Assessors, has issued an Attorney General opinion saying that it will not be considered to be a violation of the dual officeholder law if they also become a deputy assessor under the County Assessor. So they're able to continue through the rest of their term as being an elected official, they can also be employed as a deputy by the County Assessor and be paid for that. That line item as a deputy, of course, would be treated like any other employee, and you can increase or decrease that salary next year as you need to, to compensate. It's just that the salaried line item for them as an elected officeholder, you're going to have to make, if not at this meeting, at a special meeting before the end of the year, what you're going to set that in as and that can be anywhere from zero to the full salary.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, zero is not a salary.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, one dollar, whatever you want to do. You can zero it, they continue to be an elected officeholder. The question is whether you want to pay them for being an elected officeholder if they're not performing any other duties and that's up to you. I mean, you can pay them their full salary if you like, it's just that after January 1, you can't change that line item.

Councilmember Sutton: Perhaps this is all just idle discussion if all of these individuals are planning to go over to the County Assessor's Office anyway. Do we know that to be the case?

Jeff Ahlers: And I think that's part of the conundrum that you're facing is that if those decisions had been made, it would be easier for you to adjust these salaries to make them as you deem to be appropriate and just. The problem is, is I guess there are some question marks there as to whether any or all of these folks will be hired and in what positions in the County Assessor's Office, and to what they would be paid through the virtue of that position, so you still have the problem as to what you want to do with the elected officeholder. And as Mr. Shetler raises, I guess you do have an issue if you choose to address, I suppose, is that if any of them are not employed in the Assessor's Office or that you believe that they have duties as an elected officeholder independent of those duties, to continue to help in the transition. And obviously, I don't know what duties those would be and the County Assessor or whoever, may be better to address that, maybe there is a basis that you want to pay them independently. That's your choice. It's just that in that particular line item, you're going to be faced with having to live with that decision for the entire year of 2009, whatever you set that in before the end of the year.

Councilmember Raben: Could I, real quick, step in just a moment? Prior to the meeting, because, and Sarah was away from the room when we got into the amendments here, but first, Sarah, did you look, were you able to find out if this room was available on the 17<sup>th</sup>? Okay, our regular Personnel & Finance meeting is

scheduled for next Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, and Sandie Deig was concerned that there is going to be other housekeeping matters in regards to the County Assessor's Office that we'll have to address yet this year. Sarah was going to check and see if we can push our Personnel & Finance meeting back another week to the 17<sup>th</sup>, if that's okay with everybody, and that would give us ample time if we need to advertise to make any other changes in regards to that office. We could advertise our Personnel & Finance meeting and go ahead and have ample time to advertise a special meeting where might be taking final action on some matters just like housekeeping here within the County Assessor's Office. So if you'd rather not even get into this today, we don't have to. But everyone has to understand that we'll have to have a special meeting because we will have to set these other lines in before the end of the year. So –

Councilmember Sutton: I'm perfectly fine with –

Councilmember Raben: If you're okay with the special meeting –

Councilmember Sutton: Because I'm not going to be available on the 10<sup>th</sup>, anyway.

Councilmember Raben: We're talking about moving it to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, so that would work and then just given the number of questions that we've got and all the different opinions from the Department –

Councilmember Raben: I'm fine with that. It was like, if everybody wasn't okay with the special meeting, then we had to take action today. So –

President Abell: Maybe we need to check with the County Assessor and he could be here to also –

Councilmember Sutton: That would be of utmost importance.

Councilmember Goebel: Will the Assessor jobs be finalized by the 17<sup>th</sup>?

President Abell: I don't know. I can't answer that.

Councilmember Shetler: By law, I think he's got until the 31<sup>st</sup> to actually make that decision and it's not, I guess some of the problem here that I see a couple problems that, you know, I'd just as soon put it off until the 17<sup>th</sup> as well, and perhaps I should wait on that, but the one problem is, is that we're doing with, first of all, they have to apply by today, I think, is what his rule has been. And then the second is, he has to hire them, which could be a question. And then the third point is, that we did treat, and I understand that they were underneath the '08 law, which had to be acted on in '07, but nobody knew about it in '07 because it didn't become law until late April of '08. So we had people who are officeholders who ran for – and the opinion I think at the time, the County Assessor, when he came here in June, and this body, when we acted on it, was to basically extend to those folks who were elected, a six month type of severance if you will. And I guess we'd call it otherwise, and that's the only point that I was bringing up is that I thought that that was kind of what we had as an unspoken agreement back in June.

Councilmember Raben: And again, we can make any of those adjustments. As you look through here, there's three new lines for First Deputy/Real Estate. That would be for those individuals if needed to be. But let's do this, I'm going to amend my motion barring that Sarah doesn't run into anything in regards to reserving this room

for the 17<sup>th</sup>, and I guess we'll have the time of that hopefully before we adjourn today.

President Abell: She is going to check.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to amend my motion for the amendments to salary ordinance to only include County Council salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Payments as previously adopted, the appropriation request for buy-outs for retirees and employees no longer Chief Deputies; Health Department salary line 2130-1990 Extra Help as previously approved; Election Office 1210-1120 Election Assistant as previously approved; and Cum Bridge salary line 2030-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Any further discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

<b>2008 TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE</b>
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President Abell: Okay, I'm going to move A & B under new business to the end of the meeting, so we can get these other, because they're going to take longer, and get these other – actually, I'm going to leave B on. Is Libbie here? Libbie, do you want to come forward and talk about the tax phase-in compliance and –

Libbie Au: Certainly. Libbie Au, with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. The spreadsheets you received in your packets is the same compliance information I presented in August. After consulting with Mr. Ahlers, it appears that in order to close out the report and have the paperwork signed, the Council will need to make a formal motion accepting the report and finding the company in compliance.

President Abell: Do I hear a motion from anyone?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions of Ms. Au? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

<p><b>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PERTAINING TO AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 530 AND 600 CROSS POINTE BOULEVARD AND 7323 COLUMBIA STREET S PROPERTIES, LLC.</b></p>
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President Abell: Would you like to stay for the resolution, and Mr. Ahlers has asked to be excused because he has a conflict with this.

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, I'm going to excuse myself on the next matter and you guys just wave at me when you're done.

President Abell: We'll drag down an attorney if we need a legal answer. There's bound to be a couple in the building.

Libbie Au: The resolution before you is in regards to the S Properties tax phase-in. S Properties was granted a phase-in by the County Council on April 6, 2005 for the construction of a high-tech office building. At the advice of their accountants and counsel, the company did not file for the phase-in in 2006 when the project was only partially completed, but did wait until 2007. The Auditor's Office, with all tax phase-ins, does undertake partial assessments, so they began the phase-in in 2006. With me today is Mr. Schopmeyer, counsel for S Properties, who would be happy to answer any questions regarding the resolution.

President Abell: Do you want to come forward, Mr. Schopmeyer, and I'll see if any members of the Council want to, I guess first I need a motion to accept this to get it on the floor.

Councilmember Goebel: Motion to accept.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Abell: Are there any questions of Council for Mr. Schopmeyer? No?

Councilmember Goebel: I think the only thing that I had and I think Libbie responded was the amount of interest is somewhere around \$17, is that correct? And was that added, too?

Bill Fluty: I think it was actually \$13 and –

Libbie Au: It's \$13.42.

Councilmember Goebel: Sorry.

Bill Fluty: And that was an estimate – it may change to some degree depending on how quickly it's processed.

President Abell: Anyone else? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

Mike Schopmeyer: I'd like to, for the record, just commend Ms. Abell for her years of service, this will be the last time we appear in front of her, and Ms. Leader is not here today, but we appreciate what you've done for the county all these years. Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Schopmeyer.

<p><b>ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NO MORE THAN \$800,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2008 (CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA PROJECT) OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA</b></p>
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President Abell: An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of no more than

\$800,000 economic development revenue bonds, series 2008 (Catholic Diocese of Evansville, Indiana Project) of Vanderburgh County, Indiana. We discussed this last month and I need a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions? I don't think there's anyone here to answer them, but – oh, there are. There are people here to answer them. Oh, okay, well, I'm sorry, I didn't recognize you. Does anyone have any questions? I think we were pretty straight on this.

(Inaudible)

President Abell: Yeah, we were expecting the bishop. Okay, I don't think we're going to have any questions. If you want to stay around, we're going to vote on it. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

President Abell: Thank you, gentlemen, I'm sorry you had to sit through a long meeting for nothing.

Jeff Ahlers: We didn't vote on that last month, this is the first time the bond --

President Abell: No, we did talk about it, but because this is our Personnel & Finance meeting, I just need a motion from someone that this is final action.

Jeff Ahlers: What we needed to do is have a motion like we normally do on this bond, that for unanimous passage, that it doesn't have to come back for another reading, that this would be the first and final reading.



President Abell: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: And then re-vote on it so that –

President Abell: So we'll have to do it again.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, so vote on this motion that it be a first and final reading if it's unanimously passed and then we'll vote on the bond ordinance again.

President Abell: Again, okay.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

President Abell: Now we have to vote on the bond again.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, let's go ahead just to make sure that the record is clear, go ahead and –

President Abell: Just to make sure the record is clear, we're going to vote on the bond again.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: The bond ordinance, yes.

President Abell: The bond ordinance. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

President Abell: Thank you, gentlemen.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A JOINT DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL DISPATCH</b></p>
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President Abell: The next order of business is the agreement to extend the interlocal agreement to provide for a joint department of Central Dispatch. I had met a couple of times with the Mayor regarding our contract, our interlocal agreement with the city had expired regarding Central Dispatch and what this virtually does is allows us to continue for one more year to operate as we have in the past and to give us this year to work out a working agreement with the city on how we're going to handle this Central Dispatch. Also recognizing that there is some legislation pending that's going to affect Central Dispatch at the state level this year. So does anyone have any questions about that? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I've got maybe two. First, so there's totally an extension of the existing agreement, no changes or amendments made within that?

President Abell: Is that correct, Mr. Ahlers? This is the Central Dispatch. It's just totally an extension as it was with no corrections, I understand?

Jeff Ahlers: Correct, it's just a one year extension and my understanding is, I don't have a signed copy in front of me, but I believe that that was passed by the Commissioners a couple of weeks ago, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but there's not any amendments or changes within the original agreement?

Jeff Ahlers: That is correct. This is just a one year extension because what happened was, is under the original agreement, there was – if either the city or

county wanted to terminate the agreement, the notice had to be served a year in advance. They city has served that, so technically, it terminated at the end of October, and so this is to extend it for a year and then, I think, the city and county should have negotiations underway currently or are getting ready to, to then put together a new agreement, whether it changes or not, or you want to enter into a longer agreement.

Councilmember Raben: I would recommend to the body that our legal counsel and one or two or as many as three of us might want to be part of those negotiations. I was involved in some prior meetings earlier in the year on this but would volunteer to do so moving forward if that's okay with everybody.

President Abell: Okay, do I have a motion on the floor? No, we don't actually have a motion on the floor to extend this agreement. I do need a motion and a second.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

<b>PERMISSION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF 911 FUNDS</b>
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President Abell: Okay, next on the agenda, Jo Ann Smith is here with Central Dispatch.

Jo Ann Smith: Good morning.

President Abell: Good morning, Jo Ann.

Jo Ann Smith: The city controller, working with Mr. Fluty on the 911 funds that were set aside for Central Dispatch out of the 2006 monies that were increased \$.95 to

be shared by city and county and then a portion to go to an account for Central Dispatch. We are asking for funds from this account for the first time this year. You should have received a document that we are requesting funds for the technicians' needs, for headsets, and for computer software in the amount of \$28,382.45 coming from that capital account. I believe that there is in excess of \$800,000 in that account currently. Out of that account comes a \$77,000 quarterly payment to AT&T. And currently, I believe, and Mr. Fluty, correct me if I'm wrong, I believe that's all that's currently coming out of that account. That is for a ten year contract, that \$77,000 is coming out of that account for the next ten years. We will probably not only be making the request this year, but we probably will have to in the future as well, request funds from this account to operate.

President Abell: Anyone have a question? I have a question for Mr. Fluty. Are these considered capital items and can we do this legally?

Bill Fluty: Yes, we can.

President Abell: Anyone else have a question? I need a motion to approve.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Abell: I need a second.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

President Abell: Thank you, Jo Ann. Sorry you had to wait so long.

Jo Ann Smith: That's okay.

<b>COMMISSION ON HOMELESS</b>
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President Abell: The Commission on Homeless had requested to be able to make a presentation.

Luzada Hayes: Thank you and good morning. I am Luzada Hays and I am executive director of Aurora Incorporated, which is a non-profit that is committed to ending homelessness in our community. But I also served as the resource coordinator for Destination Home, which is the Evansville-Vanderburgh County ten-year plan to end homelessness. And the oversight governing body of that implementation is the Commission on Homelessness, which is the joint city-county commission. So we just appreciate the opportunity to come and just kind of give you a progress report of the work that that commission has undertaken in the last year. We included a packet of information that should have been sent out to you. In that packet was basically a two-page written report, a matrix of all of the different activities and committees and community groups that are responsible for implementing the strategies out of Destination Home, just to kind of give you a feel of the massiveness of this endeavor. There was an organizational and an individual endorsement of support that I'll refer to in just a moment and an invitation to attend the fourth anniversary celebration which is next Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Part of Destination Home and the commission is to celebrate the accomplishments, so we just invite you to join us there for that. I'll just kind of give you a few highlights and then if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer anything that you might have. We feel it's important that the County Council have an understanding of the issue of homelessness as well as the activities that are going on to address it, so as your constituents, if that topic comes up, you are better informed to be able to address those questions. The format of the plan is broken down in a couple of components. One is data collection. We know that we will not be able to identify that we have actually reduced homelessness or actually ended it if we don't have good numbers, so for the last four years the community has been working to get as many of the service providers on board with one web-based data collection, and we call that HMIS. In Indiana, they refer to it as Hoosier Management Information System. Across the country, it's known as the Homeless Management Information System. But Evansville and Vanderburgh County providers are on a similar service that is served by all of the state of Indiana with the exception of Indianapolis. So this web-based program will be able to give us not only local numbers, but also on a state-wide level, excluding Indianapolis and there will be a report released early in '09 that will actually give us baseline figures that we will be able to use here going forward for our numbers, we will know how many, and it's based on 2007. So we will begin to measure all of our benchmarks and baseline measures from the 2000 annual report that will be identified for this community. So that helps us know how the population breaks out, how many families are becoming homeless, how many individuals, and what their special needs are, how long they've been homeless and why they've become homeless, as well as their income level. So we're really excited that we have reached a data quality level with this information gathering system. We have also, the commission has a couple of committees, one of which is a discharge planning committee and they have actually hired a staff person to work with the institutions that release individuals from their institutions with the goal of them not being released into homelessness, so we work very closely with the jail, community corrections, Department of Corrections, foster care system, nursing homes, hospitals, are the primary participants of that group, and their sole purpose is to get together and better coordinate services so that individuals that leave those institutions are not homeless upon release. We know that if they have a better housing, more stable housing situation upon release, the likelihood that they will

become homeless again is greatly reduced. So this is basically a homeless prevention effort and that coalition is operating every month to turn in work on those specific issues. We know that without housing, we will not be able to end homelessness, so we have a couple of new housing projects that have come on-line this year. We have 20 units of rental assistance that has been provided through a HUD grant for individuals with disabilities, that is a scattered site grant and so we're using existing rental facilities in the community. We also have another 20 units that will be coming on for families with disabilities that should be starting yet before the end of this year. We have also submitted an application for next year to HUD and if approved, it will serve 25 families per year for three years, so a total of 75 families over a three year period, with not only housing assistance, but also service money that will be able to help the families stabilize in housing, and thus prevent them from falling into homelessness again. That grant in particular, if awarded, will be over a million dollars coming to the community from HUD for housing and service assistance. We also have a raising incomes committee. We know that we cannot continue to develop subsidies and one of the efforts of Destination Home is to increase incomes. So that committee is working to identify best practices and career planning assessment and training programs, pipeline supply program, social entrepreneur, and work support services. So they just started this year, so next year we're hoping that they will also have some programs in place to start helping identify individuals that could raise from a minimum wage job, up into a higher paid job and work more of a career type of program. We have a prevention program for our homeless children, zero to five currently operating in six out of our seven family shelters, and that program basically equips space within the shelter for age appropriate toys. We know with the brain research and all of the current information about brain development, that it's very important that we reach these children while we have them and to be able to increase brain development through appropriate play. And just making sure that they have time to play. Part of this program is to have a coordinator then that will recruit volunteers that will actually come in and work with the children while they're in the homeless shelters, and we have a funder that has totally embraced this program, and we will be releasing that next week. More information on that, so come to the celebration and you can learn about that funder that has embraced that program. Marketing and PR and promotion of the plan and permanent solutions to homelessness is very important. We have a web-site that is accessed on a national basis. We continue to receive calls from communities all across the country saying how are you doing in your ten-year plan. And the piece that they are most impressed with is the commission, that we have been able to establish an oversight body that is both the city and the county joint oversight. And that has been apparently not available or not an opportunity that many other communities have. So again, we want to thank you for your participation in that. Also, underway for next year will be Vanderburgh Homeless Connect, and this will be a one-day event where we will pull in multiple service providers on March 12. The current location is at the coliseum and we will host that day for as many of our homeless residents to come and the whole goal is when they leave there, that they will actually have received services, so there will be healthcare providers, there will be housing providers, it will be a massive effort to have multiple service providers in one place for clients to be able to access services at one time. So we'd like to also invite you to that. In your packet was an endorsement. I do not believe that we actually have an endorsement from the Council as a whole. If you would like to consider that at the celebration, we always acknowledge the endorsements that have been made, particularly by our elected officials and there is also an individual endorsement in there if you would like to sign that. I believe Mr. Fluty has already signed one for us and so we have that on file. But if anyone else would like to sign that and get that to us, then we'll definitely

acknowledge that at the December 11 – it should have been in your packets.

President Abell: It probably was. Our packets are loaded. I just wondered if anyone had theirs with them?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, we do.

President Abell: And the one for all of us, maybe we could all sign it.

Luzada Hayes: I have an organizational one.

President Abell: Is this the one that you wanted the entire organization to sign?

Luzada Hayes: Yes.

Tom Shetler: Do we need a motion?

President Abell: We'll probably need a motion. Do you have another copy? Do you want to read it to us or –

Luzada Hayes: That is my only copy. I thought I had included an organizational one in case you have businesses, too, we welcome business support.

Councilmember Sutton: I've got a copy of it here, the organizational one.

President Abell: Is yours just like this?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Luzada Hayes: The individual is just like the organization. The copy is the same and you're not committing any resources, you're just committing to the spirit that, as a community, we are embracing ending homelessness as a goal for our city.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you want me to read that or --

President Abell: Yeah, If you want to and then I can sign it – in fact, we'll vote on it.

Councilmember Sutton: This is the Destination Home – a ten-year journey to end homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. It's an organizational endorsement of support from the Vanderburgh County Council. Destination Home, a ten-year journey to end homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh County is a comprehensive community development concept that challenges the previously accepted idea that homelessness will always exist in our community. As long as we continue to do what we've always done, we will continue to get the same results. But if we continue to work together to shelter and care for individuals and families who face homelessness and commit to the development and implementation of models that have been proven to bridge them into permanent housing and equip them with the skills and understanding to build stable lives in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, we will eliminate homelessness as we know it today. By signing this endorsement, we are committing to the spirit and philosophy of Destination Home – a ten-year journey to end homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. Our organization, the Vanderburgh County Council, will support efforts to prevent homelessness and the development of permanent solutions to the many factors that lead to homelessness. We understand that this

plan is only the starting point and that the path to ending homelessness will be complicated and challenging. We will be tempted to give up and revert to our old ways, but we commit to making the vision of ending homelessness in our community a reality. Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2008.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, would you like to make that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Sutton: I would like, Madam President, I would like to move that we accept the endorsement for the Destination Home program for the Vanderburgh County Council.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, and I do have my individual endorsement as well.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

President Abell: And I have signed this on behalf of the Council but although there is no place for it, I would like to have Sarah start it with Mr. Sutton and if all of you would sign it at the bottom, I think that would be nice to have all the Council's signatures on it.

Luzada Hayes: Great, we thank you so much and then the other thing is, there is actually a Council appointment to the Commission on Homelessness. We've not had any active participation from the County Council and would really welcome that.

President Abell: On the Commission on Homeless? I believe Mr. Sutton is our appointment to that. Mr. Sutton, aren't you our appointment on the Commission to End Homelessness?

Councilmember Sutton: I can be since we don't have one.



President Abell: Is that not the organization that we just did the resolution – isn't that – oh, that was Affordable Housing Trust Fund. I'm sorry. Okay.

Luzada Hayes: So if that appointment could be made or if I could learn who that person is, then we would be glad to –

President Abell: Is the Council happy with Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Goebel: Today we are.

Councilmember Sutton: That could be construed in many ways.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, we'll appoint Mr. Sutton. I think he'd be – because he is on the Affordable – he has been very active with this. That's why – he has been hands-on and he –

Luzada Hayes: That would be a great fit and then Mr. Shetler also served, when he was in the Commission role, he served on the commission as well. Tom, is there anything you want to say about the Commission or the effort?

Councilmember Shetler: No, it's a good organization and they've done a lot of great work in the last four years and I greatly appreciate the work that they do in our community.

President Abell: The only comment that I have is, I didn't hear it maybe and I know Mr. Sutton has mentioned this several times, is that I think it would be a good part of your training with the career development to also include some credit counseling because many times this board understands that it's not just to increase your income, it's also to cut your expenses, that keep your books balanced. So maybe as you're teaching them how to increase their income, they also need to learn to cut their expenses and not use their credit card.

Luzada Hayes: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: That's an excellent point and there is an initiative that is underway even right here in our community and Evansville is really leading in the Midwest in terms of this initiative. It's called the Bank on Evansville program, it's open to all Vanderburgh County residents. And essentially, what that program is, is it's taking individuals from being unbanked to being bankable. But as a part of that process, they would receive financial education so that they can understand the implications of some of the financial decisions that they have made or that they may possibly make. They're tying that with a program called EITC or the Earned Income Tax Credit, which many people do not take advantage of, so that not only are you building assets, but then you know what to do with those assets when you obtain them. Yeah, that would be a really great tie. In January, there's going to be a kick-off and I don't want to say anything that I shouldn't say, but a big kick-off in January that announces this program would be a great tie in with the Destination Home program.

President Abell: I think that's great and I think that the economic climate of our country right now, I don't know if anyone has officially called it a recession, but it certainly is going to become much more important as we go – oh, they announced it a couple days ago. Well see, I've been asleep. It's been a recession in my house ever since the kids went to college.

Luzada Hayes: Thank you so much for your time. You have my card if you ever have questions or, you know, I serve at your pleasure to answer anything you have or discuss any issues.

President Abell: Thank you. Did you have something else? I saw Mr. Rector has arrived.

Councilmember Goebel: He can wait, I was going to make a point to Mr. Sutton, if you don't mind. Your measure that you brought up at the last meeting as far as affordable housing and 100% of the funds staying here, I guess you got the email from Senator Deig, he's going to carry your version forward, so thank you for doing that.

President Abell: Good.

**(Tape changed)**

Councilmember Sutton: The Council and the Commission and then the city also passed the resolution as well.

President Abell: Good.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE/SUPERIOR COURT CONTINUED</b>
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President Abell: Mr. Rector, I think you're up.

Dave Rector: Good morning, Dave Rector, Building Authority. I've been at the new jail all morning and didn't know you needed me until I listened to my voice mail. The phones don't work good out there.

President Abell: Since Mr. Raben is the finance chairman I'll let him take over.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Dave, we had a lot of discussion, there is a request in Superior Court account 1370-3605 Moving Expense, which you're aware of what that is, in the amount of \$1,000. And there was some questions raised as to why the Building Authority is not picking up that expense. And someone had stated that in a number of years, no one has seen this type of request come forward before and, you know, if that could be done in-house and what have you. So I guess that's why you got called back in here.

Dave Rector: First off, it's not my request, it's Superior Court's request. This came about, Judge Lloyd called and I guess it's traditional that when there is a vacancy on Judge's row, that then the next judge can move into the vacating judge's office, and asked if we could assist with that. I told her I didn't object to doing that at all, we'd help as we could, but we wouldn't be paying for that and the reason the Building Authority is not paying for the move, it's a discretionary move. How do I say this –

President Abell: Go ahead, I've already broached the subject.

Dave Rector: The Building Authority doesn't care if she moves or not. She doesn't need to move as far as we're concerned because it's a discretionary move. It's up to Superior Court then, to pay for that move. We do pay for moves associated with if we re-carpet areas or if we remodel areas, if it's part of a project, we would take

care of it, but as a discretionary move, just because one office is wanting to move to another, we have not done that. What we are doing, though, to help out with it at our expense is, I did have a space planner do some space planning for not only Judge Lloyd's area moving to Judge Bowers, but new Judge Kiely's area moving to Judge Lloyd's area, so we'd see how the furniture would fit in there, will it fit, what electrical/data changes are we going to have to do and I'm taking care of that in-house with maintenance, and also re-doing the panic buttons in those. So I am trying to help out some with it, but the move itself isn't something we would do. And \$1,000 should be a not to exceed. I talked to a local moving company, told them about what we're moving, how long we think it will take and how many men, and the company thought they could do it not to exceed that \$1,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I mean, that answers my question and a point that I attempted to make earlier and I didn't, but we'll have to remember, too, this building, their budget is split by the city and if the city was moving around offices, I don't know that I would want to be charged for the expense of what they're doing or the county's portion of that, which –

Dave Rector: When EPD moved from upstairs here and other areas into the old Sheriff's Department, they paid for the move. We assisted with it, and I don't mind helping facilitate the project at all, but those are discretionary moves.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if there is no other questions, I mean, I guess, with that, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Are there funds in the – with the Judges?

President Abell: Do you mean where they could transfer rather than have an appropriation? I don't know. Judge Dietsch has left a message for me to give him a call, so –

Dave Rector: He also called me yesterday and we traded calls, so I'm not sure what he wanted. There was some discussion, too, with Judge Lloyd and, you know, oftentimes, Bennie does some small moves, and Bennie is just Bennie. And he said, well, can we get some safe house people? I'm trying to – I'm trying to say this correctly. Again, I said I don't care if we use safe house people to move, but I said I don't think you want safe house people moving a Judge's office. But that's up to you. I said, you know, I think when it comes to a Judge's office, you probably want a professional company moving those files and accessories and things. But there was that discussion, could we use somebody other than a professional company.

President Abell: My question, now that Mr. Rector has answered it as he has, which is actually sort of what I thought but I didn't say it, because it's very difficult, is whether or not Superior Court's senior judge and other judges have agreed to this money being taken out of their, appropriated under their names. I mean, I kind of got the feeling from Judge Dietsch he wasn't just real excited about it. I don't know how the rest of you felt about that, but –

Dave Rector: I did talk to Judge Pigman to make sure that, since he is the senior judge now, that this was approved by the judges to do that, and he said yes. And I said well, there will be a cost for that.

President Abell: Okay, well, then the judges are in agreement.

Dave Rector: I don't know that he knows it was \$1,000, but I just said there was a cost associated with the move.

Councilmember Sutton: Being that there was no second and essentially the motion died, I think the appropriate thing would be to ask those on the Superior Court side to look in their budget for ways in which they can find a transfer. I'm sure there are areas within their budget that haven't totally been expended. I think that would be the most appropriate thing for them to do.

President Abell: Okay, is that the feeling of the Council? I mean, I'm going to call Judge Dietsch after we get through, so I'll be happy to relay whatever message you want me to.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, if that's what we need to do, that's what we'll do.

President Abell: I mean, I didn't get a second.

Councilmember Raben: No, I made the motion, there was not a second.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, have they looked through their Petit Jurors and their other accounts? I'm sure they can come to some agreement.

President Abell: I'll discuss it with Judge Dietsch.

Dave Rector: We'll help however you'd like us to help except for paying for it.

President Abell: I understand.

Councilmember Raben: The only problem with that is, if it requires a transfer, and the move is going to take place this month, --

Dave Rector: She requested that we do it December 22<sup>nd</sup>. She is going on vacation for the rest of the year.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sure Judge Kiely is going to want to have his shop set up January 1, so that's going to be the only thing, if it's not a line that you can pay this from it's going to be an issue.

Councilmember Sutton: Judge Kiely has an office presently, right?

Dave Rector: Judge Kiely has an office in Judge Heldt's chambers. He is obviously going to have a staff now once he's -- Magistrate Kiely has an office, Judge Kiely doesn't.

Councilmember Raben: Judge-elect Kiely, that's...

Dave Rector: And if you don't do anything and then you decide to, I mean, just tell me you're going to do it, and I'll go ahead and get the project completed knowing that you're going to take some action.

Councilmember Sutton: Does it sound like an additional item on the agenda on the 17<sup>th</sup>?

President Abell: It sound like it to me.

Councilmember Raben: It can be, if that's everybody's pleasure.

President Abell: I think we probably ought to bring it back on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, then we'll bring it back on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I guess since we've got on that subject, the room is reserved, Sarah was able to confirm the reservation for this room December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Dave Rector: Are you done with me?

President Abell: We are. Thank you.

Dave Rector: You bet.

Councilmember Raben: I had mentioned that there will probably be some housekeeping items in regards to the Assessor's Office. One other item that I neglected to mention is, as everyone recalls earlier in the year, we were given another responsibility as a Council, and this is in regards to IC 6-1.1-17-3.5, that we are now the oversight committee for several other budgets and taxing units: as an example, the library, the trustees in every township, the town of Darmstadt, and what have you. So I know everyone probably, some have looked at some of those budgets and reviewed the ones that were made available to them. But they are all now available, copies of these budgets have been made available. They are in the Council's office. There's too much, it would cost too much to print seven individual copies of this, but they are inside the Council's office. Sarah would be happy to get them out and if anybody wants to go through and spend some time reviewing those budgets, but that is the other action we'll need to take December 17<sup>th</sup>, is to stamp those budgets.

<b>2009 EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH LIBRARY BUDGET</b>
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President Abell: Mr. Raben, I notice that the Library Board is here and rather than them having to come back on the 17<sup>th</sup>, could we hear whatever they might – I mean, I've gone over their budget and I'm fine with it. Is there anything extra that you wanted to add?

Marcia Au: Thank you, Madam President, and Councilmembers. We're all charting new waters here and I'd be happy to answer any questions about the Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library budgets. Our board chair, Rolland Eckels is here this morning with us.

President Abell: Would you give us your name?

Marcia Au: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm Marcia Au and I am the Library director. And we also have with us Greg Hager, who is the director of Willard Library. And the county library has been the taxing unit for the Willard Library for, this will be the fourth budget that we prepared, and that was a legislative move made about four years ago.

President Abell: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Well, not any questions maybe in regards to this year's

budget, but, as you recall, Marcia, I had raised the question five or six years ago about assuming responsibility for the law library here within this building. And I still think that that's a function because it's made available to the public, we're required to maintain a law library and hard copy books, and I still think that that needs to be a function or responsibility held by the actual Evansville-Vanderburgh County Library.

Marcia Au: And we'd be happy to sit down and talk with Council again or with yourself about those possibilities.

President Abell: There was one question raised about the percentage of salary increases. What salary increase percentage did you –

Marcia Au: And our total operating budget increase was a 3.2 percent, and we split salary increases. There were approximately 28 people above what we call mid-range, and those people received two percent, and (inaudible)– I have that in here somewhere -- the other staff who received salary increases received three percent. Myself, I didn't take a percentage increase this year.

President Abell: Okay, any other questions? Anyone? Thank you for coming.

Marcia Au: Thank you. And we'd be happy to work with the Council in the future and I'm sure we will.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have one question. Are you happy that we now have oversight?

Marcia Au: It's a new working relationship and new things are sometimes hard to adjust to, but we will work our very best to make that adjustment.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: They actually had their budget prepared and met with me prior to our budget hearings. So they did a real good job.

Councilmember Raben: You know, that raises a question. I'm sorry, go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question in terms of, most people, since this is the first time you guys have appeared before us, and I'm anticipating reviewing the other budgets, so the degree of familiarity that we have with your budget is relatively low, how is the library funded? If you can talk about how you guys are receiving – how your budget is –

Marcia Au: Let me give you some percentages as a breakout, which will be helpful to you, I hope. We receive approximately, and it varies a little from year to year, 60 percent through property tax, about 22 to 24 percent from the County Option Income Tax, and the rest, miscellaneous taxes, excise tax, financial institutions tax, we get a few federal dollars in support of our talking books for the blind and physically handicapped program, and we also get E-rate dollars, which are reimbursable only, so we always have to budget for those. We're anticipating an offset of about \$58,000 in next year's budget for E-rate. And that is applied directly, we have to apply it directly to communications charges.

President Abell: Anyone else?

Councilmember Sutton: And do you have any state regulations that restrict your budget in the amount of increase that you can effectually go –

Marcia Au: Yes sir, we do.

Councilmember Sutton: And what is that?

Marcia Au: We are tied to the average non-farm income increase statewide and this year, that was four percent.

Councilmember Sutton: And that is communicated to you guys through the Department of Local Government Finance?

Marcia Au: Yes, correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else?

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, your budget is prepared when and when is it approved by your board?

Marcia Au: There is a budget calendar, and I believe that we had sent that to you. But let me get that out. It's a several month process. We start in the spring actually preparing, talking to the various suppliers, utility companies, we actually present to our finance committee end of July - early August, then we mail the budget to the full board, we have the first reading in August, then we deliver it to be advertised, there are two publication dates in the local paper. This year, then we presented it to County Council, because there was a stipulated time frame in which we were to do that. After it was published, then we had a public hearing and an adoption meeting, and we are now presenting to you and we will also have a DLGF hearing scheduled much later. We are not sure when.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Back to, you actually, after the budget is prepared, you take it to the board –

Marcia Au: To the full board, yes.

Councilmember Raben: What month is that?

Marcia Au: September.

Councilmember Raben: September? They're working on the same budget deadlines we are.

Marcia Au: We have a calendar like yours, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Looking ahead for next year, trying to incorporate all these budgets with ours would, I mean, it would probably, it would be too much for this board to handle during our normal budget sessions, but maybe we need to have a time or establish a day or something like that in September that we'll review these budgets before they go to their board or –

Councilmember Sutton: You know, we've been very good at really making our

process a lot more efficient and essentially we're able to complete everything within that one week time span. Perhaps maybe we need to go back and add that second week for all these other budgets that we have to review, not that we are looking to add a second week, but it looks like we're being forced into some kind of way where we can get an opportunity to review the budgets. I mean, we do take the time to have the one meeting with the city, but these others, we've got to find a way where we can provide a public forum where they can be heard, too.

Councilmember Raben: I think it would be important that we probably have a chance to go through them before they're finalized then by their board. I think it's going to be a lot to do during our normal budget sessions, I mean, it's, to do it right, I mean, and I think that's what everybody's interest is, is to make every effort to review these budgets just as we do the budgets we've been responsible for forever. Maybe we don't have to talk about this today, but it's something we're going to need to do in the next few months, so we –

President Abell: The organizational meeting would be a good time to bring that up, I think.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you want to –

Councilmember Goebel: I just have one quick question, does the city have any authority as far as oversight, since most of the buildings are – was that not an original thought?

Marcia Au: Actually, we were a county and a city contractual library, I believe. Jan?

Unidentified: Yes.

Marcia Au: Yeah, I had to make sure I didn't get that turned around, a number of years ago, and then actually consolidated in 1978, I believe. So once we became a county library district, under Indiana law, then, in fact, we're a county unit rather than a city unit.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Marcia Au: You're welcome.

Councilmember Shetler: Do we have a – we used to have like a county tax board or something like that. Is that obsolete now?

Bill Fluty: Yes, it is obsolete.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, so in essence, really, what this is doing, it's kind of replacing that old function. And if I recall, those guys really met what, four to six hours in a given day sometime in October and reviewed after everything was done. I don't, maybe that's going to be before your time.

Bill Fluty: Before my time, Tom.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright.



President Abell: Not before mine. I was City Clerk when we had that. And –

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and what they did is they sat and reviewed for a partial day and –

President Abell: And the county had a percentage of the vote and the town of Darmstadt had a percentage of the vote, and the city had a percentage of the vote.

Councilmember Shetler: Correct.

President Abell: And I think the city controlled everything because their vote was so much heavier than everyone else's.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, and usually it was just a – and I think that's what the intent is here is an overseer, not so much to get involved in the, you know, line item by line item thing, but more of an overseer, I guess, and function the same way that that tax review board, I think is what it was called.

President Abell: I think what we might want to do is come up with some kind of a form that says how much is your salary increase, what are you doing this year you haven't done in the past. Just some highlights instead of going line item by line item. Just highlight things that are going to change and –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and again, I think we'll leave that up to the individual Councilmembers, too, but I think since we are the oversight committee, we're going to have to allow for public opinion here, so I, for one, its been a number of years, but I used to give a little lecture during budget session about how we needed to have oversight on budgets, particularly like the library, where we could do all the right things and cut deep and we didn't really have a huge impact on what it actually did to property taxes. So I'm all too excited about having some oversight in some of these budgets.

Marcia Au: And if I may, I would be happy to sit down with any of the Councilmembers and review budget practices for libraries, or if the Council would like to assign a person to work with us and be our liaison to the Council, I'd be happy to do that.

President Abell: That's another thing we can take up in the organizational meeting. Okay, thank you.

Marcia Au: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think taxpayers really understand how many different ways the property taxes, County Option Income, how many those ways those things are divided up until you get that property tax bill, then you can really see where the dollars actually go and I think Jim is right on point, in that some kind of way in which the public has a chance to give feedback on all those different things that utilize their dollars. We don't have that and I think we can create something like that. So that's something we could discuss how we could put it together.

President Abell: For those of you who going to be reviewing some of the budgets, I would tell you that I met with Lisa, the City Controller, before she left and went over the city's budget as best I could. Not knowing how the city operates entirely, it was kind of difficult, but she was very helpful and I didn't see anything that was a red

flag.

### **BKD CONTRACT**

President Abell: Moving right along, we have on here the BKD contract. Does everyone know, did they get copies of this? No, nobody knows. BKD had talked to me some time back about, rather than coming in and getting a big increase one year, just having a minimal increase every year on their fees. Now, whether or not you want to do that, it's solely up to you, I just put it on here for discussion purposes as to whether or not you want to look at the request. I'll have Sandie get it out to all of you. She has a copy of what they've requested. I don't think I've seen it, and then at the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting we can vote on whether or not you want to do that. We'll advertise it as something to vote on. It was just going to be, like if we gave a 2.5 percent salary increase, they were going to increase their fees similarly so that – and it may not be the percentage you want to be or you may not want to be at any percentage, but in my discussions with them, I thought that a little bit – if we would do it every year, it would be easier for us to budget than to have them come in one year and want to increase their fees tremendously and then we be stuck with one year of big expense.

### **CHANGE OF MEETING DATE**

President Abell: So we will get those out to you and we will put those on the agenda for the meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, which has been changed from December the 10<sup>th</sup> to December the 17<sup>th</sup>, which was my next item, is the next meeting. So if no one has any objection, we will advertise that we will meet for an official meeting on December the 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. here in this room, and it will also be our Personnel & Finance meeting for the January meeting. Is there anything else to come before this body?

Councilmember Sutton: One other item, in our packet we have the financial statement for us. And before this meeting we had 1.2 million in the General fund, unappropriated, and we've got just a shade over a half million in the Riverboat fund. I was going to ask Auditor Fluty, if those funds are not in some way or another appropriated or there isn't a contract that binds any of those funds necessarily, what happens with those Riverboat funds at the end of the year and then beginning with January 1? Does that revert into the General Fund or how does that work?

Bill Fluty: It stays in that cash balance.

Councilmember Sutton: It stays in the balance? Okay.

President Abell: And its nice to know we don't have to spend every penny we have.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

President Abell: If there is no further business, we stand adjourned until – wait a minute. Oh, I'm sorry. Sir, I didn't see...

Wayne Fehd: Yes, I live here in Vanderburgh County. I'm the – excuse me, I've got a bad cold. That's why I sat in the back row. I'm the elected supervisor of Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District here in Vanderburgh County and I just come by to visit with you all, and wanted to thank you for your help

for the past year, looking forward to the new year.

President Abell: We appreciate you coming out.

Wayne Fehd: And just wondering if you had any questions.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Anything you want to tell us about soil and water?

Wayne Fehd: We're doing our job trying to keep it cleaner and keep the soil up on the hill where it belongs.

President Abell: We all want to be green.

Wayne Fehd: Yeah. Try to keep the nitrogen down in the yards where we put – on the city yards around the homes, so we keep it out of our water supplies.

President Abell: And we do get regular correspondence from your organization and we certainly appreciate that.

Councilmember Sutton: Now you said that's an elected position?

Wayne Fehd: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and that runs – what is the cycle on that?

Wayne Fehd: Three year term. This is my third term.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Wayne Fehd: And anytime in the future if you want to come out and visit with us, we'd be happy to have you come out and –

President Abell: Well, for the record, you might want to tell everyone where you're located.

Wayne Fehd: Well, we're out here across from the 4-H Center, at the Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation Office, which is where we have our meetings. I'm not sure when the next one is right now, but they do post that.

President Abell: Okay, any other questions? Well thank you for coming. I'm sorry you had to endure such a long meeting.

Wayne Fehd: Oh, that's okay. Thank you. I got out of work doing it.

President Abell: Well, thanks for coming. The only person left I see out there is Mr. Langhorne. Do you have something you want to tell us? Not a word, huh? Okay. We'll see about that in the morning, I guess. Any further business? We stand adjourned until December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Vice President Lloyd Winnecke\*

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

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Councilmember Tom Shetler

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2008**

The Vanderburgh County Council met for a special meeting this 17th day of December in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m. by Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'll call to order the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Leader	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Shetler	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Winnecke	<b>X</b>	
President Abell	<b>X</b>	

President Abell: Councilman Leader, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: I'll turn the meeting over our to Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF  
SUPERIOR COURT  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**JAIL  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
PIGEON/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First on the agenda is the Sheriff and Jail transfer requests. We also have Superior Court, County Council, Health Department, Pigeon Reassessment, and I think that's all for the transfers. Does anyone have any questions on any of these? Do we want to take them individually or one lump?

Councilmember Leader: As one, please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, with that being said, Madam President, I'll move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1050-1130-0046	Sergeant	460.00	460.00
To: 1050-1990	Extra Help	460.00	460.00

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1051-1130-0361	Confinement Officer	560.00	560.00
To: 1051-1971	Accrued Payments	560.00	560.00

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1370-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1370-3605	Moving Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1480-3142	Televised Meetings	4,306.00	4,306.00
To: 1480-1971	Accrued Payments	4,000.00	4,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	306.00	306.00

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 2130-1170-2130	Med Lab Tech Supervisor	14,370.00	14,370.00
To: 2130-1971	Accrued Payments	14,370.00	14,370.00

**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 2490-1150-3540	Maintenance Contract	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	1,850.00	1,850.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	150.00	150.00

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

<b>REVIEW OF TAXING UNITS 2009 BUDGETS</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to come back to the amendments to the salary ordinance. There was an error on one of the items, so I'll come back to that. Next, well, you actually handle old business, but as everyone recalls, we need –

President Abell: Since it's finance, you can go ahead and do it.

Councilmember Raben: – to approve several of the other budgets that we now have oversight on, so, Madam President, if it's okay, I'd like to make a motion that we, per IC 6-1.1-17-3.5 mandates that civil taxing units that will impose property taxes due and payable in 2009 file their budgets with the fiscal body for review, comparison and recommendations on proposed estimated taxes, levies and proposed budgets and further requires the Council to adopt a taxing unit budget having an appointed board that increases by more than the average growth quotient or issue a nonbinding recommendation for units that the budgets are less than the average growth quotient, budgets from taxing units with elected boards are also subject to review by the County Council and a nonbinding recommendation to the taxing unit. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-17-3.5, I move that we adopt their budget for the Evansville Levee Authority and recommend approval of the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste Management, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library budget units, I would also move that we recommend approval for the elected board taxing units budgets which include Vanderburgh, Armstrong Trustee, Center Trustee, German Trustee, Perry Trustee, Knight Trustee, Pigeon Trustee, Scott Trustee, Union Trustee, Evansville Civil City, and Darmstadt Civil Town. And I would ask that the Auditor forward notice of this Council's action to the Department of Local Government Finance for their final review. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions or comments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we'll go back to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance and Sarah, our administrative assistant is going to pass all these out. Okay, Madam President, there are quite a few here. Do you want me to read these for the record or just ask that these be entered in and made part of the minutes?

Councilmember Leader: I suggest we enter them into the record, there are so many.

President Abell: That's fine with me.

Councilmember Raben: Well, with that being said, I move that we approve the amendments to the salary ordinance and ask that they be made as part of the record.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions or comments? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben. These are public record and will be placed on file if anyone wants to look at them.

<b>BKD CONTRACT</b>
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President Abell: Additional business, under old business, the BKD contract. I sent an email to everyone telling you what their contract is now. You've got a copy of their proposal, which I think is about a three percent increase. Just a little bit of background. When we renewed this contract with them, it was a substantial increase in one year and I discussed with them the possibility of making their increase a little bit less every year so that at the time that the contract is up for renewal, it wouldn't be such a big hit. I don't know if we want to go up to the three percent: I don't know where any of you stand on it. I hope you've looked at it and I'd like to have a little discussion on it before we vote on it. I guess first I need a motion to accept it and a second to get it to the floor so we can discuss it.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Now, we need some discussion, if you've looked at it.

Councilmember Leader: President Abell, have we discussed – in my absence you may have discussed this and I'm not aware of it – an incremental increase rather than a flat immediate three percent, isn't it?

President Abell: I think it works out to three percent. Did anyone figure –

Councilmember Leader: Has anybody given that any thought, an incremental increase over time rather than –

President Abell: Did you look at it, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I didn't compare it to last year's in terms of numbers, but my understanding I think as to whenever the contract was redone last year and the language that's in there if you'll see on page two, is what it says is that they're wanting to adjust it annually by the same percentage or amount of raise given county employees so that would be two and a half percent. Now whether the numbers that they have up there – I don't know whether someone compared them to last year to see if it equals two and a half percent, but that's in the body of it. It says that the spirit of it is that they would want it to be adjusted as salaries are increased.

President Abell: Does that make sense to everyone?

Councilmember Leader: Not particularly.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Leader: Because it's not – I mean, Jeff you said relative to the wage increases given the county employees, am I correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, these two at the bottom, where it says in two sentences: the period covered by this agreement is for the period of November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. In subsequent periods, it is anticipated the above rates will be adjusted annually by the same percentage or amount of raise given county employees, unquote. Now, the numbers that are right above that, I don't know whether someone compared that to, I assume that's what they're doing here, but I don't know if anybody compared it to the –

President Abell: I think they did those numbers at three because they did them before...well, this Council took a zero percent increase, so it's kind of arbitrary.

Councilmember Leader: Well, I don't see that it necessarily totally equates to wage increases, I guess that's where I am. Does it? I mean, there are administrative costs in there and all different kinds of things, am I correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, you're free to do whatever you want or negotiate what you want with them. I'm just saying that the spirit, I think, that the contract that they've given us is not really a contract. The letter setting forth what their agreement is, is similar or the same as what you passed a year ago and it had that clause in it. So, you know, I'm assuming that those numbers, what they've done is just adjust those accordingly, and that they're saying that that's the spirit of what they want to do, but it's obviously up to you guys –

Councilmember Leader: I'd like to defer to Mr. Raben.

Jeff Ahlers: – and you're free to negotiate whatever you want.

Councilmember Raben: Thanks. You know, I'm kind of torn on this one as well.

You know, each year is a little different. I mean, one year we might have four – as an example, four job study meetings, the next year we have one. And a lot of it has to do with their workload or their caseload as far as how many job reviews or reclassifications and whatnot that we have, that, you know, it's tough. I'm trying to figure out how I feel about it, quite frankly. So I turn the question to some of the others.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: President Abell, when you sent the email out with this, basically, is there a provision that actually the price or their contract amount could go down if in light of what Mr. Raben said, their duties or requirements from BKD are less than anticipated or is this an automatic increase yearly?

President Abell: Well, I think the only thing that's actually stationary is the monthly fee. The others are done by if we don't have them do any job – they don't review any jobs in the year, they don't get paid for reviewing any. So I think the only thing that's really stationary is their monthly fee.

Councilmember Goebel: And that would go up, what percentage are we asking –

President Abell: Well, I think it is a three percent. I think at some point, I think I figured it up and it was three.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

President Abell: How does Council feel about 1.5? Mr. Sutton, you're looking like you're –

Councilmember Sutton: I guess when we're talking about a contractual situation, you obviously want to spell out the terms so that both parties have a clear understanding about what each side is going to get. But when you start talking about the increases or whatever multiplier effects that you might apply into that contract on that annualized basis, applying what we do on the personnel side as opposed to contracts, I think those are two different things. Really, I don't think you can really apply one to the other. We have a number of different contracts that we have with a variety of vendors throughout with county business and county services, and we don't apply this same principle with any of those contracts that I'm aware of, with the exception maybe a union contract, we may apply it in some of their direct personnel related costs. I think we'd be probably more prudent to maybe look at something like the CPI, Consumer Price Index, to use as a way to adjust whether we should make adjustments one way or the other. And as we know this year, the consumer price index is going back the other way and not going upwards. So I think just in relation to the way the county does business and what resources that we have available, we don't know what we're going to have from year to year. I think that would be the more prudent way to go about doing it, is base it on the CPI.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second that.

President Abell: Did you put that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Sutton: It was just discussion –

President Abell: Well, I heard Mr. Shetler say second and –

Councilmember Sutton: When we get to that point, I'd be happy to do that.

Councilmember Shetler: Ditto, then.

President Abell: Then we could have it at zero this year and next year, take a look at it again, is that what you think would be...?

Councilmember Sutton: I would think this year, yes, remain the same and then appropriately apply the index. I think that's just the more fair way from both sides.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, did you have something?

Councilmember Shetler: I agree. I think just basically what you're suggesting is just supplement instead of adding in there the wage increases on what we do here, is put in CPI. And this is contractual, you know, with a lot of our agreements that we have, you know, we've had that involved with, I believe, it's probably with the IT people and stuff, and the Youth Care and stuff, so that's pretty consistent.

President Abell: That's a good suggestion. Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Well, I just wanted to comment. I think BKD has done a really admirable job, but facing the budget shortfalls we're going to have in future years with the people we contract with, I think we have to have ample time to analyze if there is a deserved increase. And I think in this year, we can't afford an increase. So I agree with Mr. Shetler and Mr. Sutton wholeheartedly.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, would you like to put that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Sutton: If we're done with discussion, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: You've got something on the table.

President Abell: Oh, we had a motion on the table, that's right, to accept the contract.

Jeff Ahlers: Just to clarify to see what you're wanting to do. I don't know that any of us have the current contract in front of us other than the proposed one, just so I understand, and you may want to clarify for the record, is that you're just wanting to set it back in at the 2007 rate? I mean, that's what you're wanting to approve? I mean, I guess there's already money in the line item, so, I mean, you can change this any time you want. This is just a contractual matter. But to make sure we understand what's going on –

President Abell: I think it's actually the –

Jeff Ahlers: You don't need to specifically set the rates in or whether you're saying you're wanting to do 2007 or what you're going to want to do –

President Abell: Didn't we increase it in 2007 for 2008? So it actually is a pretty current amount, is that correct? Isn't that what everyone remembers? We just renewed this agreement.

Councilmember Sutton: We're saying the 2008 rate for 2009.

Jeff Ahlers: I meant 2008.

President Abell: Yeah, continue 2009 at the 2008 rate and then at budget hearing time in August, you can look at the change. Is that how everyone feels about it? Okay, Mr. Sutton, do you want to –

Councilmember Sutton: Now the motion that was on the floor –

President Abell: Oh yes.

Teri Lukeman: Mr. Shetler made the motion and then Mr. Raben seconded.

President Abell: Okay, I need Mr. Shetler to withdraw his motion and Mr. Raben to withdraw your second.

Councilmember Shetler: So done.

Councilmember Raben: So done.

President Abell: Now we're ready for another motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, my motion would be that we would continue the BKD contract for 2009 at the 2008 rate and then appropriate language would be inserted into the contract to adjust that any future increases or decreases be based upon the Consumer Price Index.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Do we need more discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: Sarah, would you make note for the president that takes over in 2009 to write BKD a letter, possibly, Mr. Ahlers, you could draft it and come up with the wording so they'll know what was decided here today?

Jeff Ahlers: Probably what we need to do is talk to Mr. Deisher, let him know what motion was passed because what they may want to do is, I don't know whether they've got a similar engagement letter that they'll want to modify. Do you know what I'm saying? Just put in the rates that you passed. And, I mean, of course, you're going to have to, I guess, that assumes they're, you know, it obviously takes their consent and agreement, as well. I mean, so –

President Abell: Would you like to make that phone call?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that would be fine.

President Abell: Because we don't have the president for next year and you could handle that.

Jeff Ahlers: Sure. Yeah. And then, you know, I assume what you'll do is, is that, I mean, I guess they'll present this on annual basis, so you can take it back up. I don't know that it has to be automatically – right.

President Abell: I think that's the thought, that they'll present it on an annual basis.

<b>PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL APPEAL</b>
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President Abell: Okay, under new business, we have some end of year housekeeping to take care of. Under new business, the resolution to appeal for the property tax shortfall. I think all of you have that on your desk and this is in accordance with House Bill 1001. We will take this action every year. The amount is estimated over the actual number that will be determined after the collection figures are received from the Treasurer and our settlement is actually completed. This information is sent along to the Department of Local Government Finance before the end of the year. I need a motion for the resolution and a second, and we need to vote on this.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Abell: All of you have this piece of paper? This is what we're voting on? They don't have that? Okay well, the property tax shortfall is estimated at 2,800,000.

Councilmember Raben: You might mention that this is something we do every year.

President Abell: Yeah, I said this is a housekeeping duty we take care of every year. Okay, now I need a motion – did I have...

Councilmember Leader: Do you have a motion?

President Abell: Mr. Fluty says no, they do not have it.

Bill Fluty: Yeah, I just had it passed out.

President Abell: Do you have enough for them or not? Sarah, you want to make some copies of that for them?

Bill Fluty: They'll all have to sign it.

President Abell: All of you will have to sign it. Mr. Raben made the motion to accept and you know it's 2,800,000 and your motion is fine with that? Okay.

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

President Abell: Do you have any questions or discussion? You're looking, Mr. Sutton, did you have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: No, I'm fine.

President Abell: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

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

President Abell: You'll all get copies of that. Before we adjourn, I would like for all

of you to make note that you have a thank you note from Sandie Deig. We sent her a poinsettia. She's been in the hospital and I think she's expected to possibly go home today. So is there any other business that needs to come before this Council? We stand adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.)**



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