

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 14, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President, Daniel Dennis.

I. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Charles Littleton, Keith Wright, Edgar Zehr, Charles Canary, Pam Young, and Richard Mason. John P. Wilson was present as the Council’s Attorney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 8/14/00 AGENDA

Mr. Wright moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 7/10/00 MINUTES

Mr. Wright moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – DISCUSSION OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM

Joseph Pitcher, County Attorney, appeared to give the presentation on the communications consortium. He explained that the current public communication system has experienced trouble communicating with each other. The solution to the problem is to have a countywide communication system that enables all agencies in the county to communicate without interruptions from other sources. The Integrated Public Safety sponsored a Project Hoosier SAFE-T to design such a system. Project Hoosier SAFE-T Demonstration Grant proposals for approximately \$11,000,000.00 of state funding were accepted this spring. Johnson County, along with over 220 agencies in 68 counties expressed immediate interest. These groups were pared down to four (4) groups of agencies or consortiums that were approved for the first phase of the program. The county has been selected for participation in this first phase of the system. Project Hoosier SAFE-T will provide the “backbone”, the towers & antennas, tower shelters, generators, transmitters, base stations, cabling and frequencies necessary for this new voice and data communication system. The value of this backbone could approach \$2,000,000.00. To be eligible for this assistance, the county must create a countywide voice and data communication system (consortium). This means we must purchase the “user equipment”, the dispatch consoles, radios and computers for the individual officers and vehicles, and the other sundry equipment necessary to support the system locally. All government entities in Johnson County have pledged their support and participation in the Consortium for their public safety agencies. (County, six towns, & two cities) Most of the local government entities have expressed that due to budget constraints, it would be impossible to locally fund this system at this time. They do have the funds to maintain the system once it is in place, which will be done by interlocal agreements. However, if the county shifts to the new system, it is imperative that all agencies shift simultaneously. If the equipment is purchased before January 1, 2001 the county is eligible for a 5% discount. The purchase price for all of the “user equipment” is \$5,500,000.00.

Jim Higgins, Financial Advisor from the London Witte Group, appeared to discuss the financing estimate and tax impact. He explained the following Countywide Public Safety Communications System:

Assumptions:

Maximum Amount Borrowed:	\$5.5 million
Terms:	5, 7 and 10 years
Payments:	Semi-annual principal and interest
Interest Rate:	5.25%
Issuance Cost:	\$30,000

The proposed structure is a General Obligation bond competitively issued by the County. However, to provide the County Council and the Commissioners with the maximum flexibility, the County would have the ability to annually elect to substitute (pledge) another/additional revenue source to the payment of debt service. This could reduce or eliminate the property tax levy for that budget year.

Assuming the interest rate of 5.25%, the following interest cost would be associated with a borrowing term of 5, 7 and 10 ten years:

	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>7 Years</u>	<u>10 years</u>
Annual Debt Service	1,226,662	924,792	695,714
Total Debt Service	6,133,310	6,473,544	6,957,140
Principal Amount	<u>5,500,000</u>	<u>5,500,000</u>	<u>5,500,000</u>
Interest Amount	<u>633,310</u>	<u>973,544</u>	<u>1,457,140</u>

Mr. Higgins explained the tax impact (rate) and the impact in dollars for the various types of property owners.

David Travelstead, Bond Counsel from Bose, McKinney, & Evans, appeared to discuss the time frame and structure of the Countywide Communications System. The type of bond being presented is one of the most flexible types of bonds. The bond is payable from property taxes or to substitute another/additional revenue source to the payment of debt service. The

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first step is for the County Council to hold a public hearing to hear all testimonies on the project and adopt a bond ordinance that authorizes the issuance and sale of the bonds. The notice for a public hearing must be advertised at least 10 days prior to the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing that would be the appropriate time to decide on if the county is going to issue the bonds or not. If the County Council adopts the bond ordinance a 30-day remonstrance period must be given.

Charles Henderson, Mayor of Greenwood City, appeared to express his support for the system.

Les Miller, Special Counsel to the Indiana State Police, appeared to explain how the communications system works.

After some discussion, Mr. Canary moved to set a public hearing date of September 11, 2000 with the intent to issue bonds for a Countywide Communications System. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

VIII. SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCTIONS, & TRANSFERS:

APPROVAL OF THE SALARY ORDINANCE (144) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Wright moved to approve the following salary ordinance amendments as presented.

#103-113.0 - \$18,355.00 to \$19,272.00 (8-16-00)
#105-116.9 - \$34,156.00 to \$30,980.00 (6-29-00)
#108-115.2 - \$22,648.00 to \$20,542.00 (6-30-00)
#125-112.1 - \$19,394.00 to \$16,601.00 (7-24-00)
#128-118.0 - \$22,763.00 to \$18,390.00 (7-27-00)
#131-169.3 - \$27,634.00 to \$25,546.00 (7-06-00)
#132-119.0 - \$24,970.00 to \$20,542.00 (7-17-00)
#133-114.0 - \$20,542.00 to \$21,570.00 (6-16-00)
#142-110.0 - \$23,332.00 to \$22,220.00 (7-25-00)
#327-119.0 - \$50,000.00 to \$33,144.00 (7-24-00)
#346-100.0 - \$30,980.00 to \$28,101.00 (7-05-00)
#122-120.0 - \$19,263.00 to \$20,327.00 (1-01-00)
From: #122-130.0 – Director of Human Resource (\$ 1,064.00)
To: #122-120.0 – Fairgrounds Keeper \$ 1,064.00

Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

HEALTH

John Bonsett, Director of Environmental Health, appeared to request a transfer of funds for professional services and part-time vital records clerk. The office manager is on a leave of absence due to maternity and they would like to contract the individual to program and service the Health Department computers during this leave. The part-time vital records clerk would do the remainder of the Office Managers workload.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the transfer of funds as requested. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #210-119.0 – Office Manager (\$ 10,000.00)
To: #210-361.0 – Professional Services \$ 5,000.00
To: #210-114.0 – Part-time Vital Records Clerk \$ 5,000.00

Louise Brinkman, Director of Nurses, appeared to request a new fulltime position (Immunization Clinic Coordinator II). The immunization clinic caseload has increased 25% over the last year. Due to this increased demand for services, the Health Department planned to request a second Immunization Clinic Coordinator but the 2001 budget guidelines prohibited it. Now, due to a medical emergency, they do not even have the services of their 1st Immunization Clinic Coordinator. The employee is on a 6-month medical disability due to a high-risk pregnancy. The additional funds needed for the Immunization Clinic Coordinator II for 2000 would be transferred from other line items.

Mr. Wright moved to create a new line item titled “Immunization Clinic Coordinator II” effective 8/14/00 and to transfer the following funds.

From: #210-114.1 – Temporary Employees (\$ 3,500.00)
From: #210-117.0 – Part-time Public Health Nurse (\$ 2,600.00)
From: #210-116.3 – Public Health Nurse 3 (\$ 2,500.00)
To: #210-119.2 – Immunization Clinic Coordinator II \$ 8,600.00

Discussion was held on the creation of a new position for the Health Department. Several members noted that they could not guarantee the position for 2001.

Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mrs. Young voted nay.

JAIL

Major Joe Barger, representing the Sheriff’s Department, appeared to request an upgrade for four correctional officers from POLE VI to POLE V because they serve as shift supervisor correctional officers. He noted the Juvenile Detention Center’s shift supervisors are classified as POLE V.

Mrs. Young moved to send the job descriptions to the consultant for review. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Dennis voted nay.

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SHERIFF

Joe Rupe, Chief Deputy Sheriff, appeared to request an early three year STEP increase for #105-127.4(Claims Clerk/Receptionist) who has a hire-in date of 2/10/97. He expressed concern that the employee would have to wait almost a year for a STEP increase.

After some discussion the request was not approved due to a lack of motion.

SOIL & WATER

Robert Weaver, Soil & Water Board Member, appeared to request an upgrade for the Districts Program Coordinator from a PAT V to PAT IV. He also requested an upgrade for the Program Assistant from a COMOT III to COMOT II. They would also like to have the points for both positions. He stated that when the job classification system was imposed they requested for an upgrade at that time in the positions that was tabled until further information was obtained. The Soil & Water Board did not sign off the job descriptions that were developed initially. He noted of other positions in the county that are classified as PAT IV's. They would like for the upgrades to become effective January 1, 2001.

Discussion was held on what the Personnel Committee had done concerning the positions in the past.

Mr. Wright noted that at a prior Council meeting the Soil & Water Board requested that the Program Coordinator be entitled to the 2% adjustment because she was not a department head.

Mr. Mason moved that the revised job descriptions be sent to the consultant by the Soil & Water Board and all communication be done between the consultant and the Soil & Water Board. Also, the Soil & Water Board pays for the review. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that was not approved due to a vote of three to four, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Young, and Mr. Littleton voted nay.

Mrs. Young moved for the revised job descriptions are sent to the consultant by the Council and all correspondence go through the Personnel Committee. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Dennis voted nay.

COURTHOUSE – (123)

Jack Matthews, Director of Maintenance, appeared to request a transfer of funds within the Courthouse budget.

Mr. Littleton moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #123-121.0 – Custodian	(\$ 9,000.00)
To: #123-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 9,000.00

COUNTY PARK – (128)

Tim Davis, Park Superintendent, appeared to request a transfer of funds within the Park's budget.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #128-118.0 – Park Maintenance	(\$ 13,000.00)
To: #128-119.1 – Part-time	\$ 10,000.00
To: #128-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 3,000.00

PARK NON-REVERTING CAPITAL – (271)

Tim Davis, Park Superintendent, appeared to request additional appropriations for the Park Non-Reverting fund.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#271-210.0 – Supplies	\$ 8,000.00
#271-420.0 – Building & Land Improvement	\$ 16,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 – (134)

Kim Van Valer Shilts, Superior Court No. 3 Judge, appeared to request a transfer of funds within the Superior Court No. 3 budget.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #134-115.0 – Assistant Court Reporter	(\$ 5,000.00)
To: #134-360.0 – Pauper Legal	\$ 5,000.00

WIC – (215)

Mr. Mason moved to approve the transfers as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #215-340.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 2,700.00)
To: #215-410.0 – Office Equipment (new)	\$ 2,700.00
From: #215-345.0 – Physical Exams	(\$ 200.00)
To: #215-217.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 200.00

AUDITOR – (102)

Mr. Wright moved to approve the transfers as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #102-216.0 – Office Supplies	(\$ 1,500.00)
From: #102-250.0 – Books	(\$ 147.50)

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From: #102-362.0 – Repair & Maintenance (\$ 1,000.00)
To: #102-440.0 – Office Equipment \$ 2,647.50

AUDITORS PLAT MAP MAINTENANCE – (904)

Mr. Wright moved to approve the transfers as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #904-199.0 – Overtime (\$ 1,500.00)
To: #904-301.0 – Other Services & Charges \$ 1,500.00

COUNTY MISDEMEANANT – (217) (tabled from May, June, & July)

Kim Van Valer Shilts, Superior Court No. 3 Judge, appeared to request the approval of the annual salary for the Classification Specialist that was approved at the July Council meeting. The job description was reviewed by the consultant that determined the salary range to be \$31,955.00 (low) to \$39,105.00 (high). The Jail Management Screening Committee interviewed and has attentively selected a candidate. The individual has worked approximately seventeen years for the county and has a four-year college degree. She is currently the Court Reporter for Superior Court No. 1. They proposed the starting salary at the consultants high-point amount of \$39,150.00.

James Coachys, Superior Court No. 1 Judge, appeared to answer any questions the Council might have concerning the employee that serves as his Court Reporter. He feels the individual is very qualified for the position.

Deana McMurray, Community Corrections Director, appeared expressing support in hiring the selected candidate as the Classification Specialist at the requested salary.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the starting salary of \$37,150.00 and be eligible for a five percent (5%) increase after six months and the salary remain at that amount until December 31, 2001. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#217-112.0 – Classification Specialist (new) SO \$37,150.00 \$ 16,545.00
#217-142.0 – FICA \$ 1,266.00
#217-143.0 – PERF \$ 1,324.00
#217-144.0 – Insurance \$ 500.00

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

William Walker, County Commissioner, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$11,000.00 to purchase two washer/dryer units for the Juvenile Detention Center. The units will replace the current ones which are aging and somewhat inadequate in size for the current laundry load. Additionally, the units will greatly assist with the handling of the jail laundry during the renovation.

Mrs. Young asked if the purchase of the units could be paid from the jail's construction budget or at least a portion of the cost. Mr. Walker responded no, because of the description of the jail construction on the bond does not include the Juvenile Detention Center.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Zehr seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#254-403.0 – Juvenile Detention Center \$ 11,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT NO.1 – (132)

James Coachys, Superior Court No. 1 Judge, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for professional services. The additional funds are for attorney fees and other related expenses for professional services. The total expense for the State of Indiana vs. Timothy Greer case was \$59,095.40, which was paid from professional services.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#132-301.0 – Professional Services \$ 20,000.00

MAGISTRATE COURT – (136)

Judge Coachys requested additional appropriations for the Magistrate Court. He explained the court has experienced an unusually high number of jury trials in 2000.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#136-126.0 – Per Diem Court/Jurors Venued \$ 2,100.00
#136-391.0 – Jurors Meals \$ 240.00

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – (305)

Michelle Leach, Prosecutor's Office Manager, appeared to request additional appropriations for social security, PERF, and insurance.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the amounts as requested. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#305-142.0 – Social Security \$ 1,006.82
#305-143.0 – PERF \$ 1,052.89
#305-144.0 – Insurance \$ 861.30

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S.T.O.P. Grant – (335)

Mr. Wright moved to approve the S.T.O.P Grant and to table the Prosecutor Deferral Program request until the September Council meeting. Mr. Mason seconded the motion.

Mrs. Young commented that according to the salary grid, the Legal Assistant/Paralegal should be \$21,570.00, not the requested amount of \$21,979.00. Ms. Leach responded the salary is based upon the amount that the grant was approved for.

The motion carried six to one, Mrs. Young voted nay.

#335-110.0 – Deputy Prosecutor \$40,410.00	\$ 20,205.00
#335-110.1 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal \$21,979.00	\$ 10,989.50

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327)

The request was tabled by the prior motion.

PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM – (286) (tabled from June & July)

Ms. Leach requested this be tabled until the September Council meeting. Mr. Mason moved to approve the request. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – (105)

Mr. Wright moved to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #105-117.8 – Deputy	(\$ 542.10)
To: #105-130.1 – Civil Process Server	\$ 542.10
From: #105-114.9 – Sergeant	(\$ 3,734.47)
To: #105-116.9 – Deputy	\$ 3,734.47

JAIL – (124)

Mr. Mason moved to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #124-125.4 – Correctional Officer	(\$ 1,777.14)
From: #124-126.2 – Correctional Officer	(\$ 3,493.83)
From: #124-126.5 – Correctional Officer	(\$ 1,968.12)
From: #124-127.7 – Correctional Officer	(\$ 1,883.04)
From: #124-127.5 – Correctional Officer	(\$ 1,533.75)
From: #124-129.0 – Correctional Officer	(\$ 4,000.00)
To: #124-165.0 – Overtime	\$ 14,655.88

COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FOR INMATES – (903)

Mrs. Young moved to approve an additional appropriation for medical payments as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#903-200.0 – Claims for Medical Payments	\$ 13,000.00
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IX. OLD BUSINESS

Family Court Advisory Board

Mrs. Young reported that she attended the Family Court Advisory Board meeting as the Council's representative and the board members were asked to obtain data from their respective boards on what type of data the Council wanted the Family Court to obtain.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff – Discussion of hiring a new Correctional Officer from the County

Misdemeanant Fund

(withdrawn)

Curtis L. Coonrod Invoice

Mrs. Young commented she did not feel the taxpayers should pay for an illegal meeting and she will not approve the invoice.

Discussion was held concerning the hourly rate for the performance of services by the accountant and supporting staff.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the invoice as submitted and the future invoices to be billed reflecting minutes only. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mrs. Young voted nay.

Consideration of a blanket exception for the hotel rate for the 2000 Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) Annual Conference

Mr. Mason moved to approve the request for the hotel rate of \$100.00 plus tax per night for the 2000 AIC Conference. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Council Correspondence

Mr. Dennis reported he received the 15th Annual Indiana Fact Book (information on salaries, compensation, and benefits for all counties).

There being no further business, Mr. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.