

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARINGS – AUGUST 22, 24, 30, 2000

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order by President, Daniel Dennis with the following members present: Charles Canary, Richard Mason, Keith Wright, Edgar Zehr, Pam Young, and Charles Littleton. John P. Wilson was present as the Council's Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mrs. Young presented to the Council a conflict of interest disclosure statement.

HOURLY RATES & MILEAGE RATE FOR 2001

Mrs. Young moved to approve the part-time employee rates for 2001 as follows:

Clerical:	\$ 7.00 per hour \$ 7.25 per hour after six months \$ 7.50 per hour after two years
Outside Help:	\$ 7.50 per hour \$ 7.75 per hour after six months \$ 8.00 per hour after two years

Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mrs. Young moved to set the mileage rate for 2001 at **\$.28** per mile. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

HEALTH - #210

Dr. Craig Moorman, County Health Officer, and John Bonsett, Director of Environmental Health appeared to review the 2001 proposed budget. Mr. Bonsett stated the personal services were within the recommended guidelines.

Discussion was held concerning Vehicle Maintenance Supplies, Professional Services, Temporary Employees, and Vector Control. Mrs. Young moved to approve the budget as presented with the following amendments:

#210-212.0 – Vector Control – reduce to \$1,000.00

Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE - #214

Mr. Bonsett reviewed the proposed 2001 budget and noted that the revenue is generated through the cigarette taxation. Mr. Wright moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT – #463

Mr. Bonsett explained the money is made available to local health departments across Indiana from the tobacco fund settlement. Louise Brinkman, Director of Nursing, explained the funds would be used to help the elderly indigent population with their prescriptions drugs and to purchase educational materials for the Health Department to help deal with the Hispanic population. Mr. Wright moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Bonsett thanked Councilman Edgar Zehr and Charles Littleton for serving on the County Council.

WIC - #215

Tracy Day, WIC Coordinator appeared to review the 2001 proposed nine-month budget. Mr. Wright moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Zehr seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mrs. Young asked if the Council's Attorney, John P. Wilson could research on how the payment to the Sheriff's Merit Board should be done. Also, the county has a fund titled Jury Pay fund and she would like to know how the money could be spent.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - #122

William Walker, County Commissioner appeared to review the 2001 proposed budget. He noted the Commissioners propose the Council could remove the Director of Human Resource position.

The postage is budgeted in the Commissioner's budget for all the offices that utilize the mailroom in the Courthouse Annex.

Mrs. Young asked why the Board of Commissioners salary increase was over the 2% guidelines. Mr. Walker responded that due to the Commissioners serving on the Solid Waste Management Board they included an extra \$600.00 for each Commissioner. Mrs. Young commented she did not know if this was legal or not and what about the representative from the Council that serves on the Board. The other boards in the county receive a per diem but that is according to statute. Mr. Walker stated the Solid Waste District couldn't pay a per diem to their board members. Mrs. Young felt that if members are ever paid a per diem it should be from the Solid Waste District, which would have to be changed through legislation. Mr. Mason felt that the Board of Commissioners and the Council representative should be compensated for attending the Solid Waste meetings.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the budget as presented with the following amendments:

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#122-130.0 – Director of Human Resources – delete
#122-260.0 – Election Supplies – reduce to \$5,000.00

Mr. Wright seconded the motion.

Mrs. Young asked why the salary supplement for the Highway Director is being increased by \$5,000.00. Mr. Walker responded the Commissioners felt the increase is comparable to the responsibility of the fleet vehicles and the amount of money being saved. John Price, Highway Director appeared and distributed a report and explained the amount of money being saved by having a vehicle fleet program. Mrs. Young noted that no other county employee is receiving extra compensation for saving the county money and recommended the supplement be reduced to reflect a 2% increase only.

Discussion was held on line items such as vehicle maintenance supplies, physical exams/vaccinations, change of venue, equipment lease, fleet vehicles and miscellaneous fleet equipment.

Mr. Mason withdrew the first motion. Mr. Wright withdrew the second. Mr. Mason moved to approve the budget as presented with the following amendments:

#122-128.0 – Highway Director – reduce to \$5,365.00
#122-130.0 – Director of Human Resources – delete
#122-260.0 – Election Supplies – reduce to \$5,000.00
#122-353.0 – Physical Exams/Vaccinations – reduce to \$1,200.00
#122-394.0 – Change of Venue – reduce to \$1,000.00
#122-421.0 – Fleet Vehicles – delete
#122-422.0 – Miscellaneous Fleet Equipment – reduce to \$4,000.00

Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE - #123

Jack Matthews, Director of Maintenance and William Walker, Commissioner appeared to review the proposed 2001 budget.

Mr. Canary questioned the new custodian position (#123-122.0). Mr. Matthews responded the position is the custodian that is currently at the jail that needs to be moved this budget. Mrs. Young asked why aren't the two positions at the Juvenile Detention Center being moved to this budget also. Mr. Matthews stated they have not taken over the maintenance at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Discussion was held on the new position that was approved for 2000 and why an employee has not been hired. Also, discussion on the increase in overtime, maintenance supplies, equipment repair & maintenance, and utilities.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the budget as presented with the following amendments:

#123-113.0 – Salary Custodian – reduce to \$18,758.00
#123-115.0 – Salary Custodian – reduce to \$18,758.00
#123-351.0 – Utilities – reduce to \$170,000.00

Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT - #254

Mrs. Young questioned if the contracts for architectural services for the Museum be paid from this fund. No decision was made.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

COMPUTER SERVICES - #141

Robert Norris, Computer Director appeared to review the proposed 2001 budget. Mr. Norris noted the budget included increases in equipment repair & maintenance, and professional services.

Mr. Wright asked how the GIS internet services are working for the county. Mr. Norris responded as of August 1, 2000 a fee of \$50.00 per month. At this time there is only one subscriber for the GIS internet service. The counties fee is \$24,000.00, which is included in the proposed budget.

Mr. Norris explained a detail list of the professional services line item including vendors and amounts.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the budget as presented with the following amendments:

#141-322.0 – Postage – delete
#141-399.0 – Professional Services – reduce to \$74,970 (GIS internet services and T-1 line access to internet deleted and will be addressed individually)

Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

ENHANCED 911 - #901

Mr. Norris noted the GIS Technician/911 Coordinator's salary is over the 2% guideline due to the request of reclassification from a PAT IV to PAT III. This position was sent to the consultant for review and their recommendation was the reclassification to a PAT III.

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Mrs. Young noted the consultants report showed this position would have added duties and responsibilities because of the GIS project and a lot depends on whether funds are available to continue with the project.

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

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - #120

Gene Robinson, Veterans Director appeared to review the proposed 2001 budget. He noted the budget was within the recommended guidelines. The only change he requested was to have money added to the budget to purchase a computer for the department. He is currently using his personnel computer at the office.

Mrs. Young commented that the Council has approved the purchase of some equipment from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Deborah Shutta, County Auditor commented the statute regarding the Cumulative Capital Development Fund allows for expenditures to purchase, construct, equip, maintain, repair, remodel, and enlarge all county buildings. The ordinance that establishes the Cumulative Capital Development Fund perhaps needs to be revised to be more specific as to expenditures. Mr. Dennis commented he spoke with the Board of Commissioners and they are going to address the ordinance issue.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the budget as presented with the following amendment:

#120-322.0 – Postage – delete

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – #202

John Price, Highway Director appeared to review the proposed 2001 budget. He noted the budget was within the recommended guidelines.

Mr. Canary moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENDITURES - #203

Mr. Price stated the proposed budget for 2001 is exactly the same as 2000. Mr. Mason moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE & REPAIR - #204

Mr. Price stated the salaries are within the recommended 2% guidelines with the exception of the request of a mechanic's position. The new position is needed for the fleet vehicle program. He noted there is an increase in the wearing apparel, vehicle maintenance supplies, road stripping/markers, and vehicle repairs/maintenance.