

## **COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 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, and Pam Young. Richard Mason was not in attendance. John P. Wilson was present as the Council's Attorney.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. INVOCATION**

**Public Hearing-County Council/Board of Commissioners - Preliminary determination to issue bonds for the purpose of establishing a high-tech public safety communication system to serve Johnson County (See Council Minutes 8/14/00)**

Joseph Pitcher, County Attorney, appeared for the first reading approval of the ordinance to issuance general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed five million five hundred thousand (\$5,500,000) for a high-tech public safety communication system. He asked if the public or the Council had any questions.

Mrs. Young stated she is in support of the countywide communication system and requested a list of the equipment with the associated costs. She noted that she just received the twenty-one-page bond ordinance and has not had time to review the contents. Mr. Pitcher responded they do not have a list of the equipment costs because the systems cost is based on what is exactly needed.

Charles Henderson, Greenwood City Mayor, appeared commenting the exact costs of the infrastructure is not available at this time. Until a contract is signed with Motorola only estimates are available. The engineers have to go to each site and design the five dispatcher's console system that is needed for each entity.

Jim Higgins, Financial Advisor from the London Witte Group, appeared to review the financial estimates and tax impact that was discussed at the August Council meeting. He noted a correction on the tax impact figure to the taxpayers was a little high after he spoke with the Council's financial consultant. He also noted that at the last Council meeting there was discussion on whether Cumulative Capital Development Funds could be used for portable computers placed in the law enforcement vehicles. There was a general interpretation from the State Board of Accounts in January that they did not feel that the purchase of the computers would be an inappropriate expenditure from an audit position. Mr. Higgins and Mr. Pitcher have reviewed the State Statutes and they believe that it would be an appropriate expenditure to use Cumulative Capital Development monies to make a bond payment if needed.

Mr. Canary asked where in the ordinance does it state that the Cumulative Capital Development monies can be used to make the payment.

Kurt Grabel, Bond Counsel from Bose, McKinney & Evans appeared to review the bond ordinance. The source of security of payment of the bonds is on page 5, paragraph 2, and states "Johnson County Indiana, for the value received, promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above or registered assigns, from ad valorem property taxes or any other moneys available to the County from any source".

Several public safety employees appeared to express their support for the system.

Mrs. Young commented that she feels that property owners should not have to pay for the communication system. She believes that the State Statute for expenditures from the E-911 Fund should be changed so that the payments can be paid from that fund and that county officials discuss this with the county's state representatives for an amendment. Mayor Henderson appeared stating he agrees and feels the issue to change the E-911 Statute should be addressed in the future.

Mr. Pitcher explained that this was the first reading of the ordinance and the Council could vote to suspend the rules and vote to approve the ordinance unanimously at this time or have a second reading in two weeks.

Mr. Canary moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and set a date in two weeks for the second hearing. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second reading of the bond ordinance was set for September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex Auditorium.

### **Adoption of the 2001 Budget**

Mr. Wright moved to adopt the 2001 budget as approved on second reading with the exception of department #121 (Weights & Measures). Mr. Zehr seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the operating balance for the debt service funds and how by increasing the operating balance will increase the amount the county receives in County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT), but will increase taxes.

Mr. Wright moved to approve budget #121 (Weights & Measures) on second reading with the following amendment:

#121-111.0 – Salary Inspector – increase to \$25,200.00

Mr. Canary commented that the Council voted to send the job description to the consultant for review and feels the Council should wait until the information is received back from the consultant.

Mr. Zehr seconded the motion that carried four to two, Mrs. Young and Mr. Canary voted nay.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF 9/11/00 AGENDA**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF 8/14/00 MINUTES**

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

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VII. JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Beverly Martin, Director of Johnson County Public Library, appeared to request the appointment of Jo Ellen Weems to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Wright moved to appoint Jo Ellen Weems to the Johnson County Public Library Board. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE SALARY ORDINANCE (144) AMENDMENTS**

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

#123-113.0 - \$23,393.00 to \$18,390.00 (8-21-00)	
#123-115.0 - \$22,352.00 to \$18,390.00 (8-28-00)	
#124-126.5 - \$22,220.00 to \$23,332.00 (9-18-00)	
#124-127.7 - \$22,220.00 to \$25,723.00 (8-23-00)	\$ 676.00
#105-128.6 - \$24,498.00 to \$25,723.00 (9-30-00)	
#134-115.0 - \$22,648.00 to \$20,542.00 (8-21-00)	
#140-120.2 - \$22,220.00 to \$23,332.00 (9-11-00)	
#140-124.0 - \$22,220.00 to \$23,332.00 (10-11-00)	
#210-116.3 - \$28,506.00 to \$27,150.00 (8-28-00)	
#219-113.4 - \$19,227.00 to \$17,439.00 (8-2-00)	
#215-112.0 - \$23,509.00 to \$24,684.00 (9-13-00)	\$ 1,281.50
#276-111.0 - \$33,000.00 to \$31,428.00 (8-10-00)	
#353-113.0 - \$24,434.00 to \$25,655.00 (10-20-00)	

Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**Request for a COMOT II Step V for a new hire #132-118.0 - \$24,970.00 (8-10-00)**

James Coachys, Superior Court No. 1 Judge, appeared to request a Step V for a new hire.

He noted that this particular person worked in the clerk's office between 1990 and 1993, then she moved to Superior Court No. 2 as an assistant court reporter until 1999.

Mrs. Young commented she understands the request but the issue could become a problem if the Council allows employees to leave and return to the county starting where they left off.

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

**Request for an early three year STEP increase – Hire-in date 1/1/97**

**#124-125.2 - \$24,498.00 to \$25,723.00 (effective 1/1/00) \$ 1,125.00**

Joe Rupe, Chief Deputy Sheriff, appeared to request the STEP increase for an employee that was hired 1/1/97. He feels that when an employee reaches their anniversary date they should be entitled to their STEP increase.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the request as presented. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mrs. Young commented that this type of request has been approved for other employees.

Mr. Wright concurred that the Council has approved STEP increases for employees hired on January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**COMPUTER SERVICES – (141)**

Mr. Wright moved to approve the transfer as submitted. Mrs. Young seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #141-199.0 – Overtime	(\$ 1,100.00)
To: #141-210.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 1,100.00

**CIRCUIT COURT – (131)**

Mark Loyd, Circuit Court Judge, appeared to request a transfer of funds for Part-time and an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour.

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

From: #131-115.0 – Assistant Court Reporter	(\$ 6,480.00)
To: #131-114.0 – Part-Time Clerical Assistance	\$ 6,480.00

\$10.00 per hour rate

**PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327) (tabled from August)**

Mr. Wright moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#327-311.0 – Franklin City Court	\$ 8,088.75
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#327-414.0 – Johnson County Sheriff’s Department \$ 2,241.75

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

Mr. Canary moved to table the request until the October Council meeting. Mrs. Young seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**WIC – (215) 10/1/00 to 12/31/00**

Tracy Day, WIC Coordinator, appeared to request approval of their three month 2000 fiscal year budget 10/1/00 to 12/31/00.

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

#215-111.0 – Registered Nurse	\$ 8,249.00
#215-112.0 – Coordinator	\$ 8,229.00
#215-113.0 – Office Manager	\$ 5,577.00
#215-113.1 – Registered Dietitian	\$ 3,120.00
#215-113.2 – Clinic Assistant	\$ 2,612.00
#215-114.0 – Insurance	\$ 2,442.00
#215-161.0 – FICA	\$ 2,125.00
#215-172.0 – PERF	\$ 1,764.00
#215-217.0 – Supplies	\$ 281.00
#215-322.0 – Postage	\$ 112.00
#215-323.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 36.00
#215-330.0 – Printing	\$ 32.00
#215-340.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 117.00
#215-350.0 – Professional Services	\$ 1,251.00
#215-372.0 – Rent/Utilities	\$ 1,773.00

**LOCAL ROAD & STREET – (207)**

Mr. Canary moved to approve the additional appropriation of \$600,000.00 as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Wright commented that residents in the project area are looking forward to having this completed.

#207-469.0 – Morgantown Rd/Smith Valley Rd \$600,000.00

**COUNTY PARK – (128)**

Tim Davis, Park Superintendent, appeared to request additional appropriation for utilities. He invited the Council to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Independence Park located in White River Township. He explained the additional funds are needed for increased attendance at the campgrounds, water, and electric at the new park in White River Township. He also requested the following transfers:

From: #128-118.0 – Salary Park Maintenance	(\$ 440.00)
From: #128-112.0 –Horse Park Manager	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: #128-119.1 – Part-Time	\$ 1,440.00
From: #128-112.0 – Horse Park Manager	(\$ 6,500.00)
To: #128-325.0 – Operating Expense	\$ 6,500.00
From: #271-420.0 – Building & Land Improvement	(\$ 2,000.00)
To: #271-210.0 – Supplies	\$ 2,000.00

#128-351.0 – Utilities \$ 15,000.00

Mr. Wright moved to approve the transfers as requested and the additional appropriation of \$15,000.00. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis commented he did not meet the deadline of a request for an additional appropriation for overtime. He explained that for several months they have not had a horse park manager and several staff members have had to work all weekend at the horse park. There are several weekend events left to pay for such as the Heartnut Festival, 5K run/walk, Halloween run, and the haunted trail. He estimated an additional \$12,000.00 will be needed for overtime. In order to keep the overtime line item from not running in the red he asked to transfer \$6,000.00 from utilities and then will return next month for additional appropriations for overtime and utility monies.

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

From: #128-351.0 – Utilities	(\$ 6,000.00)
To: #128-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 6,000.00

**SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 – (134)**

Kim Van Valer Shilts, Superior Court No. 3 Judge, appeared to request additional appropriations for jury expenses.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Zehr seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#134-169.0 – Per Diem Court/Jurors	\$ 7,000.00
#134-391.0 – Juror Meals/Lodging	\$ 10,000.00
#134-360.0 – Pauper Legal	\$ 10,000.00
#134-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 2,000.00

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**COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CONT. EDUCATION #2 (306)**

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

#306-300.0 – Claims \$ 7,500.00

**SHERIFF – (105)**

Joe Rupe, Chief Deputy Sheriff, appeared to request a transfer of funds and additional appropriations in the Sheriff's budget. Mrs. Young asked if the transfer of \$25,000.00 for overtime would be enough for the remainder of 2000. Mr. Rupe responded he assumes it would; he noted he was asked to attend the meeting because the Sheriff was out of town.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the transfer as requested. Mr. Zehr seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #105-117.8 – Deputy (\$ 25,000.00)  
To: #105-165.0 – Overtime \$ 25,000.00

Mr. Rupe could not explain the reason for the additional 6,000.00 requested for supplies. Mrs. Young moved to approve \$3,000.00 for supplies. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#105-210.0 – Supplies \$ 3,000.00

**JAIL – (124)**

Mr. Rupe was unable to answer any questions concerning the transfer request of \$8,000.00 to part-time maintenance. Mrs. Young moved to approve a transfer of funds of \$3,000.00 for part-time maintenance. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #124-162.0 – Cook (\$ 3,000.00)  
To: #124-130.1 – Part-Time Maintenance \$ 3,000.00

Mr. Rupe requested additional appropriations for prescription medicines (\$15,000.00), food (\$35,000.00), communications (\$15,000.00), and utilities (\$35,000.00). He explained the prescription medicines line item is at a negative amount of \$2,174.36, food line item has a balance of \$2,000.00, communications line item has a balance of \$398.70, and utilities has a balance of \$6,710.00.

After some discussion of the requested additional appropriations, Mrs. Young moved to approve the following additional appropriations:

#124-255.0 – Prescription Medicines \$ 15,000.00  
#124-258.0 – Food \$ 20,000.00  
#124-320.0 – Communications \$ 5,000.00  
#124-351.0 – Utilities \$ 20,000.00

Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**Interlocal Agreement – County, Prosecutor's Office & City of Greenwood**

John P. Wilson, Council's Attorney, reported the agreement has been amended by the City of Greenwood changing the name of the court. He has reviewed the amended agreement and approves the change. He suggested that the City of Greenwood approve the revised agreement first.

The Council instructed the Auditor to contact Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates to not review the Weights & Measures position.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**Sheriff's Department – Discussion of payment to Epic Computer, Inc.**

Mr. Rupe reported that under the amendment to IC 36-8-10-21, Jail Commissary Funds and Inmate Trust Funds, it gives the sheriff authority to disburse money from the commissary fund for specific expense and items. The county fiscal body and the county sheriff must mutually agree upon any other disbursements. They currently have an outstanding invoice from Epic Computers in the amount \$6,601.00 to move computers and cables from one to site to another during the renovation of the jail. He noted that the invoice was sent to the Board of Commissioners for payment from the jail renovation budget. The response was that the cost associated with the invoice was not included in the jail renovation budget as the project is not substantially complete they will not authorize additional sums until it is clear that the budget is not short.

Mr. Dennis requested to have a copy of the amendment to the Jail Commissary Funds and Inmate Trust Fund.

Mrs. Young commented she does not understand why this is not paid from the jail construction budget and felt the construction manager should have overseen this service.

William Walker, County Commissioner, appeared stating that the Board of Commissioners requested to have three quotes for this service and none were received.

Mr. Zehr moved to approve the payment from the Jail Commissary Fund to pay the invoice to Epic Computers. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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**Museum – Request for a new line item #125-310.0 (Professional Services)**

Mrs. Young moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**Franklin Township Assessor – Request for a COMOT III Step V for a new hire #111-112.0 -\$22,310.00 (9-7-00)**

Rita Sievertson, Franklin Township Assessor, appeared to request a STEP V for a new hire that was employed in her office for ten (10) years. The employee left the county in April 2000 and returned to the same position in August 2000.

Mrs. Young commented that the request is a policy issue and the Council really needs to develop a policy for such requests.

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

**Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates invoice approval**

Mr. Canary moved to approve payment of \$565.00 to Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates. Mr. Zehr seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**Discussion on request to extend additional service credit (PERF)**

The request was not approved due to a lack of motion.

Marla Hash, County Assessor, appeared to request the approval of payment for mileage for the County Appraiser in the amount of \$38.64 for April and May 2000.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mrs. Young asked if the President of the Council has received any invoices from the financial consultant per the contract. Mr. Dennis responded “no” and he would check with the firm.

**Council Correspondence**

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