

## **COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2000**

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

### **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.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**III. COUNCIL ORDINANCE #2000-4 (second reading) Authorizing the acquisition of, and the construction of certain improvements in Johnson County, Indiana, the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide funds to pay the cost thereof and other matters connected therewith, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith. To establish a high tech public safety communication system to serve the County and the other political subdivisions within the County. (See Council Minutes 8/14/00 & 9/11/00)**

Joseph Pitcher, County Attorney, appeared for the second reading of Council Ordinance #2000-4.

Mr. Mason moved to approve Ordinance #2000-4 as presented. Mr. Canary seconded the motion.

Mr. Canary commented that on the information he received concerning the communications, interlocal agreements would not be prepared until funding is available. The letter states that the agencies will become responsible for the insurance, maintenance, replacements, and or addition of such communication equipment until the bonds are retired. Mr. Canary asked who would be responsible when the bonds are paid in full. Mr. Pitcher responded the equipment would become the responsibility of the different agencies once the bonds are retired.

David Travelstead, Bond Counsel from Bose, McKinney & Evans appeared explaining the equipment must remain in the county's name until the bonds are retired due to any type of default on the bond payment.

Mrs. Young asked if the statute is changed concerning the expenditures of E-911 funds to include communication equipment, would the interlocal language change to reflect that the equipment would be maintained through the E-911 surcharge. Mr. Pitcher responded perhaps that might be possible and could be included in the interlocal agreement.

Mrs. Young asked if the Council should set the term on the bond as this time. Mr. Dennis responded that the ordinance states the term is not to exceed ten (10) years and the Board of Commissioners would set the term period when the final figures are reached. Once that is done the Board of Commissioners would return to the Council with the best term period for both boards to approve.

Mr. Travelstead responded when the bonds are ready to be sold the interest rates at that time could make a difference on how long the county would want the term of the bonds.

The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – To provide funds to be applied to the cost of establishing a high-tech public safety communication system to serve the County and other political subdivisions within the County and to pay the cost of issuing County bonds.**

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Mr. Mason moved to appropriate the proceeds of the bonds and to instruct the Treasurer to place them in the county's construction fund and the county's debt services fund after the bonds are sold. Mr. Littleton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF JOHNSON COUNTY, INDIANA PRELIMINARILY DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS #2000-3**

1. The Council hereby makes its preliminary determination to issue bonds for the purpose of establishing a high-tech public safety communication system to serve the County and other political subdivisions with the County ("Project");
2. The maximum term of the Bonds will be ten (10) years;
3. The estimated interest rate associated with the Bonds will be no more than 8%;
4. The total interest cost associated with the Bonds, based on the above interest rate, is approximately two million two hundred and eighty two thousand (\$2,282,000) dollars.
5. The Council shall publish notice of this preliminary determination to issue bonds as required by I.C. 6-1.1-20-3.1.

Mr. Mason moved to approve Resolution #2000-3 as presented. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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