

**COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by President, Richard Mason.

**I. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Charles Canary, Ron West, Keith Wright, Brent Waltz, Pam Young, and Daniel Dennis. John P. Wilson was present as the Council's Attorney.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF 11/13/01 AGENDA**

Mrs. Young requested to add under "New Business" discussion of the invitation from the County Commissioners Association to all the Council members to attend a meeting at their annual conference. Mr. Mason also requested to add a transfer from Superior Court No. 3 under "New Business". Mr. Wright moved to approve the agenda as presented including the additions. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**V. APPROVAL OF 10/9/01 AND BUDGET HEARINGS MINUTES**

Mrs. Young moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the following salary ordinance amendments, transfers, and additional appropriations:

#101-113.7 - \$20,953.00 to \$22,001.00 (11-01-01)

#101-113.9 - \$20,953.00 to \$22,001.00 (12-18-01)

#124-128.9 - \$24,988.00 to \$22,664.00 (10-05-01)

#204-137.0 - \$27,085.00 to \$23,181.00 (09-04-01)

#206-121.0 - \$27,693.00 to \$29,076.00 (11-15-01)

#208-113.3 - \$24,988.00 to \$27,550.00 (11-02-01)

#209-118.0 - \$23,799.00 to \$22,664.00 (11-08-01)

#209-125.0 - \$23,799.00 to \$22,664.00 (10-10-01)

#209-126.0 - \$23,799.00 to \$22,664.00 (10-05-01)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (127)**

From: #127-362.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance (\$ 600.00)

To: #127-410.0 – Equipment \$ 600.00

**PARK (128) & NON-REVERTING – (271)**

From: #128-119.1 – Part-time (\$ 1,700.00)

From: #128-231.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies (\$ 1,100.00)

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To: #128-330.0 – Printing	\$ 2,800.00
From: #128-224.0 – Cleaning Supplies	(\$ 500.00)
From: #128-199.0 – Overtime	(\$ 1,100.00)
To: #128-325.0 – Operating Expense	\$ 1,600.00
From: #271-420.0 – Building & Land Improvements	(\$12,500.00)
To: #271-210.0 – Supplies	\$12,500.00
<b><u>SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 – (133)</u></b>	
From: #133-117.0 – Assistant Court Reporter	(\$ 700.00)
To: #133-302.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 200.00
To: #133-216.0 – Books	\$ 300.00
To: #133-362.0 – Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 200.00
<b><u>MAGISTRATE COURT – (136)</u></b>	
From: #136-340.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 875.00)
From: #136-361.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 560.00)
To: #136-420.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 1,435.00
<b><u>JUVENILE COURT – (137)</u></b>	
From: #137-113.0 – Security/Bailiff	(\$ 2,500.00)
To: #137-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 2,500.00
<b><u>ANIMAL SHELTER – (219)</u></b>	
From: #219-113.2 – Deputy Warden	(\$ 4,200.00)
To: #219-311.0 – Professional Services	\$ 500.00
To: #219-331.0 – Printing	\$ 400.00
To: #219-224.0 – Cleaning Supplies	\$ 300.00
To: #219-225.0 – Operating Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
To: #219-113.3 – Kennel Attendant	\$ 1,500.00
<b><u>COURT IMPROVEMENT GRANT/CASA – (344)</u></b>	
From: #344-114.0 – Part-time	(\$ 1,100.00)
To: #344-323.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 225.00
To: #344-258.0 – Books	\$ 875.00
<b><u>COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CONT. EDUCATION (Sheriff) #2 – (306)</u></b>	
#306-300.0 – Claims	\$ 4,000.00
<b><u>JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY – (355)</u></b>	
#355-310.0 – Professional Services	\$ 3,061.00
<b><u>SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 – (134)</u></b>	
From: #134-301.0 – Professional Services	(\$ 800.00)
To: #134-214.0 – Books	\$ 800.00

Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**#327-120.0 - \$20,953.00 to \$25,000.00 (Request a change in the position from Legal Assistant/Paralegal to Administrative Assistant/Statistician)-tabled**

Mr. Dennis explained he spoke to the Prosecutor, Lance Hamner and he is unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Dennis commented he assumed that any Council member who had concerns with the request contacted Mr. Hamner. Mr. Dennis moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion.

Mrs. Young commented she does not understand how a \$4,100.00 salary increase was determined and will this be acceptable in the future with other departments.

Mr. West noted the Council needs to be careful because if there are similar positions in other departments the law states equal pay for equal work.

The motion carried five to two, Mrs. Young and Mr. West voted nay.

**PRETRAIL DIVERSION PROGRAM – (286)**

**PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327)**

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the following requests as presented:

#286-200.0 – Claims	\$ 5,691.13
#286-440.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 2,200.00
#327-220.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 2,700.00

Mrs. Young seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE – (116)**

Mr. Mason explained the County Extension Director, Linda Souchon, contacted him to request to appear before the Council to transfer funds within their department.

Mr. Dennis moved to consider the request to transfer funds. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Ms. Souchon appeared to explain the transfer would allow their office to purchase a focus projector replacement lamp, palm m505 with hot sinc cradle, recharging kit, paper, labels, notebook computer, desk top calculator, zip drives, and a laminator.

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the following transfers as requested.

From: #116-112.3 – Program Assistant	(\$ 4,335.00)
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To: #116-440.0 – Office Equipment \$ 3,585.00  
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To: #116-215.0 – Office Supplies \$ 750.00  
From: #116-360.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance (\$ 1,498.00)  
To: #116-440.0 – Office Equipment \$ 1,498.00

Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF – (105) & JAIL – (124)**

Joe Rupe, Chief Sheriff Deputy, appeared to request several transfer of funds.

Mr. Dennis asked if the overtime for the correctional officers would be decreasing next year due to the approval of the new CO's. Mr. Rupe explained the overtime currently is because of the training of the new CO's; as for next year he could not forecast the overtime.

Discussion was held concerning the Hospital/Medical line item in the Jail's budget and the line item titled Care of Patients/Inmates in the Board of Commissioners budget and if the same type of services are being paid from two budgets.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the following transfers as requested:

From: #105-131.0 – Dispatcher (\$ 5,500.00)  
To: #105-169.0 – Shift Differential \$ 1,500.00  
To: #105-165.0 – Overtime \$ 4,000.00  
From: #124-309.0 – Hospital/Medical (\$15,000.00)  
To: #124-226.0 – Operation Supplies \$ 15,000.00  
From: #124-130.2 – Correctional Officer (\$ 594.13)  
From: #124-130.3 – Correctional Officer (\$ 594.13)  
To: #124-168.0 – Shift Differential \$ 1,188.26  
From: #124-128.9 – Correctional Officer (\$ 1,200.00)  
From: #124-130.7 – Correctional Officer (\$ 600.00)  
From: #124-130.4 – Correctional Officer (\$ 600.00)  
From: #124-130.5 – Correctional Officer (\$ 594.13)  
From: #124-130.6 – Correctional Officer (\$ 594.13)  
To: #124-165.0 – Overtime \$ 3,588.26

Mrs. Young seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Rupe requested that the request for claims from the County Law Enforcement Continuing Education fund that was approved earlier for \$4,000.00 be reduced to \$1,000.00.

Mr. Waltz moved to reconsider the request. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mrs. Young moved to lower the additional appropriation from \$4,000.00 to \$1,000.00. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#306-300.0 – Claims \$ 1,000.00

**SOIL & WATER – (130)**

Robert Weaver, Soil & Water Supervisor, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,973.30 for the District Coordinator's position. At the last Council meeting the salary was increased from \$23,200.00 to \$25,579.00 for a new hire. The Soil & Water Board transferred money to help the increase however they are short the requested amount to finish the year of 2001.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Wright voted nay.

#130-110.0 – District Coordinator \$ 2,973.30

**SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 – (134)**

Kim Van Valer Shilts, Superior Court No. 3 Judge, appeared explaining the request of \$700.00 for office equipment could be transferred from professional services instead of an additional appropriation.

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the following transfer as requested.

From: #134-301.0 – Professional Services (\$ 700.00)  
To: #134-401.0 – Office Equipment \$ 700.00

Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**SURVEYOR – (106)**

Doug Lechner, Surveyor, appeared to request the approval of a new line item titled "Salary Adjustments" and to transfer funds from full time line items into the new one.

He explained the purpose is to use left over money from two line items as a bonus for the employees. The reason is because the executive secretary was gone for three months for military active duty and the instrument man position became vacant in August. He feels the employees should be rewarded for assuming additional duties while the positions were vacant.

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Mr. Waltz commented other departments at budget time eliminated a position or positions and compensated the remainder of the employees for the additional duties. The request to use left over funds that would normally revert back to the county general fund to compensate salaries would establish an unsound financial precedent.

Mr. Canary asked if the intent of the vacant position is to eliminate the position or fill it. Mr. Lechner responded, "Fill the position".

After some discussion, Mrs. Young moved to deny the request. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FUND – (218)**

Vickie Jones, Director, appeared to request additional appropriations for several line items in the amount of \$363,000.00. She explained the shortfall is because of the payment of large sums of money for back adoption assistance and the placement of additional children primarily in institutions.

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

#218-320.0 – Care of Wards in Foster Wards	\$ 38,000.00
#218-320.1 – Care of Wards in Therapeutic Foster Homes	\$ 60,000.00
#218-320.2 – Care of Wards in Institutions	\$170,000.00
#218-320.4 – Preservation Services	\$ 28,000.00
#218-321.1 – Misc Cost of Wards	\$ 1,000.00
#218-321.2 – Medicaid Rehabilitation Option	\$ 29,000.00
#218-321.3 – Adoption Services	\$ 37,000.00

**COURTHOUSE – (123)**

Jack Matthews, Director of Maintenance, appeared to request additional appropriations for supplies, utilities, and building repair/maintenance.

Mrs. Young questioned the transfer of \$40,000.00 from utilities earlier in the year. Mr. Matthews responded the Council requested that monies be transferred first before asking for additional appropriations.

Mr. Matthews explained that a circuit board at the Emergency Management facility was damaged and the replacement cost of the board was over \$4,000.00.

Discussion was also held on the expenditures for part-time help.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#123-213.0 – Preventive Maintenance Supplies	\$ 4,500.00
#123-351.0 – Utilities	\$ 25,000.00
#123-372.0 – Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 32,000.00

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (122)**

Joe Pitcher, County Attorney, appeared to request an additional appropriation (\$94,961.00) for care of patients and inmates to replace funds that was transferred to professional liability and casualty to pay outstanding workers compensation invoices.

Mrs. Young expressed concerns with the county's insurance company Consec. The company does not seem to be financial stable.

Mr. Waltz commented he feels that Consec has more than adequate insurance reserves to cover its losses and the Board of Commissioners monitor the company on a regular basis. He noted that a payment was missed and Consec made the payment on behalf of Johnson County until they were reimbursed.

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#122-392.0 – Care of Patients & Inmates	\$ 94,961.00
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**CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)**

Mr. Pitcher explained that after the Board of Commissioners received the bids on the renovation of the Museum the appropriation is short \$94,000.00. The Council approved an original amount of \$600,000.00 for the renovation. The Johnson County Historical Society has their portion of \$600,000.00.

Mr. Waltz commented that when the original amount was appropriated discussion was held concerning what would happen if the Historical Society did not receive their portion of funds for the project and the comments were made that the project would be scaled back. He also noted that when the original amount was appropriated discussion was held on the hours that the Museum is open. He asked if any of two concerns have been addressed.

Mr. Pitcher stated that negotiations couldn't be made on the project while bids were on the table. However, once the bid has been accepted the project could be renegotiated.

Mr. West noted he was not in favor of renovating an old building because he feels that more and more funds will be needed to maintain it; he would prefer a new facility be built.

He commented that with most projects there are usually several change orders that are submitted of which would increase the cost of the project.

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Mr. Wright asked if there was a contingency percent included in the bids. Mr. Pitcher responded not a percentage, but there is a set amount of \$25,000.00. Mr. Wright stated he feels the hours of the Museum needs to be addressed.

Gary McFarland, Historical Society Member, appeared stating that he did speak to the staff of the Museum after the last Council meeting regarding changing the hours and he was told that they are county employees and follows other county offices hours. The Museum employees are under the Board of Commissioners and the Historical Society cannot change the hours.

James Rhoades, County Commissioners, commented he would have the staff of the Museum to attend the next County Commissioners meeting to discuss the hours.

Mr. Canary moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion.

Mr. Wright asked if the Council approves the request for the additional appropriation and if in the future more funds are needed is the Historical Society going to fund those additional monies or would it still be a 50/50 project. Mr. McFarland stated he is only one member and would hope that once this project is completed there should not be additional expenses for the county.

Mrs. Young commented she feels that if the hours of the Museum are such a concern to several of the Council members she thinks that all the county departments hours needs to be reviewed such as the Animal Shelter. She noted that she is very proud that the county owns the building that houses the Museum.

The motion carried four to three, Mr. Wright, Mr. Waltz, and Mr. West voted nay.

#254-444.0 – Renovation-Museum \$ 94,000.00

Mrs. Young requested an update on the purchase of land for the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Pitcher responded the county is hoping to appear before the City of Franklin's Board of Zoning Appeals the first of December for a use variance.

**AUDITORS PLAT MAP MAINTENANCE – (904)**

Donna Zelner, Pleasant Township Assessor, appeared to request additional appropriations for supplies and office equipment. She explained the funds would be used to purchase a computer, printer, and paper supplies.

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

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**Amendment to the 2002 Salary Ordinance**

Mr. Canary moved to approve the amendment as requested. Mrs. Young seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of the invitation to the Annual County Commissioners Conference**

Mrs. Young noted the Council has been invited to attend a meeting at the conference and they will be discussing Local Option Highway User Tax.

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