

**COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 11, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by President, Charlie Canary.

**I. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Ron West, Brent Waltz, Pam Young, Richard Mason, and Daniel Dennis. Keith Wright was not present. John P. Wilson was present as the Council's Attorney.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF 3/11/02 AGENDA**

Mr. Canary added a request from Adult Probation.

-New Business-Adult Probation request for an exception from the Travel Policy

Mr. Waltz requested to add the following to the agenda:

-Old Business – Accrual Compensation for Overtime  
-Old Business – Commissary Funds Report

Mrs. Young requested to add the following to the agenda:

-Old Business – Indiana Association of County Council Dues

Mr. Mason moved to approve the agenda as presented including the additions. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**V. APPROVAL OF 2/11/02 MINUTES**

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

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VII. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board (ABC)**

Mr. Canary noted that Charles Littleton declined serving on the board.

Mr. Dennis moved to table the ABC appointment until the April Council meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Young moved to approve the following requests as presented.

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

#140-120.3 - \$24,375.00 to \$25,575.00 (1/24/02)

#140-123.3 - \$24,275.00 to \$25,475.00 (1/24/02)

**WIC – (215)**

From: #215-350.0 – Professional Services (\$ 126.00)

To: #215-217.0 – Office Supplies \$ 126.00

**MARCH OF DIMES GRANT – WIC – (360)**

#360-210.0 – Claims \$ 750.00

**PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL – (327)**

#327-416.0 – Greenwood Police Department \$ 5,925.00

Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**GUN PROSECUTION GRANT 10/1/01 – 9/30/04 (341) –tabled from 2/11/02**

**PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM – (286)**

Robert Seet, Deputy Prosecutor, and Michelle Murray, Office Manager, appeared to request the approval of a new deputy prosecutor position. Mr. Seet explained the position would be funded through a Gun Prosecution Grant (\$40,000) and the Pretrial Diversion Program funds (\$10,000).

Mrs. Young noted that according to the grant award the benefits can be paid from the grant and she feels the benefits should be instead of the County General fund.

Mr. Seet stated if the benefits were paid from the grant then the salary would have to be reduced. He noted that Lance Hamner the Prosecutor is requesting the benefits be paid from the general fund.

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the request as presented effective 1/1/02.

Discussion was held on the percentage of the benefits.

Mr. Mason seconded the motion.

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Mr. Seet explained how the position would benefit the county by reducing gun violence and gun crime when drugs are involved.

Mr. Canary noted that grants could benefit the county, however when a portion of the expense comes from the county general he has some uncertainties.

Mr. Mason indicated the benefits being paid from county general is a small price to pay for reducing gun violence. Mr. Seet explained that if approved he would be moved to the new position and the other deputy prosecutors would move up leaving the entry level position vacant for a new hire.

Mr. West asked if after three years when the grant is over does Mr. Seet feel the Prosecutor's Office would be able to retain the position. Mr. Seet replied "yes".

Mrs. Young noted that a commitment is being made to fund the position in three years however a commitment cannot be made to fund the benefits.

The motion was denied with a three to three vote, Mrs. Young, Mr. Canary, and Mr. West voted nay.

**TITLE IV-D JUVENILE COURT – (137)**

K. Mark Loyd, Circuit Court Judge, appeared to request the establishment of a full-time Secretary/ Assistant Court Reporter with a salary starting at \$22,441.00. The position would be reimbursed from the State of Indiana in the amount of 66%. He explained the other requests of funds (\$10,952.00) for various line items were reduced at budget time in an attempt to fund the position and he would need to have them restored in the budget if the position is denied. If the position were approved he would not need the additional amounts except for \$500.00 (Apparel) and \$500.00 (Office Equipment).

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the requests as presented.

Discussion was held concerning the amounts Judge Loyd is requesting.

Mr. Waltz withdrew his motion and moved to approve the position and the two additional appropriations as requested.

Mrs. Young noted that the amounts that were voluntarily reduced at the budget hearings were enough to fund the position.

Mr. Dennis seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#137-115.0 – Secretary/Asst. Court Reporter	\$22,441.00	\$ 17,541.00
#137-214.0 – Apparel		\$ 500.00
#137-405.0 – Office Equipment		\$ 500.00

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (122)**

Jack Matthews, Director of Maintenance, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Care of Patients & Inmates on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. He explained the request is to pay an outstanding invoice for the safekeeping of juvenile offenders for the six-month period of 7/01/01 through 12/31/01.

Mrs. Young indicated that the line for Care of Patients & Inmates should have a better-projected estimate at budget time based upon past expenditures. She noted that she did speak to Judge Loyd concerning the juveniles being sent to the various facilities and he indicated he would do some research and report back to her.

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

#122-392.0 – Care of Patients & Inmates	\$ 75,000.00
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**CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)**

Mr. Matthews requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$37,850.00 for office equipment. The funds would be used to purchase chairs, copiers, and fax machines.

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

#254-414.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 37,850.00
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**COMPUTER SERVICES – (141)**

Robert Norris, Computer Services Director, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$33,000.00 to purchase sixteen (16) new computers for the ISETS division of the Prosecutor's and Clerk's Offices. The Prosecutor's Child Support Division will need eleven (11) computers and the Clerk will need five (5) computers. The requested appropriation includes estimated costs for additional cabling, LAAN adapters, and emulation software licenses. He explained that the State of Indiana is upgrading their ISETS system and the county has to upgrade with them, however the State will not provide the equipment needed. The purchase would be reimbursed from the State of Indiana in the amount of 66%. He reviewed the specifications and quotes with the Council.

Discussions were held on whether the disbursement could be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and still receive the 66% reimbursement.

Mr. Waltz tabled the request until the April Council meeting with a motion to allow Mr. Norris to check on reimbursement. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#141-410.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 33,000.00
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**JAIL – (124)**

J. D. Richards, Sheriff, appeared to discuss the requests of additional appropriations that the department failed to encumber from 2001.

After some discussion Sheriff Richards withdrew the requests for additional appropriations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Sheriff's Commissary Report (see minutes 2/11/02)**

Mr. Waltz reported that he received an itemized ledger of which he provided a copy to all Council members. Mr. Waltz commended Lieutenant Blankenship for his very meticulous record keeping of the commissary report.

Sheriff Richards made corrections concerning an article in the local newspaper pertaining to the commissary fund expenditures.

Mr. Waltz questioned the late finance charges that were paid through the commissary funds.

Sheriff Richards replied he would have to check on the reason for the late fees.

**Special Meeting to Explore Alternative Revenue Sources**

Mr. West explained that he would like to have a profit and loss statement for each department. He felt that perhaps fees could be adjusted in various departments to generate additional revenue. He noted he attended an Association of Indiana Counties meeting recently and was told that the County Health Department could request \$1,300 through the State of Indiana just by asking for the funds. He would like to explore the county funds before implementing an additional tax.

Mr. Waltz commented he felt taxes should only be raised as a last resort and he did not feel the county is at that point yet.

Discussion was held on the State of Indiana's new tax structure proposals.

Mr. Waltz stated he feels the county should use one million of the two million dollars that the county received on the selling of property to the hospital. The Board of Commissioners had asked for half the funds to be dedicated for roads.

Mrs. Young noted that the request was never brought before the Council.

Mr. Waltz recommended taking the one million from County General and request the Board of Commissioners match that amount from Cumulative Capital Development fund and dedicate the funds for roads, bridges, east/west corridor, or structures.

Mrs. Young commented she thinks the two million dollars has been used for additional appropriation for the last two years. She noted that impact fees could help with the road projects.

Discussion was held on the type of information Mr. West would like to obtain from the various departments to explore the revenue and expenditures within county government.

Mrs. Young proposed the Council members contact their assigned departments in order to obtain the information. She did list the various taxes and fees that could be established as alternative revenue sources.

The Council members concurred to have a Special Meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as a pre-budget review.

**Accrual Compensation for Overtime**

Mr. Waltz reported that he met with the Board of Commissioners to review the comp time policy. They said they did not remember receiving the proposal and would review it in the up coming weeks. He noted that the only portion of the policy that raised questions was the following:

*Any official considering use of compensatory time in place of monetary reimbursement to non-exempt employees, must receive prior approval from the County Council.*

**Indiana Association of County Councils Dues (see minutes 2/11/02)**

Mrs. Young stated that last month a motion to deny the payment of the 2002 IACC dues (\$140.00) was approved. The agreement was that any individual Council member that wanted to join could do so independently. Mr. West agreed last month to pay the dues for everyone. She noted that she was one of the votes to deny and does not agree at this time.

Mr. Mason suggested not changing the original motion and address the issue next year.

Mrs. Young moved to reimburse Mr. West the \$140.00 from the Council's budget. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion that carried five to one, Mr. Mason voted nay.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adult Probation Request for an Exception from the Travel Ordinance**

Mr. Canary reported that Richard Pfifer, Adult Probation Officer, discussed with him a request for an exception to the travel ordinance. Mr. Pfifer is requesting pre-payment for the first night of lodging to secure rooms at a lower rate for a conference in August.

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

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

