

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2003

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

I. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Ron West, Brent Waltz, R. J. McConnell, Paul Reed, Richard Mason, and Keith Wright. John P. Wilson was present as the Council's Attorney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 1/13/03 AGENDA

Mr. Canary added the following to the agenda:

- Juvenile Court (transfer)
- Highway (transfer)
- Animal Shelter (transfer)
- Emergency Management (new business)
- Care of Patients & Inmates (old business)
- Lawsuit at the County Jail (old business)

Mr. Wright moved to approve the agenda including the additions. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 12/2/02 MINUTES

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION:

Council President

Mr. Reed nominated Brent Waltz to serve as the 2003 Council President. Mr. Mason seconded the nomination.

Mr. West moved to close the nominations. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The motion to elect Brent Waltz as Council President for 2003 passed unanimously.

Council Vice-President

Mr. Canary nominated Ron West to serve as the 2003 Vice-President. Mr. Mason seconded the nomination.

Mr. Reed moved to close the nominations. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The motion to elect Ron West as Council Vice-President for 2003 passed six to one, Mr. Wright voted nay.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

Council Attorney

Mr. Mason moved to appoint John P. Wilson as Council Attorney. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. West noted the year of 2002 needs to be corrected to 2003 on the contract for council attorney.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board (ABC)

Mr. West moved to appoint David Pollard to the ABC for the year 2003. Mr. Reed seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Wright asked Mr. Pollard to explain the proposed legislation change defining grocery stores and which ones would be able to sell alcohol beverages.

Mr. Pollard appeared stating he understood that some stores were allowing nineteen year olds to sell alcohol beverages. He could not answer what the exact definition would be of a grocery store at this time. Mr. Pollard noted that he and the County Treasurer, Jan Richhart have been working together to make businesses that are issued liquor licenses to pay their taxes prior to the issuance of their permit.

Mr. Waltz commended Mr. Pollard and Mrs. Richhart on their efforts and asked Mr. Pollard to keep the Council informed on any changes the legislature approves.

County Plan Commission Board

Mr. Wright moved to appoint Richard Mason to serve on the County Plan Commission Board for 2003. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Canary moved to appoint John Norton to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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Park Board

Mr. Mason moved to appoint Albert (Art) Barr to the Johnson County Park Board. Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Greenwood Public Library Board

Mr. West moved to appoint Michael Crumbo to the Greenwood Public Library Board. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Management District

Mr. Wright moved to elect Richard Mason to serve on the Solid Waste Management District. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

IX. SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCTIONS, & TRANSFERS:

Mr. Canary moved to approve the following amendments:

Salary increases that were approved at the 2003 budget hearings

Highway/Bridge

#202-111.0 – Director - \$56,030.00	\$ 2,000.00
#202-112.0 – Bookkeeper - \$27,775.00	\$ 500.00
#202-113.0 – Engineer - \$55,775.00	\$ 500.00
#202-114.0 – Clerical - \$22,375.00	\$ 500.00
#202-116.0 – Engineer Designer - \$35,458.00	\$ 500.00
#202-117.0 – Engineer Designer - \$26,775.00	\$ 500.00
#204-120.0 – Assistant Supervisor - \$36,775.00	\$ 500.00
#204-122.0 – Road Foreman - \$34,083.00	\$ 500.00
#204-122.2 – Shop Foreman - \$34,083.00	\$ 500.00
#204-122.3 – Foreman - \$34,083.00	\$ 500.00
#204-123.0 – Mechanic - \$28,979.00	\$ 500.00
#204-124.0 – Mechanic - \$30,370.00	\$ 500.00
#204-124.1 – Inventory Manager - \$27,775.00	\$ 500.00
#204-125.0 – Equipment Operator - \$32,734.00	\$ 500.00
#204-125.1 – Equipment Operator - \$27,050.00	\$ 500.00
#204-125.2 – Equipment Operator - \$30,370.00	\$ 500.00
#204-125.3 – Equipment Operator - \$32,885.00	\$ 500.00
#204-127.0 – Truck Driver - \$25,951.00	\$ 500.00
#204-130.1 – Engineers Assistant - \$32,023.00	\$ 500.00
#204-131.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-132.0 – Truck Driver - \$27,192.00	\$ 500.00
#204-133.0 – Truck Driver - \$28,775.00	\$ 500.00
#204-134.0 – Truck Driver - \$27,192.00	\$ 500.00
#204-135.0 – Truck Driver - \$28,495.00	\$ 500.00
#204-137.0 – Truck Driver - \$27,201.00	\$ 500.00
#204-138.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-139.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-140.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-141.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-142.0 – Truck Driver - \$25,951.00	\$ 500.00
#204-143.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-144.0 – Truck Driver - \$28,752.00	\$ 500.00
#204-146.0 – Truck Driver - \$26,775.00	\$ 500.00
#204-147.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-148.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-149.0 – Truck Driver - \$29,862.00	\$ 500.00
#204-150.0 – Truck Driver - \$27,252.00	\$ 500.00
#204-151.0 – Truck Driver - \$28,495.00	\$ 500.00
#204-152.0 – Truck Driver - \$28,495.00	\$ 500.00
#206-111.0 – Engineer - \$61,775.00	\$ 500.00
#206-112.0 – Administrative Assistant - \$28,975.00	\$ 500.00
#206-114.0 – Engineer Technician - \$29,377.00	\$ 500.00
#206-121.0 – Engineer Designer - \$30,783.00	\$ 500.00
#206-122.0 – Bridge Foreman - \$33,083.00	\$ 500.00
#206-125.0 – Equipment Operator - \$31,832.00	\$ 500.00
#206-131.0 – Truck Driver - \$25,992.00	\$ 500.00
#206-132.0 – Truck Driver - \$25,951.00	\$ 500.00
#203-142.0 – Social Security	\$ 8,000.00
#203-143.0 – Retirement	\$ 8,000.00
#206-182.0 – Social Security	\$ 5,000.00
#206-183.0 – Retirement	\$ 6,000.00

Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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Mr. Price requested a transfer of funds of \$70,000.00 from line item #204-331.0 (vehicle repair & maintenance) to #204-221.0 (vehicle maintenance supplies). The request is for accounting purposes so that replaceable parts are being disbursed from the supplies (200 series) line item instead of other services and charges (300 series).

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

From: #204-331.0 – Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 70,000.00)
To: #204-221.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies	\$ 70,000.00

Mr. Waltz asked Mr. Price to explain the discussion that was held with the Board of Commissioners concerning highway revenues.

Mr. Price explained the county would be receiving approximately \$268,000.00 from the gas tax increase. They also discussed the new I69 route and also ways counties need to explore alternative revenue sources such as a wheel tax.

Mr. Waltz asked what if the Council chooses not to approve a county wheel tax what type of impact would that have on the county.

Mr. Price explained as the county continues to do road projects the cost is so high that they have fewer funds to pave roads. So without increased revenue, roads will not be paved as often as they should be.

Mr. Price noted some counties have impact fees on new development, however the county would need to start with an area that is not currently developed, such as Clark Township or the southern part of White River Township. The fees could be used to upkeep the roads in that particular township.

Mr. Wright commended Mr. Price and the Highway Department on the removal of snow this season.

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

WIC

#215-111.0 – Salary Registered Nurse - \$26,612.00	\$ 374.00
#215-112.0 – Coordinator - \$27,879.00	\$ 1,495.00
#215-113.0 – Office Manager - \$18,116.00	\$ 374.00
#215-113.2 – Clinic Assistant - \$13,962.00	\$ 374.00
#215-114.0 – Insurance	\$ 202.00
#215-161.0 – Social Security	\$ 212.00
#215-172.0 – PERF	\$ 18.00

Health

#210-115.0 – Director Environmental Health - \$50,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
#210-172.0 – PERF	\$ 329.60

County Misdemeanant

#217-112.0 – Classification Specialist - \$40,280.00	\$ 500.00
#217-113.0 – Correctional Officer - \$23,617.00	\$ 500.00

Animal Shelter

#219-111.0 – Animal Warden - \$34,288.00	\$ 2,000.00
#219-112.0 – Administrative Assistant - \$18,810.00	\$ 500.00
#219-113.0 – Dispatch - \$17,772.00	\$ 500.00
#219-113.1 – Deputy Warden - \$24,017.00	\$ 500.00
#219-113.2 – Deputy Warden - \$23,364.00	\$ 500.00
#219-115.0 – Road Commander - \$25,275.00	\$ 500.00
#219-113.4 – Deputy Warden - \$22,517.00	\$ 500.00

Pretrial Diversion

#286-111.0 – Program Coordinator - \$26,300.00	\$ 500.00
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Property Reassessment

#322-113.0 – Reassessment Tech - \$21,800.00	\$ 500.00
#322-113.1 – County Appraiser - \$38,485.00	\$ 500.00

Prosecutor Deferral Program

#327-110.0 – Deputy Prosecutor - \$28,644.00	\$ 500.00
#327-118.0 – Deferral/Diversion Director - \$25,500.00	\$ 500.00
#327-119.0 – Deputy Prosecutor - \$33,644.00	\$ 500.00
#327-120.0 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal - \$25,500.00	\$ 500.00

Enhanced 911

#901-112.0 – GIS Technician - \$33,198.00	\$ 500.00
#901-113.0 – 911 Coordinator/Dispatcher - \$23,995.00	\$ 500.00
#901-142.0 – Social Security	\$ 77.00
#901-143.0 – PERF	\$ 80.00

Auditors Plat Map Maintenance

#904-111.0 – Plat Map Deputy \$25,485.00	\$ 500.00
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Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the Animal Shelter's request for a transfer of funds and amendment to the salaries. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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#219-113.1 – Deputy Warden - \$23,617.00	(\$ 400.00)
#219-113.4 – Deputy Warden - \$22,917.00	\$ 400.00

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS – (115)

Brenda Jones-Matthews, Clerk, appeared to request that the first deputy title in voters registration be changed to deputy clerk and the salary reduced from \$26,487.00 to \$25,000.00. She explained the first deputy is not the chief deputy for the Clerk's Office. The Clerk is in charge of voter's registration.

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

#115-113.0 – First Deputy to Deputy Clerk \$26,487.00 to \$25,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 – (133)

Cynthia Emkes, Superior Court No. 2 Judge, appeared to request a reimbursement on lodging. She explained the conference was held in Chicago titled the "American Judicature Society". The government discount rate was \$155.00 per night and the Travel Ordinance allows for only \$125.00 per night for out of state accommodations. She apologized for not requesting the exception prior to attending the conference.

Mr. McConnell moved to approve reimbursement for \$155.00 per night. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

INSPECTION FEES – (276)

David Hirschle, Director of Planning, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,000.00 for 2003. He explained the department funded the production of the "2003 Highway Map of Johnson County" from this line item. They also would like to purchase various office equipment for the department.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.
#276-210.0 – Claims \$ 8,000.00

COMPUTER SERVICES – (141)

Robert Norris, Computer Services Director, appeared to request an amendment of the salary for the Computer Administrator/Courts from \$28,527.00 to \$29,427.00. He requested the increase of pay be transferred from their overtime line item. The employee works very hard in her position running the network for all the Courts and Clerk's Office. He noted that at the budget hearings he requested \$1,400.00 from overtime to the position, however was denied after the Council approved \$500.00 for all employees. He feels that the overtime line item has ample amount of money in it to allow the transfer.

Mr. West moved to approve the request. Mr. McConnell seconded the motion.

Mr. Mason commented if the Council would allow transfers from overtime and part-time for salary increases he is concerned several departments will appear before the Council for the same type of request.

Mr. Wright concurred with Mr. Mason. He understands that the employee is probably very deserving of the raise especially with the expertise involved, however this could set a precedence for all departments. Shifting of funds was allowed only within full-time line items not overtime or part time.

Mr. West stated he feels the Elected Officials and Department Heads should have the ability to move money within their budgets to allow for salary increases. The departments would have to understand they could not return and ask for additional funds in overtime.

Mr. Reed moved for the previous question.

The motion was defeated with a two to five vote, Mr. Waltz, Mr. Reed, Mr. Mason, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Canary voted nay.

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327)

PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM – (286)

Michelle Murray, Prosecutor's Office Manager, appeared to request additional appropriations in the Deferral Program Fund and several reductions in the Diversion Program Fund. She explained the Diversion Program Fund is not producing the projected revenue amounts.

Mr. Canary questioned the salary increase of \$950.00 for the Chief Deputy because the Council only allowed a \$500.00 increase for the employees.

Mr. Reed noted he was not in favor of a salary increase once the budget has been approved.

Mr. McConnell commented the Council should be consistent with all departments concerning salary increases.

Mr. West noted the additional appropriations are \$5,000.00 more than the reductions.

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Mr. Wright moved to approve the requests as presented with the exception of the salary increase be only \$500.00 and the office supplies line item raise to \$1,850.00. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried five to two, Mr. Reed and Mr. West voted nay.

#327-114.0 – Chief Deputy \$7,050.00	\$ 500.00
#327-110.1 – Legal Secretary pt-time (new)	\$ 15,000.00
#327-215.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 1,850.00
#327-312.0 – Subscriptions (new)	\$ 1,700.00
#327-315.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 9,000.00
#327-332.0 – Public Education (new)	\$ 1,200.00
#327-440.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 8,000.00
#286-343.1 – Professional Fees	\$ 575.00

Reductions:

#286-114.0 – Legal Secretary	(\$ 15,000.00)
#286-340.0 – Telephone	(\$ 60.00)
#286-323.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 7,812.00)
#286-343.0 – Witness Fees	(\$ 3,300.00)
#286-440.0 – Office Equipment	(\$ 4,000.00)
#286-210.0 – Office Supplies	(\$ 1,400.00)
#286-332.0 – Public Education	(\$ 1,200.00)

GUN PROSECUTION GRANT – (341)

Ms. Murray requested approval of the Deputy Prosecutor's salary of \$40,000.00 for 2003. She noted the salary was the same as 2002 and was not appropriated at budget time.

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

#341-110.0 – Deputy Prosecutor \$40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-GENERAL FUND – (142)

Superior Court No. 2 Judge, Cynthia Emkes and Community Corrections Director, Deana McMurray appeared to request approval for two salaries to be paid from the General Fund for their alcohol/drug counselors for six months. Judge Emkes and Ms. McMurray explained the following to the Council:

Alcohol & Drug Program (A&D) was established in November of 1993 and supervised by Judge Emkes under IC12-23-14. The program certification review required the budget for A&D be separate from Johnson County Community Corrections and the County Clerk shall collect the A&D fees. The budget has been paid from the A&D fee fund, however the statute states the general fund is suppose to provide for the employees compensation but may be supplemented from the fee fund. The fee schedule increased in February 2002 from \$75.00 to \$200.00. The fund in August of 2002 was approximately \$49,000.00 in the red and is currently \$16,748.00 in the red. The State Board of Accounts will not allow the Auditor to run the fund in the red. They discussed the alcohol program referrals and the problems affecting the shortage of funds. Some of the problems were the confusion regarding types of fees (A&D and countermeasures JCCASA fees were both \$200.00), lack of consistency in reporting formats (tracking payments), and inconsistency in court order text. *How they are addressing the problem:* The court has increased the fee to \$300.00 effective January 2003 to help with the confusion of the same amount of fees for two different programs. They will be tracking fees with assistance of the Offender Classification Monitor and they used other funding sources to help offset the shortage of funds. There are three choices the Council may decide; to fund the employees through general fund for six months, fund them through project income (however Ms. McMurray did not think the fund could support the salaries), or eliminate the positions.

Several members did not think the problem would be resolved in six months and questioned whether this type of a program should continue if funding was not available through the user fees.

After further discussion, Mr. McConnell moved to approve the salaries to be paid from the General Fund for six months and that a report submitted to the Council in three months. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried four to three, Mr. Wright, Mr. West, and Mr. Reed voted nay.

#142-113.0 – Alcohol & Drug Counselor \$34,333.00	\$ 17,166.50
#142-114.0 – Alcohol & Drug Counselor \$28,247.00	\$ 14,123.50

SHERIFF & JAIL – (105) & (124)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request additional appropriations and reductions in the Sheriff and Jail's budget to restructure the department. Sheriff McLaughlin requested to withdraw the additional appropriations for food, prescription medicines, safekeeping of inmates, and professional services that was tabled from the December meeting. He noted that the former Sheriff paid the majority of the outstanding invoices from the Commissary Fund.

Sheriff McLaughlin explained the first request is to move two merit sheriff deputies that are currently in the Jail's budget to the Sheriff's budget. The deputies have been put back out on the road for patrol.

He also requested salary increases for several correctional officers to allow better supervision on the Jail's shifts. He would have one assistant jail commander, two shift supervisors, and four assistant shift supervisors.

Mr. Reed asked with this restructuring would there be four deputies put on the roads for patrol.

Sheriff McLaughlin responded he has already put two on patrol and is reviewing the possibility of two more.

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Mr. Reed moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. McConnell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#124-113.1 – Lieutenant – reduction	(\$ 41,735.98)
#124-168.0 – Shift Differential- reduction	(\$ 1,172.41)
#105-113.2 – Lieutenant \$43,918.00	\$ 42,908.39
#124-114.0 – Sergeant- reduction	(\$ 40,278.67)
#124-168.0 – Shift Differential- reduction	(\$ 400.00)
#105-114.4 – Sergeant \$40,926.00	\$ 40,678.67
#124-126.0 – C.O. Assistant Jail Commander \$33,918.00	\$ 5,317.00
#124-125.0 – C.O. Shift Supervisor \$28,462.00	\$ 1,200.00
#124-126.3 – C.O. Shift Supervisor \$28,462.00	\$ 2,595.00
#124-127.3 – C.O. Assistant Shift Supervisor \$27,136.00	\$ 1,269.00
#124-126.1 – C.O. Assistant Shift Supervisor \$27,136.00	\$ 1,148.00

Title Changes

#124-128.0 – C.O. Assistant Shift Supervisors
#124-128.3 – C.O. Assistant Shift Supervisors

TITLE IV-D JUVENILE COURT – (137)

Craig Lawson, Juvenile Magistrate, appeared to request a transfer of funds to cover payment of the law clerk's salary.

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

From: #137-112.0 – Secretary/Court Reporter	(\$ 1,000.00)
From: #137-312.0 – Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: #137-114.0 – Law Clerk	\$ 2,000.00

X. OLD BUSINESS

Care of Patients & Inmates

Mr. Waltz reported a letter was sent to all Council members from Deborah Shutta, Auditor, with an attachment from Ms. Marilyn Schultz, Budget Director for the State of Indiana. The letter from the State implies they will intercept a portion of Johnson County's share of income tax payments unless past due invoices are paid. An invoice of \$35,660.10 will be paid January 20th leaving an appropriation balance of \$63,339.90. The remaining past due invoice is \$136,371.59. Mr. Waltz stated he spoke with the County Attorney, Joe Pitcher, in regards to the pending lawsuit Marion County has against the State concerning payment of juvenile correctional costs. Mr. Waltz explained the lawsuit was dismissed approximately a week ago in order for the State Attorney Generals Office and the State to reach some type of resolution. Mr. Pitcher recommends payment that the State has requested pending further discussions and negotiations.

Mr. Waltz reported the State could intercept income tax payments under the following circumstances:

- The county had an obligation more than 90 days past due;
- The county had not made regular payments;
- The county had not made any arrangements or agreements to pay.
The State intercepted up to 25% of the past due amount.

Mr. Mason moved to remove the request that was tabled from the December to the February meeting for care of patients & inmates appropriation. Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Mason suggested allowing the State to intercept the 25% income tax payments of past invoices and the county keeps our money in order to invest the funds. Mr. Waltz concurred and noted that the county would not be charged any penalties or interest on money owed.

Mr. West stated he tried to have the Commissioners and Council increase this line item to reflect a more accurate figure but was defeated. He projects payment due to exceed over \$500,000.00 for 2003. The real problem is how the county is going to handle future payments.

Mr. Wright commented he feels the county has been paying their bills on time to the State, however the State does not, by under estimating CAGIT (tax income) distributions. The county received 1998 distributions in the year 2000 by underestimating by one million dollars.

Mr. Waltz feels the issue is also a matter of cash flow to fund operations and it is disappointing to him when the State is demanding payment when our county has cash flow problems of its own.

Mr. McConnell recommended the county should show as much good faith as the county can with the State but not pay any more than bare minimum.

Mr. Waltz suggested that he appear before the Board of Commissioners at their January 27th meeting and convey the Council's thoughts on payments to the State. The other members concurred.

Jail Lawsuit

Mr. Canary reported the Council received a letter from the attorney handling the lawsuit. There have been three inmates that have made complaints against the jail; the temperature of the jail cells, recreation time, and timelessness on medication and doctor visits.

Sheriff McLaughlin appeared explaining they are currently addressing the allegations.

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XI. NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Management

Mr. Waltz reported the Council received a letter dated December 27th, 2002 from Forrest Sutton, Director of Emergency Management stating the county has received reimbursement from FEMA in regards to the tornado damage the county experienced in 2002, the county received \$744,000.00. Mr. Waltz commended Mr. Sutton and the agency for their efforts in saving the county taxpayers money.

Mr. Wright noted the county also received funds in the Spring of 2002 for the floods the county experienced.

Jill Jackson, the newly elected County Clerk, requested if the county would pay for a seminar for newly elected officials on January 25th, 2003.

Barbara Davis, First Deputy Auditor, explained the Board of Commissioners have a non-budgeted line item in their budget to pay for State Called Meeting for Elected Officials and suggested she speak to Judy Montgomery, Deputy Auditor.

Mr. Waltz distributed a Council liaison list of all county departments to the members.

Mr. McConnell noted Larry Deboer, from Purdue University, gave a very good presentation on the East/West corridor relating to funding sources. He suggested that the Council perhaps have Mr. Deboer give a presentation at a Special Meeting on various funding options

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