

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Brent Waltz, President.

I. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Charlie Canary, Paul Reed, Richard Mason, Keith Wright, and R. J. McConnell. Ron West was not present. John P. Wilson was present as the Council's attorney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF THE 9/8/03 AGENDA

Mr. Reed moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF THE 8/11/03 & BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE FIRE DISTRICTS BUDGETS FOR 2004:

Bargersville, Nineveh, Whiteland, Hensley, Amity, Needham, White River

Mr. Wright moved to approve the fire districts budgets for 2004 as presented. Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

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CUMULATIVE BRIDGE – (206)

John Price, Highway Director, appeared to request a title change for line item #206-111.0 from Engineer to Senior Designer. He explained the Council for the 2004 budget approved the request and the salary was lowered to \$45,000.00. The current Engineer was moved from the Bridge Fund to the Highway Fund.

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

#206-111.0 – Bridge Engineer to Senior Designer \$45,000.00 (Title Change)

TITLE 4-D JUVENILE COURT – (137)

Craig Lawson, Juvenile Magistrate, appeared to request a transfer of funds for office supplies.

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

From: #137-320.0 – Communications	(\$ 528.00)
From: #137-323.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 300.00)
To: #137-216.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 828.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (127)

Stephanie Sighting, Emergency Management Administrative Assistant, appeared to request a transfer of funds to purchase a new lap top computer.

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

From: #127-215.0 – Office Supplies	(\$ 500.00)
To: #127-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 500.00

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT – (371)

Ms. Sighting requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$380,903.53 to purchase equipment (mobile command vehicle and protective suits) in the event of a chemical or biological release. The grant will be received in two parts; part one is for \$88,903.53 and part two is for \$292,192.60.

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

#371-410.0 – Equipment	\$380,903.53
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MARCH OF DIMES GRANT(WIC) – (360)

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

#360-210.0 – Claims	\$ 2,500.00
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HEALTH – (210)

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

#210-212.0 – Vector Control	\$ 2,100.00
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OPERATION PULL OVER – SHERIFF – (370)

Doug Cox, Sheriff's Chief Deputy, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,750.00 to reimburse the Johnson County Health Foundation. The Foundation paid the Sheriff's Deputies for Operation Pullover Blitz that was done in May of 2003. The Sheriff's Department was approved for \$9,504.67 from the Criminal Justice Institute for Operation Pullover Blitzes for May and September of 2003, however they did not participate in the September program and the funds will be sent back to the State.

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

#370-210.0 – Claims	\$ 4,750.00
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SHERIFF & JAIL – (105 & 124)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request a transfer of funds for the Part-time Data Input Clerk in the amount of \$2,577.48.

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

From: #105-115.1 – Deputy	(\$ 2,577.48)
To: #105-163.1 – Part-time Data Input Clerk	\$ 2,577.48

Sheriff McLaughlin requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$800.00 for Office/Other Equipment (night vision for K-9 officers). He explained they received the money from CASA and the funds have been deposited into County General.

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

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#105-440.0 – Office/Other Equipment \$ 800.00

Sheriff McLaughlin requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for prescription medicine. He noted that he has met with the Johnson Memorial Hospital to discuss receiving a discount. While meeting with the hospital Sheriff McLaughlin was informed the county has outstanding invoices from 2001 in the amount of \$22,900.00.

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

#124-225.0 – Prescriptions \$ 10,000.00

COURTHOUSE – (123)

Jack Matthews, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$35,000.00 for Utilities and \$40,000.00 for Building Repair & Maintenance. He explained the increase for Building Repair & Maintenance is for service contracts and routine maintenance.

Mr. Waltz stated in the past, funds were transferred to cover shortfalls from various line items into overtime. He asked what steps have been made to reduce the overtime expense.

Mr. Matthews explained overtime is spent mainly in the winter months and election time. He noted that compensatory time is used also.

Mr. Waltz requested that the question be divided when making the motions on the two requests.

Mr. Wright moved to approve \$35,000.00 for Utilities. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#123-351.0 – Utilities \$ 35,000.00

Discussion was held on the amount that is paid for service contracts, the current companies, and the type of contracts the county has for the buildings. Mr. Matthews noted with the expansion of the jail and the museum renovation service contracts have increased.

Mr. Reed questioned the amount due to Frank E. Irish Inc. for the service contracts.

Mr. Matthews stated he would obtain the information at this time.

Mr. Reed moved to table the request for Building Repairs & Maintenance. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Canary moved to reconsider the request. Mr. McConnell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Matthews reported to the Council on the amount due to the Frank E. Irish Inc. in the amount of \$21,842.71. The contract covers all the heating units and air conditioning units in all the county buildings, with the exception of the Park's Department and Fairground Buildings.

Mr. Canary moved to approve \$40,000.00 for Building Repair & Maintenance. Mr. McConnell seconded the motion that carried four to two, Mr. Waltz and Mr. Wright voted nay.

#123-372.0 – Building Repair & Maintenance \$ 40,000.00

MUSEUM – (125)

Mary Ann Plummer, Museum Director, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$18,000.00 for Utilities. She explained the cost of operating the new heating and cooling system, along with the increase in gas and electricity has caused a shortfall in the Museum's budget for utilities. She distributed a comparison of all the utilities from the year 2001 to 2003. The gas bill in July of 2001 was \$157.84 and for July 2003 the bill was \$3,113.61. She noted the system heats the water in order to cool the water to be more efficient. Council members asked for an explanation of the adjusted rate for the gas utility.

Jack Matthews, Maintenance Director, explained the gas company has an adjusted rate based upon the cost of gas for each day. The cost is then passed onto the consumer. He explained the mechanical procedure of the heating and cooling system at the Museum.

Mr. Mason asked if the gas company provides an itemized rate for each day. Mr. Matthews responded "no".

Mr. Waltz stated the county approved approximately \$700,000.00 for the renovation of the Museum and at that time the Council was told that there would not be increases in the utilities because of the modernization of the systems.

Discussion was held on the type of system that was installed, the increase in the utilities, and justification for the increases.

Mr. Mason expressed he would still like to see a daily rate adjustment billing from the gas company.

Mr. McConnell moved to approve \$9,000.00 for utilities with the following two stipulations:

1. Report from the gas and electric companies justifying the large increases.
2. Report from the architect on the mechanicals of the new system and the efficiency of the units.

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Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried four to two, Mr. Wright and Mr. Waltz voted nay.

#125-342.0 – Utilities \$ 9,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION – (296)

Suzanne Miller, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Professional Services. She explained they received \$5,000.00 from the Johnson County Citizens Against Substance Abuse that was deposited into the #296 fund.

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

#296-310.0 – Professional Services \$ 5,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION – (297)

Richard Pfifer, Chief Adult Probation Officer, appeared to request a transfer of funds from Office Supplies into Office Equipment to purchase computers for the department.

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

From: #297-211.0 – Office Supplies (\$ 9,647.00)
To: #297-470.0 – Office Equipment \$ 9,647.00

PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM – (286)

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327)

Mr. Wright moved to approve the following requests as submitted. Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#286-343.1 – Professional Fees \$ 5,000.00
#327-310.0 – Vehicle Repair & Maintenance \$ 500.00
#327-313.0 – Deferral Program Participants \$ 8,260.00
#327-315.0 – Travel & Training \$ 5,000.00
-Request to prepay airfare tickets and registration prior to the conference/training

IX. OLD BUSINESS

JTAC Grant

Mr. Wright reported that Cynthia Emkes, Superior Court No. 2 Judge, informed him that the county did not receive the JTAC Grant to purchase computers and computer equipment for the courts.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Adult & Juvenile Probation – Request the authorization to accept credit cards

Mr. Pfifer appeared to request the approval for the Adult & Juvenile Probation Departments to accept payments with a bankcard or credit cards. The service charges would be charged to the users.

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

Riverboat Revenue Sharing Appropriation

Barbara Davis, First Deputy Auditor, explained the county has received \$269,134.47 of the Riverboat Revenue Sharing. The fiscal body must approve where the distribution should be receipted into, either the County General Fund or a new Rainy Day Fund. She noted the distribution for 2004 was included as miscellaneous revenue for the County General Fund. The Rainy Day Fund must be established by an ordinance creating the fund, and specify what the fund may be used for.

Mr. Wright suggested the funds be used to help with the road issues or to pay for the vehicles that are currently being paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

After some discussion, Mr. McConnell moved to appropriate the funds into miscellaneous revenue for the County General Fund. Mr. Wright seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Voting System Reimbursement Application

John P. Wilson, Council's Attorney, reported the County Clerk informed him that the application for the voting system reimbursement application must be completed and submitted by October 1, 2003. He suggested the Council have a Special Meeting to approve their portion of the application. The Board of Commissioners must also approve resolutions for the application.

Brent Waltz, Council President, called a Special Council Meeting for September 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to approve resolutions for the application.

Mr. McConnell asked when the Council plans on having a Special Meeting to discuss the Wheel Tax. There was no decision made on when a meeting would be scheduled.

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