

**COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2004**

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. INVOCATION**

**Discussion of Alternative Revenue Sources**

The Council members reviewed a videotape from Purdue University explaining the County Local Income Tax, the Inventory Deduction on Personal Property, and the EDIT Tax.

Mr. McConnell noted that it is too late for the county to adopt the EDIT tax for homestead credit when the inventory tax is eliminated in 2006 pay 2007. The deadline was March 31, 2004. He noted Senator Weatherwax is prepared to propose legislation that would allow counties that did not eliminate the inventory tax early to still consider softening the impact on property owners for 2006 pay 2007 by adopting the EDIT tax for homestead credit.

**IV. APPROVAL OF 8/9/04 AGENDA**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF 7/12/04 MINUTES**

Mr. Reed moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. McConnell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS & TRANSFERS:**

**OPERATION PULL OVER GRANT – (370)**

Franklin Deputy Police Chief, Steven Hood, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$18,250.00 to pay the various police departments in the county that participate in operation pull over.

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

#370-210.0 – Claims \$ 18,250.00

**TREASURER – (103)**

Janice Richhart, Treasurer, appeared to request a transfer of funds from two full time positions into part-time. She explained she would need the extra help when the fall tax collections begin.

Mr. Reed moved to approve the transfer as requested. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. West suggested the county could have a working pool of employees from various departments that could share employees when busy times occur. He noted that other counties in the State have working pools.

Mr. Wright noted a working pool may be difficult to administer because of employees having their own boss and when working for a different department, management could become a problem.

From: #103-113.3 – Deputy (\$ 2,207.00)  
From: #103-113.5 – Deputy (\$ 3,659.00)  
To: #103-114.0 – Part-time \$ 5,866.00

**TITLE 4-D JUVENILE COURT – (137)**

Mr. Canary moved to approve the following transfer as submitted. Mr. McConnell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #137-405.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance (\$ 1,000.00)  
From: #137-215.0 – Office Expenses (\$ 300.00)  
To: #137-114.0 – Part-time \$ 1,300.00

**COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG – (332)**

Deana McMurray, Community Corrections Director, appeared to request a transfer of funds from a full time position into a part-time line item with an hourly rate of \$14.00. The position requires a college degree certification in alcohol & drug services. She explained the full time position would be eliminated and the employee would be strictly part-time.

Brenda Jones-Matthews, County Auditor, asked Ms. McMurray if the Alcohol & Drug position that is funded in the General Fund would be eliminated.

Ms. McMurray responded she would request removing the position at the budget hearings for 2005.

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

From: #332-112.0 – Alcohol & Drug Counselor (\$ 11,246.33)  
To: #332-113.0 – Part-time (new) \$14.00 \$ 11,246.33

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**JAIL – (124)**

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request a transfer of funds from safe keeping of inmates into prescription medicines.

Mr. West noted the prescription medicines line item is averaging over \$14,000 a month and asked if this request was for one month. Sheriff McLaughlin responded “yes”.

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

From: #124-392.0 – Safe Keeping of Inmates	(\$ 10,000.00)
To: #124-255.0 – Prescription Medicines	\$ 10,000.00

**CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)**

County Attorney, Joseph Pitcher, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$55,000 to replace seven to ten copiers in various county offices and a few fax machines. He explained the copiers would be competitively bid. The reason for it being requested prior to receiving the bids is because of the turn around time award, delivery and payment, which can occur rather fast. If the bids come in lower than the appropriated amount the money would not be spent.

Mr. Waltz noted the Clerk’s Office would be an office that would benefit from receiving a new copier.

Mr. West commented he would prefer that the bid process be completed before the funds are appropriated; however he is not opposed to purchasing new copiers.

Mr. McConnell moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried five to one, Mr. West voted nay.

#254-414.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 55,000.00
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**COURTHOUSE – (123)**

Jack Matthews, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared to request a transfer of funds from a full time position into part-time.

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

From: #123-119.0 – Custodian	(\$ 8,000.00)
To: #123-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 8,000.00

Mr. Reed commended Mr. Matthews and his staff for the fine job they did on the floors at the North Annex Building.

**PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM – (286)**

Michelle Murray, Prosecutor’s Office Manager, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,728 to pay a Deputy Prosecutor for the remainder of 2004 because of the expiration of the Gun Grant.

Mr. McConnell moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#286-112.0 – Deputy Prosecutor	\$ 10,728.00
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**PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327)**

Mrs. Murray requested additional appropriations for two salary supplements because of a reduction in grant funds of approximately 19% and also to pay the deferral program participants (Greenwood Police Department).

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

#327-115.1 – Victim Advocate Supplement (new)	\$ 2,604.50
#327-115.2 – Victim Advocate Supplement (new)	\$ 1,631.50
#327-313.0 – Deferral Program Participants	\$ 6,500.00

**PLANNING & ZONING – (117)**

William Peeples, Director of Planning & Zoning, appeared to request the creation of a new position titled “Zoning/Erosion Control Enforcement” and to transfer the funds from two line items. He explained the department has attempted for several years to expand the staff to include a Zoning Inspector. Also they received from Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Rule 12 that is an unfunded mandate to be more proactive on erosion control inspections on developments. The State of Indiana has adopted regulations for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Rule 13). The regulations will shift much of the review and inspection for developing disturbing more than one acre of land from the State to local jurisdictions. Mr. Peeples explained they would eliminate the Secretary II position and transfer the available funds to the new position and also transfer from the Planner’s position available funds to pay the new salary for the remainder of the year with an annual salary of \$24,000.

Mr. Canary asked what is the difference between Rule 13 and Rule 5.

Mr. Peeples explained IDEM is doing the inspection on Rule 5 and local governments will do the inspections on Rule 13. They also discussed the various inspections and Rule regulations.

Mr. McConnell moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: #117-141.0 – Secretary II	(\$ 7,678.43)
From: #117-110.0 – Planner	(\$ 1,798.49)

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To: #117-133.0 – Zoning/Erosion Control Enforcement (new) \$24,000  
\$ 9,476.92

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE – (206)**

Donald Sanders, Highway Director, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 for the emergency replacement of Bridge No. 504. The Bridge is located on Monroe Street over Hurricane Creek in Franklin City. He explained the bridge currently has two existing holes.

Mr. West moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#206-440.0 – Bridge No. 504 \$200,000.00

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. West noted he has a copy of an Executive Summary on the Efficiencies of Local Government if any Council member would like a copy to let him know.

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

**August 9, 2004**

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**Johnson County Auditor**