

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron West.

I. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Steve Hollenbeck, Rick Mason, John Price, Charlie Canary, Josh McCarty, and Paul Reed. John Phil Wilson was present as the Council's attorney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 12/5/05 AGENDA

Mr. West added a transfer of funds request from the County Assessor to the agenda.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the agenda as presented including the County Assessor's request. Mr. Mason seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

V. APPROVAL OF 11/14/05 MINUTES

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS & TRANSFERS:

TREASURER – (103) (tabled from November)

Rita Sivertson, Treasurer, requested to withdraw the following request:

From: 103-111.0 – Salary Treasurer	(\$ 2,500.00)
To: 103-310.0 – Professional Services (new)	\$ 2,500.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR – (109)

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the request for a transfer of funds as submitted. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 109-323.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 200.00)
To: 109-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 200.00

Mr. Canary moved to approve the following transfer of funds as submitted:

COMPUTER SERVICES – (141)

From: 141-104.0 – Computer Admin/Courts	(\$ 1,400.00)
To: 141-360.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 900.00
To: 141-210.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 500.00

SURVEYOR – (106)

From: 106-323.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 41.34)
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To: 106-215.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 26.30
To: 106-220.0 – Misc Operating Supplies	\$ 15.04
<u>DRAINAGE BOARD – (119)</u>	
From: 119-199.0 – Overtime	(\$ 1,042.75)
To: 119-315.0 – Professional Services	\$ 1,042.75
<u>TOBACCO FUND SETTLEMENT - HEALTH – (463)</u>	
From: 463-410.0 – Equipment	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: 463-210.0 – Operating Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
<u>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE – (116)</u>	
From: 116-323.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 607.32)
To: 116-322.0 – Postage	\$ 100.00
To: 116-440.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 507.32
From: 116-112.2 – Secretary	(\$ 539.00)
To: 116-112.3 – Program Assistant	\$ 539.00
<u>SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 – (133)</u>	
From: 133-301.0 – Professional Services	(\$ 1,150.00)
To: 133-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 750.00
To: 133-216.0 – Books	\$ 400.00
From: 133-391.0 – Jury Expenses	(\$ 450.00)
To: 133-440.0 – Office Furniture/Equipment	\$ 450.00
<u>CLERK – (101)</u>	
From: 101-113.9 – Deputy Clerk	(\$ 3,353.86)
To: 101-113.0 – Deputy Clerk	\$ 3,180.02
To: 101-114.0 – Clerical Assistants	\$ 173.84
<u>JUVENILE PROBATION – (296)</u>	
From: 296-323.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 1,387.28)
To: 296-410.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 1,387.28
<u>ADULT PROBATION – (297)</u>	
From: 297-301.0 – Professional Services	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: 297-213.0 – Operating Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
<u>PLEASANT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – (112)</u>	
From: 112-322.0 – Postage	(\$ 172.00)
To: 112-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 172.00
From: 112-323.0 – Travel	(\$ 65.00)
To: 112-213.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 65.00

Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – (140)

Jim Hidgon, Director, appeared to request several transfer of funds within their budget. He explained the first transfer is needed for the shortage in overtime and the other transfers would allow them to purchase replacement batteries for the UPS system and a drain-cleaning machine.

Mr. Reed moved to approve the transfers as requested. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 140-122.8 – Youth Care Manager	(\$13,000.00)
To: 140-199.0 – Overtime	\$13,000.00
From: 140-222.0 – Food	(\$ 6,043.38)
To: 140-312.0 – Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 6,043.38
From: 140-204.0 – Cleaning Supplies	(\$ 1,380.80)
From: 140-222.0 – Food	(\$ 95.00)
To: 140-441.0 – Equipment	\$ 1,475.80

PARK – (128) & CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

Tim Davis, Park Superintendent, appeared to request a few transfer of funds into operating expense to help pay some of their bills. The other request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,150 is for the roof on the senior citizens building. The total cost is \$14,300 and the other portion is coming from the senior center.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the transfer and additional appropriation as requested. Mr. Price seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 128-119.1 – Part-time	(\$ 2,600.00)
From: 128-162.0 – Per Diem Park Board	(\$ 145.00)
From: 128-199.0 – Overtime	(\$ 350.00)
To: 128-325.0 – Operating Expense	\$ 3,095.00
254-420.0 – Senior Citizens Roof	\$ 7,150.00

COURTHOUSE – (123)

Jack Matthews, Maintenance Director, appeared to request a transfer of funds for part-time and overtime. He noted he did not calculate enough to cover the cost until the end of the year.

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

From: 123-360.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 3,000.00)
To: 123-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 2,500.00
To: 123-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 500.00

JAIL – (124) COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FOR INMATES – (903) JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF L.E.C.E. – (325)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request a transfer of funds for hospital & medical in the Sheriffs budget in the amount of \$15,000 and an additional appropriation for county medical care for inmates. He also requested \$3,000 from the county sheriff law enforcement continuing education fund.

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

From: 124-255.0 – Prescription Medicines	(\$ 15,000.00)
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To: 124-309.0 – Hospital & Medical	\$ 15,000.00
903-200.0 – Claims	\$ 980.91
325-300.0 – Training	\$ 899.00
325-400.0 – Equipment	\$ 2,101.00

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – (113)

The Assessor was not in attendance.

Mr. Mason moved to table the request until the January 2006 meeting. Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Discussion – E911 Consortium Board

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, and Steve Dhont, Consortium Board member, appeared to discuss the following topics with the Council:

- Introduction to data and radio board and current challenges/deficiencies
 - Created by Commissioners
 - in 2005 to provide Public safety input in 911 funding and expenditure issues
 - Three law enforcement agency heads, three fire department agency heads and a county commissioner
 - They meet twice a month to review funding requests, operational issues, infrastructure improvement or upgrade needs
 - They make expenditure recommendations to the Commissioners
 - They make recommendations to keep Public Safety Radio and DATA communications system operating efficiently and effectively now and into the future to serve the needs of Johnson County
- Johnson County Public Safety Communications/Data/Dispatch Project
 - Project Discussion started in 1996
 - Radio Project went on-line in March 2001
 - Pilot county for State of Indiana Integrated Public Safety Communications
 - Johnson County portion funded through a GO Bond issuance in 2000 \$5.5m
 - Joint project saved over \$1.5 million
 - State and County share infrastructure and costs
- Johnson County Radio/Data Project
 - DATA Project went on-line in July 2003
 - Over \$.5 million savings for Spillman CAD System through joint participation
 - Over \$175,000 savings in CAD annual maintenance costs
 - Achieved additional fail-safe or redundancy of systems in the event of failure of one location
- Johnson County 911 Telephone Fund
 - Authorized by IN code 36-8-16
 - Allowable expenditures-911 telephone systems, utility & network fees for 911 systems, personnel expenses for the 911 system, lease, purchase, construction or maintenance of voice and data communications equipment, communication infrastructure or other information technology necessary to provide emergency response services

- Current Johnson County 911 Fund Rate and Proposed Rate Adjustment
 - Current rate of \$.70 monthly per phone line
 - Fee attempts to fund-911 telephone system; CAD software, hardware and maintenance; maintenance on dispatch radio consoles; 911 telephone lines; UPS system maintenance; miscellaneous PSAP equipment replacements & repair; voice/telephone recording equipment; IDACS/NCIC lines; county mapping coordinator salary and benefits; 911 mapping/addressing coordinator-partial salary;
 - 2005 Projected Revenue
 - \$64,000 monthly average
 - Projected to be in the RED by May 2006
- Proposed 911 Fund Rate
 - Change rate to \$1.95 monthly per phone line
 - Additional expenses funded through 911 fee
 - installation and upkeep of needed radio & Data antenna tower sites
 - 911 operators personnel expenses
 - county GIS mapping for 911 CAD system-benefits all county agencies, cities, towns and other entities using GIS mapping
 - mobile Data system improvement, upkeep and maintenance
 - equipment replacement in lieu of GO bonds
- Proposed Rate Justification
 - Property Tax Relief
 - Consistent with current property taxpayers request to lessen the burden of growing property tax liability and consistent with County Council's desire to explore alternative funding mechanisms and becoming less reliant on property taxpayers and possibly even providing some relief to property taxpayers
 - Shift in Burden of Responsibility
 - 911 telephone rate increase shifts funding burden to those who call 911 services and lessens the burden on property taxpayers for these services. This includes all renters and non- property owners that currently pay limited amounts for provided emergency services
- Projected Property Tax Savings
 - Elimination of GO Bond after Current Bond expires in 2009 saves \$.0115 per hundred dollars AV (2004 rate payable 2005) (\$11.5 annually for \$100,000 home, \$23 annually for \$200,000 home)
 - Shift some Dispatch employee and equipment costs form property tax funded operating budget to 911-telephone fee
- 911 Fee Cost
 - \$1.25 monthly per phone line additional
 - \$15 annual additional cost per single line residence or business
 - typically little additional impact on large multi-line businesses if they have Centrex or Business phone systems
- Adjacent County 911 Telephone Fee Rates
 - Hendricks County \$2.25 monthly fee

- Hamilton County \$2.00 monthly fee
- Bartholomew County \$1.90 monthly fee
- Shelby County \$1.80 monthly fee
- Brown County \$1.67 monthly fee
- Requested Action
 - Johnson County Commissioners – passed a motion on December 5th to forward the request to the Johnson County Council to approve the 911 Telephone Surcharge increase for Johnson County from \$.70 per month to \$1.95 per month pursuant to IC 36-8-16
 - Johnson County Council – pass a motion to increase the 911 Telephone Surcharge for Johnson County from \$.70 per month to \$1.95 per month and direct the attorney to prepare all documents necessary to enact the rate change pursuant to IC 36-8-16

State government sets the surcharge on all cell phones for the entire State. The current \$.70 is on all land phone lines.

After some discussion, Council President, Ron West requested the board submit a five-year report showing all expenditures and revenues on the 911 fund, along with a three-year projection.

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Susan Segó-Wayman, appeared before the Council.

Mr. West related the request that was before them earlier has been tabled until the January Council meeting. He noted the Council has some questions in regards to the mileage claim that was submitted to the Auditor for payment to Ms. Segó-Wayman.

Discussion was held on the comparison of mileage that is submitted from the various townships for reimbursement compared to White River. Some of the members also questioned her request for mileage reimbursement to attend the Council budget hearings. The mileage claim submitted was also for eight months and the Council felt reimbursements should be monthly. The Council also requested to have monthly reports from all departments on travel and training. The Council suggested Ms. Segó-Wayman review the claim with the County Auditor.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

PUBLIC HEARING 8:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Jeff Eggers, County Attorney, appeared before Council to introduce a few individuals that were in attendance to discuss the GO Bond. The bond would be used to purchase various equipment and capital projects for the county. He introduced the following individuals: Bob Swintz, from the London Witte Group, financial advisor for the GO Bond. Kirk Grable, Bond Counsel from Barnes & Thornburg and Mike Reuter, the county's financial advisor. Mr. Eggers also noted that County Commissioner, Mitch Ripley, and several department heads are in attendance to answer any questions the Council may have concerning the bond.

Mr. Swintz explained their role in the process would be to work with the county and the other professionals to take the bond issue into the market to borrow the funds to allow the county to proceed with the project. They are experts in the process of issuing debt. The proposed resolution will allow the county to borrow up to \$3.5 million for the project with an estimate interest rate in the range of 3% to 6.5%.

Mr. Reuter distributed and reported to the Council the actual and projected assessed valuation of the county, the property tax impact without a bond and the property tax impact on a \$3.5 bond with a four-year payback. They also discussed the loss of the inventory tax on the assessed valuation and the impact that it will have on property taxes for 2006 pay 2007.

Mr. Grable appeared to explain the financing timetable for the issuance of the proposed bonds assuming that there is no special Council meeting.

- December – Preliminary Determination Hearing and adoption of a resolution (the Preliminary Determination Resolution) to issue bonds
- December – Public Notice of Decision to Issue the Bonds for the first time, which triggers the 30-day petition and remonstrance process request period
- December – Publish the Notice of Decision to Issue the Bonds for the second time, which triggers the 15-day objection period
- February – The Council meets to consider Bond Ordinance
- March – The Council conducts the Additional Appropriation Hearing and adopts the Bond Ordinance
- March – File petition with the DLGF to approve the issuance of the Bonds
- April – The Local Government Control Board meeting is held
- May – The DLGF approves the Bonds
- June – Publish Notice of Intent to Sell Bonds
- July – Receive potential bidders
- Late July – Bond closing

The following individuals spoke in favor of the bond issuance for the improvements at the County Fairgrounds:

Brian Young, 6165 E 100 N, Franklin – Fairboard President, he presented the Council with the Fairboard's Master Plan
Steve Duke, 3480 N 725 W, Bargersville

Debbie Abel, 330 W 375 S, Trafalgar
Tom Bechman, 599 N 100 W, Franklin

Discussion was held on the various items that were listed on the equipment and capital improvement list. Several department heads appeared and answered questions the Council had on their requests.

The Council discussed that some of the items on the list may not be the correct amount and if things could be amended as the process moves forward.

Mr. West closed the public hearing on the bond issuance.

Mr. Grable commented the Council can amend the requests however could not go over \$3.5 million. The Council would approve the appropriations for the requested items after the money has been approved. He noted the fund proceeds of the bond may be invested, however could not make more interest than what the interest rate the county is paying for the bonds.

Mr. Price moved to approve #2005-04, Resolution of the Johnson County Council making a Preliminary Determination to Issue General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$3.5 million. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Reed voted nay.

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