

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 11, 2005

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 7/11/05 AGENDA

Mr. West added the request from the Health Department following the County Assessor's request.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

V. APPROVAL OF 6/8/05 & 6/13/05 MINUTES

Mr. Hollenbeck made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Canary then seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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

COUNTY ASSESSOR – (109)

Marla Hash, County Assessor, appeared explaining that the Council approved at the May 9th meeting the transfer of funds to increase her employees' salaries. In order for the employees to receive the full amount transferred the request must be approved to be retroactive to January 1, 2005.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – (210)

John Bonsett, Director of Health, appeared to request that his employees' salary increases also be retroactive to January 1, 2005. The Council approved the salary increases at the June 13th meeting.

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Price seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE – (123)

Jack Matthews, Director of Maintenance, appeared to request a transfer of funds of \$20,000 from a full-time line item into part-time.

Mr. Canary asked if the full-time position is vacant. Mr. Matthews responded they terminated the employee months ago and have not found a replacement yet. Mr. Canary asked if the full-time position could be eliminated. Mr. Matthews stated he might remove the full-time position next year.

Mr. Price stated if the Council transfers the full amount into the part-time line item he could not replace the position this year.

Mr. West asked Mr. Matthews how many part-time employees he currently has. Mr. Matthews responded ten part-time employees.

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

From: 123-119.0 – Custodian	(\$ 20,000.00)
To: 123-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 20,000.00

AUDITOR – (102)

Janice Richhart, Auditor, appeared to request a transfer of funds from printing into office supplies in the amount of \$1,500. She explained because of the change in the Auditor's position she will need to order new stationary and envelopes. She noted labels are being used for the old envelopes, however she will need to order new stationary.

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

From: 102-331.0 – Printing	(\$ 1,500.00)
To: 102-216.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00

WIC – (215)

Tracy Smith, WIC Coordinator, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000 for office supplies.

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

215-217.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
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TREASURER – (103)

Jan Richhart, Former Treasurer, and Marsha Willey, First Deputy Treasurer, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$16,939 for tax statements & duplicates. Mrs. Richhart explained this year a new tax statement along with programming, printing, and processing was used to better serve the taxpayers of Johnson County. By using the new bills the Treasurer's office was able to process the mail a week earlier than normal. The additional funds are needed to pay Worrell Corporation for mailing the tax statements and the processing fee. She noted some of the costs for the first year would not reoccur unless the tax statement is amended.

Mr. West noted he would like to see on the tax bills the percentage breakdown of the taxes on the various entities.

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

103- 338.0 – Tax Statements & Duplicates \$ 16,939.00

JAIL – (124)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request a title change and a transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,000 from prescriptions into hospital/medical.

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

124-129.0 – Administrative Clerk to Claims Clerk (title change)
From: 124-255.0 – Prescriptions (\$ 20,000.00)
To: 124-309.0 – Hospital & Medical \$ 20,000.00

COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FOR INMATES – (903)

Sheriff McLaughlin requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,035.77 for medical payments.

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

903-200.0 – Claims for medical payments \$ 2,035.77

SHERIFF – (105)

Sheriff McLaughlin requested a transfer of funds into several full-time positions for salary increases, effective 7/7/05. He also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,220 into overtime for their participation in the Operation Pull Over/DUI project.

Mr. Reed moved to approve the requests a presented. Mr. Price seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 105-116.2 – Deputy \$39,239 to \$33,636 (\$ 1,676.96)
To: 105-115.1 – Deputy \$34,401 to \$35,201 \$ 279.49
To: 105-115.4 – Deputy \$33,636 to \$34,436 -0-
To: 105-116.9 – Deputy \$37,699 to \$38,499 \$ 279.51
To: 105-117.8 – Deputy \$37,699 to \$38,499 \$ 279.51
To: 105-117.9 – Deputy \$36,194 to \$36,994 \$ 279.48
To: 105-118.0 – Deputy \$35,261 to \$36,061 \$ 279.49
To: 105-118.2 – Deputy \$36,194 to \$36,994 \$ 279.48

105-165.0 – Overtime \$ 4,220.33

Sheriff McLaughlin noted the Sheriff's Pension Plan is approximately \$473,000 short for the year 2004. He asked if the Council would like to have Elaine Beaty, Representative from McCready and Keene, Inc., appear at the next regular meeting in August to discuss this issue them. Mr. West responded "yes".

ANIMAL SHELTER GENERAL DONATION – (262)

Shawn Donovan, Animal Warden, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$18,000. He explained a portion of the funds are needed to pay the final invoice for the foster care of the Goodwin horse case in the amount of \$6,807. The county no longer has custody of any horses. He distributed a proposed ordinance that outlines the procedure of large and exotic animals. The remainder of the funds is needed to support typical animal care charges such as emergency veterinary and other related charges for the humane care of animals. The Board of Commissioners approved to transfer the \$18,000 from the Animal Shelter’s Building Fund into the General Donation Fund. Majority of the monies moved in 2004 into the “Building Fund” were taken from the original “General Fund” at an 80/20 split.

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

262-200.0 – Claims \$ 18,000.00

PROSECUTOR

Lance Hamner, Prosecutor, appeared to request the following:

STOP GRANT – (335)

335-110.0 – Deputy Prosecutor \$21,021.28 \$ 21,021.28

335-110.1 – Paralegal/Legal Secretary \$11,433.69 \$ 11,433.69

VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT – (298)

298-110.0 – Director \$27,355 \$ 13,677.50

CRISIS INTERVENTION GRANT – (342)

342-110.0 – Director \$29,791 \$ 14,895.50

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327)

327-119.0 – Deputy Prosecutor \$33,644 to \$60,000 \$ 26,356.00

327-115.1 – Domestic Violence Salary Supp. \$ 1,604.50

327-115.2 – Victim Assistance Salary Supp. \$ 1,631.50

327-215.0 – Supplies \$ 2,000.00

327-142.0 – Social Security \$ 10,966.00

327-143.0 – PERF \$ 10,943.00

327-313.0 – Deferral Program Participants \$ 2,542.00

PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM – (286)

From: 286-114.2 – Deputy Prosecutor (\$ 6,000.00)

To: 286-114.1 – Legal Intern \$ 6,000.00

286-116.0 – Diversion Assistant \$27,500 \$ 27,500.00

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

CORONER – (107)

David Lutz, Coroner, appeared to request additional appropriations for ambulance fees and pathology/toxicology. He explained at the beginning of 2005 he had to pay for invoices from last year because of the lack of funds in the budget. Also, Marion County sent an invoice for payment of autopsies they have completed on Johnson County

patients that died in Marion County. He noted the ambulance fees line item is currently in the red \$920. They average two to three autopsies a month and this year they have had several young deaths, which require an autopsy.

Mr. West asked if the county could recoup any of the costs of the ambulance fees and autopsies from the deceased's insurance companies or survivors.

Mr. Lutz responded he would have to investigate to see if that is possible. He stated some counties have billed the funeral homes and they in turn send the bill to the family for the cost incurred on transportation.

Mr. Price moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

107-307.0 – Ambulance Fees	\$ 5,000.00
107-305.0 – Pathology & Toxicology	\$ 20,000.00

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing discussed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Update from the Museum on their programs, events, and attendance

Sara Rogers, Museum Director, appeared stating the attendance at the Museum has been great. She noted they have a suggested \$2.00 admission fee and the donation box is located at the entrance of the Museum. She informed the Council that they are going to have the 2005 Midwest National Abstract Art Exhibition in October. This will be open nationally to artists all over the United States. The open reception will be an optionally black-tie event. This will promote the sales of the artwork. They will split 1/3 of the sales of the artwork with the Southside Art League. Their fund raising goal is \$10,000 and approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 will go to the artists as awards. The remainder will be used for the reception and mailing the information.

Mr. Reed commended Mrs. Rogers for the job she has been doing at the Museum.

Mr. West commented the motorcycle exhibit at the Museum recently was unique.

Cumulative Bridge Fund

Mr. West reported the Board of Commissioners voted to re-instate the Cum Bridge Fund tax rate to .0225 for 2006 with the option to reduce to .015. The increase could result in the General Fund losing approximately \$500,000 for 2006.

He reminded the Council that the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) is holding a seminar on budget finances on July 22.

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