

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 10, 2006

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 7/10/06 AGENDA

Mr. West commented that they needed to add a request from the Highway Department and it would be added as 8A on the agenda.

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Highway Department’s request. Mr. Canary seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 6/12/06 MINUTES

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. West noted that if there were public comments regarding the Wheel Tax, they would hear those later under Old Business. There were no other public comments at this time.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (127)

Mr. Mason stated that he had spoken with Tug Sutton, Emergency Management Director, regarding his request and noted that Mr. Sutton was unable to attend the meeting. He then moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Reed seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

From: 127-362.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 1,100.00)
To: 127-268.0 – Operating Supplies	\$ 1,100.00

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 – (133)

Mr. Reed commented that he had spoken with Judge Emkes, Superior Court No. 2, who was also unable to attend, regarding her transfer of funds. He then moved to approve the transfer as requested. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

From: 133-301.0 – Professional Services	(\$ 1,500.00)
To: 133-120.1 – Law Clerk	\$ 1,500.00

S.T.O.P. GRANT – (336)
VICTIM ASSISTANC GRANT – (305)
CRISIS INTERVENTION GRANT – (338)
PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL – (327)

Michelle Murray, Office Manager, appeared before the Council to appropriate six months salaries (July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006) for their grants.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the following as requested:

336-110.0 – Deputy Prosecutor \$40,000	\$ 20,000.00
305-111.O – Director \$27,355	\$ 13,677.50
338-110.0 – Director \$29,791	\$ 14,895.50
327-115.2 – Victim Assistance Supplement \$3,263	\$ 1,631.50

Mr. Reed seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

SHERIFF – (105)

Sheriff Terry McLaughlin was present to seek approval for an appropriation into his Overtime line item from the OPO/DUI fund and to seek approval of two salary line item adjustments due to a change in personnel.

Mr. Price moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

105-165.0 – Overtime	\$ 7,448.32
From: 105-130.0 – Civil Process Server \$29,459 to \$27,768 (\$ 1,691.00)	
To: 105-130.1 – Civil Process Server \$26,768 to \$28,459 \$ 1,691.00)	

JAIL – (124)

Sheriff McLaughlin then noted that he would like to make some salary adjustments in the Jail due to a change in personnel there too.

Mr. Canary asked how many sergeants are there and how are they listed on the budgets, are they the shift leaders?

Sheriff McLaughlin replied that there are two sergeants and yes, the sergeants and shift leaders are the same thing and noted that they are trying to clean up the titles on the 2007 budget requests.

Mr. Canary then expressed some concern with the amounts as requested as related to the job titles.

Kim Oldham, Matron, explained that the increases are really not that significant because they are moving people around and again noted that they are trying to get the titles corrected as well.

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

From: 124-127.4 – Correctional Off. \$25,988 to \$24,029 (\$ 1,805.00)
From: 124-131.1 – Correctional Off. \$25,619 to \$24,029 (\$ 1,590.00)
To: 124-127.1 – Correctional Officer to Sergeant
\$26,064 to \$29,459 \$ 3,395.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / ADULT GRANT – (208)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / ADULT PROJECT INCOME – (209)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / JUVENILE GRANT – (213) *now combined with 208*

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / JUVENILE PROJECT INCOME – (216)

Kenny Swint and Karen Henry from Community Corrections were present to seek approval and appropriation of their departments' salaries for the remaining six months of their fiscal year (July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006). Mrs. Henry did note that there was one correction that needed to be made and that was to move the funds from the Juvenile Grant (213) and put it into the Adult Grant (208) because the Department of Corrections are combining this grant; this was effective July 1, 2006.

Mr. Canary moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Salary from July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

208-111.0 – Executive Director \$27,500
208-112.0 – Assist. Director \$20,069.50
208-113.1 – Office Admin \$17,416.50
208-113.3 – Programs Manager \$17,172
208-115.0 – Correctional Officer \$14,300.50
208-116.0 – Juv Program Coord \$17,416.50
208-117.0 – Juvenile Casemgn \$15,412.50

Salary from July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

209-110.0 – Correctional Officer \$11,808.50
209-111.0 – Work Crew Assist \$14,040
209-112.0 – Correctional Officer \$12,759
209-113.0 – Correctional Officer \$13,384
209-114.0 – Field Officer \$13,975
209-116.0 – Field Officer \$13,321.50
209-118.0 – Correctional Officer \$12,163
209-119.0 – Correctional Officer \$12,163
209-120.0 – Correctional Officer \$12,163
209-121.0 – Correctional Officer \$11,808.50

209-122.0 – Correctional Officer	\$11,808.50
209-123.0 – Correctional Officer	\$14,040
209-124.0 – Correctional Officer	\$11,808.50
209-125.0 – Correctional Officer	\$12,163
209-126.0 – Correctional Officer	\$12,163
209-130.0 – Receptionist	\$9,785
209-131.0 – Case Manager	\$15,821
209-132.0 – Correctional Officer	\$11,808.50
209-133.0 – Statistical Manager	\$17,000
209-134.0 – Assist. Director Supp	\$750
209-135.0 – Office Admin Supp	\$750
209-136.0 – Corr Officer Supp	\$429
209-137.0 – Prog Manager Supp	\$2,828 (new)

Part-time rates-Correctional Officer \$10.97, Para Professional \$15.00,
Clerical \$7.50 & \$9.00

216-113.0 – Juvenile Casemgn	\$14,691.50
216-114.0 – Juvenile Casemgn	\$13,092
216-115.0 – Juv Alt Coord. Supp	\$522.50
216-116.0 – Juv Casemgn Supp	\$389

TREASURER – (103)-(tabled from June)

Rita Sievertson, Treasurer, appeared before the Council to request salary adjustments as requested last month, with the exception of making them retro-active to July 1st instead of January 1st, and either keeping the remaining balance in the Food & Beverage line item or move some money into part-time. She would like to keep that position in the budget – just have it unfunded. She also commented that if these raises are approved, she would not ask for any additional increases for 2007.

Mr. Price moved to approve the request as listed below (retroactive to July 1st):

103-113.6 – Deputy-Food & Beverage	(\$ 8,588.98)
103-112.0 – First Deputy	\$ 1,271.48
103-113.0 – Deputy-Mortg. Co/Dup Fee Billing	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.1 – Deputy- Mortg. Co/Misc	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.2 – Deputy-Collections	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.3 – Deputy-Inheritance/Misc	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.4 – Deputy-Bookkeeper	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.5 – Deputy-Bankruptcy/Misc to Food & Beverage/Bank	\$ 960.00

Mr. Canary seconded the motion.

Discussion was held on whether the amounts should be what was requested (\$2,543) or half of that (\$1,271.50) and how that would affect their annual salaries.

The motion failed two to five. Mr. McCarty, Mr. Mason, Mr. Reed, Mr. West, and Mr. Hollenbeck all voted nay.

Mr. McCarty commented that he is all for using conservation within a department to give raises, but he would not be in favor of any salary increases from the Food & Beverage position because he was not in favor of allowing that new position originally.

Mr. Mason then moved to approve a flat five percent (5%) salary increase for each of those line items, effective July 1st, and to transfer \$5,000 into part-time.

Mr. Reed seconded the motion, which failed two to five; Mr. Price, Mr. McCarty, Mr. West, Mr. Hollenbeck and Mr. Canary all voted nay.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the following, retroactive to January 1st:

103-113.6 – Deputy-Food & Beverage	(\$ 8,588.98)
103-112.0 – First Deputy \$30,678 to \$33,220.96	\$ 1,271.48
103-113.0 – Deputy-Mortg. Co/Dup Fee Billing \$21,000 to \$23,543	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.1 – Deputy- Mortg. Co/Misc \$22,700 to \$25,243	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.2 – Deputy-Collections \$20,385 to \$22,928	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.3 – Deputy-Inheritance/Misc \$20,385 to \$22,928	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.4 – Deputy-Bookkeeper \$23,122 to \$25,665	\$ 1,271.50
103-113.5 – Deputy-Bankruptcy/Misc to Food & Beverage/Bankruptcy \$19,040 to \$20,000	\$ 960.00
From:103-113.6 – Deputy – Food & Beverage	(\$ 5,000.00)
To:103-114.0 – Clerical Assistants (PT)	\$ 5,000.00

Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried six to one. Mr. McCarty voted nay.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – (112)

Donna Zelner, Pleasant Township Assessor, was present to ask for an additional appropriation for part-time. The additional is being requested because the State is requiring the County to send them updated records, in a specific format, so it will match their system.

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

112-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 5,000.00
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CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

Commissioner RJ Commissioner appeared before the Council to ask for an additional appropriation for Capital Improvements. He also noted that after January 1, 2007, any unused funds could be transferred into the Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Price seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

254-405.0 – Capital Improvements \$500,000.00

HIGHWAY - (202)

Mr. McConnell also addressed the request for salary adjustments within the Highway Department. He commented that they have hired a new Highway Director and his first day will be July 17th. The new director is not a PE, so he would like to reduce the director's salary to \$70,000 and increase the engineer's salary to \$67,000.

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

202-111.0 – Director/PE - change title to Director and reduce to \$ 42,711
202-113.0 – Engineer – increase to \$67,000
206-110.0 – Director/PE – change title to Director and leave salary at \$27,289

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

County Wheel Tax

Mitch Ripley, Commissioner, appeared before the Council to discuss the Lo-Hut Option Tax (Wheel Tax). Mr. Ripley explained that the Commissioners received a petition from residents in White River Township about three weeks ago asking them to consider implementing the Wheel Tax to help repair their roads. He then reviewed, on a PowerPoint presentation, a plan on how the county could get funds to repair those roads. The presentation showed how much revenue the county would receive verses the cities, what the money from the Wheel Tax could be used for (roads, not general fund), how the bonding would work, and an outline of which roads would receive attention to begin with.

The following residents then spoke about the Wheel Tax:

- Jerry Edwards – against
- Dale Hubbard – against
- Billy Davis – against
- Bob Williams – against
- Bill Heller – in favor of
- Art Barr – against

Mr. West thanked everyone for their comments and noted that he did have some people contact him regarding the Wheel Tax and they were not in favor of it.

Members of the Council also expressed their opinions and concerns with the Wheel Tax and relayed any comments they had received from other taxpayers. The consensus of the majority was that the roads need repair, but implementing a Wheel Tax was not the way to go about it.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of transferring the Microfilm Department from the Board of Commissioner's budget to the Clerk's budget.

Jill Jackson, Clerk, was present to let the Council know that for next year, she will be requesting to transfer the Microfilm Department from the Commissioner's budget to the Clerk's budget. She noted that the Commissioners are in agreement with this request. She also noted that what prompted this request was that the current director of Microfilm is retiring at the end of this year and approached her about having the Microfilm department under her supervision. Ms. Jackson then commented that our county may be the only county in the state where the Microfilm Department is under another direction than the Clerk; the Clerk is responsible for all court documents and is the one who signs off on any documents that go to the State Court Administration, which are prepared by the Microfilm Department, yet she has no supervision over that employee. Again, this change will show up at the 2007 budget hearings.

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