

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MAY 8, 2006

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 5/8/06 AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF 4/10/06 MINUTES

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – PUBLIC HEARING - LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL (see 4/10/06 minutes)

Beverly Martin, Library Director, appeared for the public hearing and approval of their Capital Projects Fund. She noted the current rate is .0085 and the proposed rate for 2007 is .0133, however more than likely will be reduced. The proposed use of the Library Capital Projects Plan is for construction at Trafalgar along with furnishings and equipment; upgrade the HVAC at Franklin, lighting system at White River, and purchase of property for the new Franklin site. If the rate were reduced the equipment would be downsized along with the amount of funds to purchase land.

Mr. Holland moved to approve the Johnson County Public Library Capital Project Fund as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION – (296)

Suzanne Miller, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, appeared to request an additional appropriation of \$4,500 for part-time at an hourly rate of \$20.00 along with \$344.25 for social security. She explained two probation officers will be off on maternity leave and will need to hire experienced probation officers to work part-time during this period.

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

296-114.0 – Part-time Professional/Clerical (\$20.00 per hour)	\$ 4,500.00
296-142.0 – Social Security	\$ 344.25

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANT GRANT – (349)

SHERIFF – (105)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,000 for equipment to purchase three in-car videos from the grant and \$963.38 for overtime for their participation in the BCC seatbelt enforcement.

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

349-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 9,000.00
105-165.0 – Overtime	\$ 963.38

PLANNING & ZONING – (117)

William Peeples, Director of Planning & Zoning, appeared to request title changes and salary ordinance amendments for their department. He explained the request is to reorganize the department and is able to do so because of two vacant positions, the Zoning/Erosion Control Inspector and Building Inspector. He distributed a handout showing the current positions, proposed positions including salary adjustments, and descriptions of the zoning inspector, subdivision inspector and recording secretary. The request would also reorganize the department's personnel line items accordingly to job functions. The Zoning Inspector position would be new without funding in hopes that some point funds would be available. He noted the Planner would be re-titled to Senior Planner with a salary increase of \$3,194, however would not be increased until the individual becomes a certified planner.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the requests as presented including that the Planner's salary does not increase until the individual becomes a certified planner. Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

117-100.0 – Plan Director to Director	
117-122.0 – Technician to Engineer Assistant	
117-130.0 – Chief Building Inspector I to Building Commissioner	
117-111.0 – Zoning Inspector (new line item, -0- funds)	
From: 117-121.0 – Building Inspector II to Subdivision Inspector	
\$29,382 to \$26,258	(\$ 3,124.00)
From: 117-133.0 – Zoning/Erosion Control (eliminate)	(\$ 24,720.00)
From: 117-142.0 – Secretary III to Recording Secretary/Archivist	(\$ 655.00)
\$22,521 to \$21,866	
To: 117-110.0 – Planner to Senior Planner	
\$31,906 to \$35,100	\$ 3,194.00

To: 117-131.0 – Building Inspector III/Eng Assist to Building Inspector I \$30,824 to 30,924	\$ 100.00
To: 117-132.0 – Building Inspector IV to Building Inspector II \$28,006 to \$29,382	\$ 1,376.00
To: 117-140.0 – Secretary I/Office Manager to Office Manager \$25,106 to \$26,414	\$ 1,308.00
To: 117-141.0 – Secretary II to Secretary I -0- to \$22,521	\$ 22,521.00

COUNTY SALES DISCLOSURE FEE FUND – (907)

Marla Hash, County Assessor, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 for professional services. The funds are needed to pay for the scanning of the 2004 and 2005 sales disclosures. Her office will be sending the 2006 forms. The information has been requested from the Department of Local Government Finance and if the county does not comply in a timely matter the State will withhold the Property Tax Replacement Credit. She has a company that would scan the sales disclosures for \$1.10 per parcel and she estimates the county has approximately 10,500.

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

907-310.0 – Professional Services	\$ 15,000.00
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COUNTY ASSESSOR – (109)

Donna Zelner, Pleasant Township Assessor, appeared on behalf of all the Township Assessors and Township Trustee/Assessors for an additional appropriation. The additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,513.75 would be used to pay a company to enter all the personal property, mobile homes and business personal property data for 2003 pay 2004, 2004 pay 2005, and 2005 pay 2006. She noted this is also part of the data the State is requiring and if not completed in a timely matter they would withhold Property Tax Replacement Credit. There are a total of 26,895 forms and the cost is \$2.25 per form.

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

109-310.0 – Professional Services	\$ 60,513.75
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CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

Jerry Napier, Weights & Measures Director, and Forrest Sutton, Emergency Management Director, appeared to request funds from the Cum Cap Fund so that they may purchase their vehicles prior to receiving the G.O. Bond for equipment. Once the bond has been finalized Cum Cap would be reimbursed the money. The original amount of the request was \$56,821.60, however Mr. Napier lowered his amount.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve \$53,844 for the purchase of the vehicles. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Reed voted nay because he was against the G.O. Bond.

Discussion was held on the amount approved because Weights & Measures lowered their original price and Emergency Management increased theirs.

Mr. McCarty moved to reconsider the appropriation. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Reed voted nay.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve \$56,501 for the vehicles. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

254-407.0 – Vehicles (Emerg. Mngt. & Weights/Measures) \$ 56,501.00

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Don Larson, Vice President of Commonwealth Engineers, and David Frederick from Umbaugh appeared to discuss the Storm Water Management.

Mr. Larson explained this is a non-funded mandate coming from the Federal Government down to the State Government now down to the County through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management stating the County must comply with storm water quality (rule 13). The County must go through a series of processes to evaluate what is going on currently with storm water. Preliminary studies are done first, followed by a project implementation, billing and accounting systems, and developing a Storm Water Master Plan. He noted there are deadlines that must be met by the County to comply with this mandate. He distributed a Storm Water Program timeline to each Council member.

Mr. Frederick explained funding mechanisms available to Indiana Counties would include creating a department of Storm Water Management (or storm water utility), County Drainage Board, and County Government or County Redevelopment District. Most counties have chosen a Storm Water Utility. The Department of Storm Water Management is established by Ordinance and the Board of Directors includes the County Commissioners and County Surveyor. The funding would derive from a special taxing district including all the territory in the county that is not located in a municipality. The power and duties of the Storm Water Board would be to hold hearings following public notice, make findings and determinations, install, maintain and operate a storm water collection and disposal system, and make storm water improvements. A Storm Water Utility may finance the construction, operation and maintenance through proceeds of special taxing district bonds, assumption of liability incurred to acquire existing storm water systems, user fees, revenue bonds, or other available funds. The user fees option has been discussed as a way to finance this utility. The most common way to assess user fees is a flat charge for each single-family residential and commercial structure. Everyone would pay the fee outside the municipality areas including government, schools, and churches. The County Treasurer would collect the fees through the property tax billing system.

R. J. McConnell, County Commissioner, informed the Council that the Commissioners would need to return to ask for funding to pay Commonwealth and Umbaugh for their services.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254) (tabled from April)(see 4/10/06 minutes)

R.J. McConnell, County Commissioner, and Shawn Donovan, Animal Warden, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 to purchase property for a new Animal Shelter. The site is located on Graham Road in Franklin, owned by Maurice Fred Linville. They distributed a preliminary building layout and cost magnitude opinion to each Council member prepared by The Schneider Corporation. The preliminary Animal Shelter is a one-story building including office, support facilities and 40 kennels. The exterior walls are decorative concrete block and metal siding with stud and block backup. The kennels are concrete block with chain link fencing. Roof structure is wood trusses with standing metal roof panels. The estimated cost for the shelter including contractor fees would be \$1,130,777. The purchase of the land is not included in the \$1.1 estimated cost.

Mr. Price moved to approve the additional appropriation of \$150,000 to purchase the property for a new Animal Shelter. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

254-419.0 – Purchase of Property for Animal Shelter	\$150,000.00
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IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

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