

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 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 11/13/06 AGENDA

Mr. West added a request to transfer funds from the White River Assessor and the County Assessor to the Agenda.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the agenda including the additions. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 10/10/06 MINUTES

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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

VETERANS SERVICE – (120)

Mr. Mason moved to approve the following requests as submitted including the increase of the part-time rate. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 120-323.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 80.66)
To: 120-215.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 80.66
From: 120-390.0 – Dues & Subscriptions	(\$ 173.60)
To: 120-214.0 – Part-time \$7.50 to \$7.75	\$ 173.60

Russ Bensheimer, Veterans Director, appeared to discuss the part-time rate and Mr. West advised Mr. Bensheimer to return next month if he wanted to pay more than what was already approved.

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR -(113)

Mr. West explained the request is to transfer \$1,466.69 from 113-114.1 (full-time) into 113-115.0 (part-time), \$83.69 from 113-410.0 (office equipment) into 113-210.0 (misc. office equipment), and \$17.00 from 113-323.0 (travel & training) into 113-210.0 (misc.

office supplies). He noted he had spoke with Ms. Segó-Wayman and she could not attend the meeting.

Donna Zelner, Pleasant Township Assessor, stated she spoke with Ms. Segó-Wayman also and the amounts she had given her are different from the request given to the Council.

Mr. Mason stated he has questions in regards to the money being transferred to part-time.

After further discussion, Mr. Mason moved to table the request until the December Council meeting. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

REASSESSMENT – (265)

Marla Hash, County Assessor, appeared to request a transfer of funds from overtime into part-time to cover for the remainder of the year.

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

From: 265-161.1 – Overtime	(\$ 4,500.00)
To: 265-161.0 – Part-time	\$ 4,500.00

COMPUTER SERVICES (141)

Mr. Price moved to approve the transfer request as submitted. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Mr. Mason stated he has some questions in regards to the transfer for overtime. Mr. Mason noted requests made to the Council need to have explanations in writing.

R. J. McConnell, County Commissioner, appeared stating the computer department has worked additional time on the new telephone system.

Mr. Price withdrew his motion and Mr. Reed withdrew his second. They were waiting for Robert Norris, Computer Services Director, to arrive.

ADULT PROBATION – (297)

Richard Pfifer, Adult Probation Officer, appeared to request a transfer of funds for part-time. He explained this is to cover part-time needed for the remainder of the year.

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

From: 297-122.2 – Probation Officer Supplement	(\$ 1,800.00)
To: 297-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 1,800.00

WIC – (215)

Tracy Smith, WIC Coordinator, appeared to request additional appropriations for supplies, insurance, and professional services. She explained they received additional money from their State Grant because of the increased caseload.

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

215-217.0 – Supplies	\$ 4,700.00
215-114.0 – Insurance	\$ 547.00
215-350.0 – Professional Services	\$ 2,000.00

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL – (327)-tabled from Oct.

Michelle Murray, Prosecutor’s Office Manager, appeared to request additional appropriations for supplies and deferral program participants. She reduced the amount for supplies from \$4,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

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

327-215.0 – Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
327-313.0 – Deferral Program Participants	\$ 1,219.79

IDENTIFICATION SECURITY PROTECTION –(378)

Pam Martin, Chief Deputy Recorder, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$45,338 for professional services. The service relates to the redacting of social security numbers from a portion of their existing recorded documents.

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

378-300.0 – Professional Services	\$ 45,338.00
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SUPERIOR COURT NO.2 – (133)

Mr. West explained that he spoke with Judge Emkes in regards to her request and the additional appropriation of \$2,076.57 is needed to cover jury expenses that have already been paid from the general fund. He noted the request of \$5,000 from the Jury Fee Fund needs to be withdrawn.

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

From: 133-440.0 – Office Furniture	(\$ 400.00)
To: 133-216.0 – Books	\$ 400.00
133-391.0 – Jury Expenses	\$ 2,076.57

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (127)

Forrest Sutton, Emergency Management Director, appeared to transfer funds from printing into equipment.

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

From: 127-331.0 – Printing	(\$ 439.00)
To: 127-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 439.00

HOMELAND SECURITY-LAPTOPS & COURTHOUSE SECURITY –(382)

Mr. Sutton requested additional appropriations for ten laptops for the emergency response in the county (\$11,250) and courthouse security (\$53,789.30) from the Homeland Security Grant.

Mr. Reed moved to approve the \$11,250 for laptops. Mr. Price seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

382-400.0 – Laptops	\$ 11,250.00
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Doug Cox, Chief Sheriff Deputy, appeared explaining the \$53,789.30 is for video cameras, panic alarms and magnetometers for the two entrances at the Courthouse.

Mr. Reed moved to approve the \$53,789.30 for courthouse security. Mr. Price seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

382-410.0 – Courthouse Security	\$ 53,789.30
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STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT – (371)

Mr. Sutton requested additional appropriations from the State Homeland Security Grant. He noted they did not request enough appropriations earlier this year for this grant. He also requested a transfer of funds from exercise into equipment for the siren project in White River Township. The request of \$28,647.55 was a grant from 2004 that was left over and returned to the State, now the funds have been returned and he needs to have them re-appropriated.

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

371-110.0 – Emergency Mngt. Director	\$ 2,277.58
371-114.0 – Emergency Mngt. Asst Supp	\$ 591.29
371-142.0 – Social Security	\$ 321.28
371-143.0 – PERF	\$ 187.55
From: 371-311.0 – Exercise	(\$ 5,995.71)
To: 371-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 5,995.71
371-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 28,647.55

CLERK’S PERPETUATION –(313)

Jill Jackson, County Clerk, appeared to request additional appropriations to fund a position in the Microfilm Department. She explained the current Microfilm Director is retiring in early 2007 and the other employee in Microfilm is retiring thirty days after the Director. Because of the uniqueness of the Microfilm Department she would like to hire an individual now to start the proper training. She noted if approved she will need to return for approval to fund the position until the Director leaves.

Mr. Price moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Reed voted nay.

313-111.0 – Deputy Clerk \$25,000	\$ 5,769.24
313-142.0 – Social Security	\$ 441.35
313-143.0 – PERF	\$ 657.54

SHERIFF – (105)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$756.44 for overtime for their participation in Operation Pull Over/D.U.I.

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

105-165.0 – Overtime	\$ 756.44
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Sheriff McLaughlin requested the approval for a position that has already been approved for 2007, however he would like to start the new deputy in 2006 so they can begin training at the academy. This was discussed at last month’s Council meeting. The funds would be replaced from another line item within the Sheriff’s budget.

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

From: 105-118.1 – Deputy	(\$ 3,010.00)
To: 105-118.3 – Deputy \$34,308	\$ 3,010.00

JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF L.E.C.E – (325)

Sheriff McLaughlin requested approval for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,210 for claims.

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

325-400.0 – Claims	\$ 2,210.00
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COURTHOUSE BUILDING SECURITY – (126)

Sheriff McLaughlin explained the request is for three new security officers to man the new security system; however, he would like for them to start January 1, 2007. The reason is because of the time frame to hire the officers, have the equipment installed, and the employees trained.

Mr. Mason commented he did not feel this would secure the courthouse and additional funds would need to be spent to do so.

Mr. West remarked he feels the funds could be better utilized by funding additional road deputies.

Mr. Price moved to approve the three new security officers for January 2007. Mr. Reed seconded the motion that carried five to two, Mr. Mason and Mr. West voted nay.

126-111.1 – Security Officer \$26,768	\$ 12,355.00
126-111.2 – Security Officer \$26,768	\$ 12,355.00
126-111.3 – Security Officer \$26,768	\$ 12,355.00

Note: The additional appropriations for the new officers have to be approved in 2007 for that year. Funds cannot be approved in 2006 for 2007 after Budget Hearings are completed.

BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE GRANT (JAG) – (365)

Sheriff McLaughlin requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,439 to purchase rifle racks and GPS tracking device.

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

365-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 7,439.00
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PARK – (128)

Bill Hart, Park Board President, and Jeff Sutton, Park Board Member, appeared to request a transfer of funds for the shortfall in the superintendent’s salary line item. They also requested \$33,000 for vehicle maintenance and \$47,000 for utilities.

Mr. Sutton stated they would be addressing the utilities costs next year with the various clubs that utilize the park. The only way they can do that would be to meter every building.

Mr. Canary asked if increases were included in next year’s budget. Mr. Sutton responded “yes”.

Mr. West requested a breakdown on fuel and utilities spent.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion.

From: 128-113.1 – Asst. Superintendent	(\$ 1,230.00)
To: 128-111.0 – Superintendent	\$ 1,230.00
128-231.0 – Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 33,000.00
128-351.0 – Utilities	\$ 47,000.00

ENHANCED 911 FUND – (901)-tabled from Oct.

R. J. McConnell, County Commissioner, appeared and asked Mark Alexander, GIS Task Force Member, to explain the GIS Director’s position.

Mr. Alexander gave a summary of what the GIS task force has done over the course of a year and half. The task force’s main concern was why the public safety community was not utilizing the 911 addresses to full capacity. After reviewing several issues, the task force went before the Board of Commissioners giving the option of creating a GIS department that is capable of overseeing this type of project. The Commissioners agreed and the task force went through an interviewing process and found a GIS technician and a candidate for the Director. The technician is now on staff replacing the position of E911/GIS Coordinator that is geared towards addressing. The GIS Director position would coordinate planning, implementation and maintenance of geographic information system (GIS) throughout County departments, offices, including overseeing, monitoring construction and maintenance of features and attribute, system maintenance and backups, activity logs and organizes documentation files.

Discussion was held if the GIS Director’s position could be self funded at some point.

Mr. Price has done a lot of research on this project and proposed three options and felt the following option to fund the GIS Director’s position:

- Balance of funds from the E911/ Coordinator position approximately \$3,270
- Balance for 2007 \$5,432 to be moved to GIS position
- Highway Department funds \$7,000
- Reassessment Funds \$20,000
- Funding from Emergency Management/Homeland Security Grant \$17,902
- Funding from General \$98.00

Mr. West stated he received clarification from the State Board of Accounts on whether E911 funds could be used to fund a GIS Director and was told E911 funds could not be used for that position.

Sheriff McLaughlin appeared stating he felt a percentage of E911 funds could be used towards this position.

Mr. Alexander explained the GIS Director would make presentations to other organizations/jurisdictions to promote GIS technology and assist in developing GIS countywide.

Discussion was held on the \$150,000 that has been budgeted in the E911 funds.

R.J. McConnell responded the Board of Commissioners would pay for the Director's benefits from their budget.

Mr. West suggested a new line item 909-110.0 – titled GIS Director.

Mr. Price moved to approve 901-112.0 – E911/GIS Coordinator change to GIS Technician \$ 30,000 and establish a new line item 909-110.0 – titled GIS Director with a salary of \$50,000.00. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

901-112.0 – E911/GIS Coordinator change to GIS Technician \$ 30,000
909-110.0 – GIS Director

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (122)

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the following transfer for law books as submitted. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. Mason voted nay.

From: 122-388.0 – Equipment Lease	(\$ 1,500.00)
To: 122-258.0 – Law Books	\$ 1,500.00

Mr. McConnell requested additional appropriations for professional services, vehicle repair/maintenance, and vehicle maintenance supplies. He explained when the Commissioners requested funding for professional services for 2006 it was approximately \$120,000 more than what was approved. The medical care for inmates has been paid from the professional services, however for 2007 a separate line item has been established to pay for that service. He noted they would probably have to return in December to request more money for professional services. They are discussing having a county manager/county superintendent for next year and hope to be able to fund the position within their budget.

Discussion was held on the various expenditures that are disbursed from the professional services line item and if there should be separate line items.

Mr. Price moved to approve the following appropriations as submitted. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. McCarty voted nay.

122-303.0 – Professional Services	\$ 80,000.00
122-360.0 – Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
122-221.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies	\$ 18,000.00

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (254)

Mr. McConnell requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$70,000 for telecommunications because of additional costs of the new telephone system. The telephone cable expenses were underestimated.

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

254-411.0 – Telecommunications \$ 70,000.00

COMPUTER SERVICES – (141)

Mr. Mason moved to approve the transfer of funds from professional services into overtime in the amount of \$1,000. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 141-399.0 – Professional Services (\$ 1,000.00)
To: 141-199.0 – Overtime \$ 1,000.00

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. West commented he spoke with Jeff Lilly, A County Planner, and asked him to attend the December Council meeting and brief the Council on what he does and has done for other counties. Mr. West was referring to the three-year projections that departments submitted to the Council.

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