

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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

I. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Josh McCarty, John Price, Paul Reed, Steve Hollenbeck, and Charles Canary. Richard Mason arrived after the White River and Bargsville Fire District's budget discussion. Phil Wilson was present as the Council's attorney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

ADOPTION OF THE 2007 BUDGETS

White River Fire Protection District & Bargsville Fire Protection District Budgets for 2007

Mr. West explained the Council did have some questions concerning the budgets for 2007. He noted for instance the White River Fire Protection District's Budget for personnel service is over three million dollars and it does not indicate the number of employees, the rate of pay, or the years of service that the Council would have for any other department. Other concerns include the insurance line item, a new position that is on the Bargsville's Budget for 2007, and the type of vehicles that the districts are planning on purchasing from the budget.

Mr. Price suggested perhaps the districts could purchase their insurance together in order to cut costs.

Mr. Reed noted he spoke with representatives from both fire districts and feels with the increase of population that both districts cover he does not have any questions for the districts. If they did not need what they have requested they would not be asking for it.

Mr. Canary expressed concern with the proposed rates for next year.

Bargsville Fire District's Chief appeared and explained they have checked to see if they could consolidate their health insurance and was told the insurance companies would not do that. The vehicles purchases they can provide the Council with that information.

White River Fire District's Chief appeared noting they have thirty-six career personnel and fifteen fire fighters on duty daily. They also have sixty-two volunteers that are paid \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour. White River also has 24-hour paramedic service.

After further discussion, Mr. Reed moved to approve Bargsville Fire Protection District and White River Fire Protection District budgets for 2007 as presented. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried five to one, Mr. West voted nay. Richard Mason was

not in attendance. Mr. West noted he is not against the districts he just needs to be better informed.

Mr. Mason arrived at this time.

2007 Budgets Adoption

Mr. Price moved to adopt the 2007 budgets as approved at second reading and the fire districts as approved previously. Mr. Canary seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF 9/11/06 AGENDA

Mr. West added a request from Superior Court No. 3 to transfer funds; this will follow Superior Court No. 2's request.

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the agenda as presented including the addition. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 8/14/06 MINUTES

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the 8/14/06 minutes as submitted. Mr. Price seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND – (331)

Bea Northcott, Program Coordinator, appeared to request an additional appropriation for Johnson County CASA administrative budget. She explained in the past the disbursements were paid from the prevention, justice, and treatment grant funds. However, the State has requested a line be created to pay the administrative fees.

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

331-340.0 – Administrative \$ 17,250.00

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 – (133)

K. Mark Loyd, Circuit Court Judge, appeared on behalf of Judge Emkes to request a transfer of funds from professional services to a law clerk and assistant court reporter.

Discussion was held on the request for the assistant court reporter's line item. It was concluded the amounts are needed for short falls in payroll.

Mr. Hollenbeck move to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Price seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 133-301.0 – Professional Services	(\$ 5,371.25)
To: 133-120.1 – Law Clerk (pt-time)	\$ 5,000.00
To: 133-117.0 – Assistant Court Reporter	\$ 371.25

Judge Loyd requested discussion for a salary amendment in the 2007 line item of the Assistant Court Reporter in the Superior Court No. 2's budget that was discussed at second reading. Since the 2007 budget had already been adopted, Judge Loyd stated that he or Judge Emkes would appear before them in January to discuss the salary amendment.

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 – (134)

Judge Kim Van Valer Shilts, appeared to answer any questions regarding her request for a transfer of funds from books to professional services.

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

From: 134-214.0 – Books	(\$ 2,141.75)
To: 134-301.0 – Professional Services	\$ 2,141.75

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – (113)

Susan Sego Wayman, White River Township Assessor, appeared to request a transfer of funds into part-time. She explained her part-time employees work approximately 35 hours a week and she has had two employees on maternity leave and another employee has been docked pay that is why she is able to transfer the funds from full-time line items.

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

From: 113-114.1 – Deputy/Land Tech/Encoding	(\$ 1,003.68)
From: 113-114.0 – Deputy/Deeds/Sales Disclosures/PP	(\$ 471.36)
To: 113-115.0 – Part-time	\$ 1,475.04

PARK – (128)

Tim Davis, Park Superintendent, appeared to request a transfer of funds from the recreation director's salary into part-time and overtime. He explained they been looking for an individual for nineteen months for the recreation director and have someone that will start this month.

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

From: 128-113.1 – Recreation Director	(\$ 20,000.00)
To: 128-119.1 – Part-time	\$ 10,000.00

To: 128-199.0 – Overtime \$ 10,000.00

MAGISTRATE COURT – (136)

Richard Tandy, Magistrate Court Judge, appeared to request some transfer of funds for overtime. He explained at the end of the year he has the employees review the files for dates set and remove paperwork that is not needed. This is very time consuming to handle each and every file.

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

From: 136-215.0 – Office Supplies	(\$ 1,400.00)
From: 136-225.0 – Operating Supplies	(\$ 1,200.00)
From: 136-340.0 – Travel & Training	(\$ 900.00)
From: 136-420.0 – Office Furniture & Equipment	(\$ 250.00)
To: 136-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 3,750.00

Discussion was held on transfers that are requested at the end of year.

CHILD ADVOCACY DONATION FUND – (284)tabled from August
PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL – (327)

Michelle Murray, Prosecutor’s Office Manager, appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Child Advocacy Donation Fund and the Prosecutor’s Deferral Fund. She explained the request of \$10,060 for the Child Advocacy Fund is from grant funds that they received.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the \$10,060 as requested. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

284-200.0 – Claims \$ 10,060.00

Mrs. Murray requested \$3,000 for the deferral program participants.

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

327-313.0 – Deferral Program Participants \$ 3,000.00

COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG – (332)

Albert Hessman, Community Corrections Director, appeared to request additional appropriations for part-time, FICA, travel/training, and equipment. He explained the requested amounts are grant funds that they received from the Judicial Center.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the amounts as requested. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

332-113.0 – Part-time	\$ 2,520.00
332-142.0 – FICA	\$ 193.00
332-340.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 1,500.00
332-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 650.00

SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS FUND – (299)
CIRCUIT COURT – (131)

K. Mark Loyd, Circuit Court Judge, appeared to request additional appropriations from the Supplemental Public Defenders Fund and Circuit Court. He explained the additional money is needed to pay the costs for indigent legal services. His court has seen an increase of cases filed in the court that require indigent legal services. The revenue generated for the Supplemental Public Defenders Fund is imposed by the courts as a condition of probation that some indigent defendants pay back a certain portion of the costs that have been attributed by a public defender in Johnson County.

Mr. Price moved to approve the amounts as requested. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

299-320.0 – Circuit Court	\$ 20,000.00
131-301.0 – Professional Services	\$ 40,000.00

WIC – (215) Oct. 1, 2006-Dec. 31,2006

Tracy Smith, WIC Coordinator, appeared to request approval of their three-month budget. The budget cycle for WIC is from October 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2007. The Council approved the first nine months of next year at the regular scheduled budget hearings for 2007.

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

215-111.0 – Registered Nurse	\$ 9,627.00
215-112.0 – Coordinator	\$ 10,192.00
215-113.0 – Clinic Asst.	\$ 4,680.00
215-113.1 – Registered Dietitian (\$16.08 to \$18.50 per hour)	\$ 5,044.00
215-113.2 – Clinic Assistant	\$ 9,022.00
215-114.0 – Insurance	\$ 133.00
215-161.0 – FICA	\$ 2,949.00
215-172.0 – PERF	\$ 3,469.00
215-217.0 – Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
215-350.0 – Professional Services	\$ 3,000.00
215-322.0 – Postage	\$ 50.00
215-323.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 200.00
215-372.0 – Utilities / Rent	\$ 8,552.00
215-340.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 450.00
215-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 2,000.00

SHERIFF – (105)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request an additional appropriation for overtime that the department has spent for their participation in the Operation Pull Over and BCC Seatbelt Enforcement. The money will be paid from the grants of these projects into General Fund.

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

105-165.0 – Overtime \$ 4,175.83

HEALTH – (210)

John Bonsett, Health Director, appeared to request a transfer for part-time and a transfer to increase the salary of three nurses. He noted the nursing staff has been leaving the department for better paying jobs. He also requested the rate of pay for part-time nurses be increased from \$18.00 to \$25.00. The requests for the salary increases and part-time rate were approved at the 2007 budget hearings.

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

From: 210-114.1 Temporary Employees	(\$ 1,380.00)
To: 210-114.0 – Part-time Vital Stats Clerk	\$ 1,380.00
Part-Time Registered Nurse \$18.00 to \$25.00 per hour (effective date of hire)	
From: 210-116.3 – Salary Third Public Health Nurse	(\$ 2,947.56)
(effective Sept. 14, 2006)	
To: 210-116.0 – Director of Nurse Service \$ 42,745 to \$ 47,000	\$ 981.90
To: 210-116.1 – 1 st Public Health Nurse \$ 37,370 to \$ 40,000	\$ 624.90
To: 210-116.2 – 2 nd Public Health Nurse \$ 34,190 to \$ 40,000	\$ 1,340.76

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (122)

Mitch Ripley, County Commissioner, appeared to request an additional appropriation of \$65,050 for the telephone line item. This includes the expense for local, long distance, and alarm lines. He explained the new phone system is not completed at this time and when it is finished the monthly expense will be reduced. One of the reasons the Commissioner chose to switch the system is because the current phone company has increased the rates. The increased rate was based upon the company did not have the correct number of phone lines and they are now charging the tariff rate. The current total monthly bills are approximately over \$20,000 and it is estimated when the system is up and running the monthly expense will be approximately \$7,000.

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

122-324.0 – Telephone

\$ 65,050.00

ANIMAL SHELTER – (219)

Shawn Donovan, Animal Warden, appeared to request title changes, transfer of funds for part-time and overtime, and a salary ordinance amendment. Mr. Donovan withdrew the request for the salary increase of the Animal Warden from \$35,316 to \$50,316. He noted the salary increase for 219-113.2 from \$24,065 to \$26,015 was approved for 2007 at the budget hearings.

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

From: 219-113.0 – Dispatcher	(\$ 9,000.00)
To: 219-113.3 – Part-time	\$ 9,000.00
From: 219-113.0 – Dispatcher	(\$ 5,305.00)
From: 219-113.4 – Deputy Warden	(\$ 5,000.00)
To: 219-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 10,305.00
219-113.2 – Deputy Warden to Lieutenant/Deputy Warden	\$24,065 to \$26,015
219-112.0 – Salary Administration Asst. to Administrative Asst.	
219-113.1 – Deputy Warden to Dispatcher/Deputy Warden	
219-113.3 – Kennel Attendants to Kennel/Office Part-Time	\$9.00 (kennel)
219-113.4 – Salary Deputy Warden to Deputy Warden	

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & RECONSTRUCTION – (205)

Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$638,419.24 from the Major Moves money. The funds will be used for the hot-mix paving program.

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

205-480.0 – Major Moves Construction (new line item) \$ 638,419.24

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND – (206)

LOCAL ROAD & STREET – (207)

Mr. Vandegriff requested \$110,000 from Cum. Bridge for Bridge #607 that is located on Main Street in Greenwood. The amount is the local match for Bridge #607. He also requested \$300,000 for Smith Valley Road from the Local Road and Street Fund.

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

206-458.0 – Bridge #607	\$ 110,000.00
207-467.0 – Smith Valley Road	\$ 300,000.00

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Request approval of Resolution 2006-01 - Installment Conditional Sales Contract for the Bargersville Community Fire Protection District

Eric Reedy, Financial Advisor for the Bargersville Fire Protection District, along with Brian Deppe, Attorney, appeared before the Council for approval. Mr. Reedy explained the fire district must receive County Council approval for fire loans. This type of financing is less expensive for the district. The loan request is a six-year pay back period and would allow them to purchase heavy rescue equipment, tanker response vehicles, and real estate. The amount of the loan is not to exceed \$1,600,000. The Board of Fire Trustees held their public hearing and the remonstrance period ends on September 15th.

Mr. Mason asked for a breakdown of expenses.

Land Acquisition: \$200,000
Heavy Rescue: \$668,000
Vehicle Extrication Equipment: \$50,000
SCBA: \$30,000
Hose Replacement: \$18,000
Thermal Imaging Camera: \$24,000
New Tanker: \$200,000
Response Vehicles: \$48,000 each
Ladder Note: \$175,000

Discussion was held on the land acquisition and the process of the loan transaction.

Mr. Canary moved to approve Resolution 2006-01 as submitted. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director, introduced the newly hired Highway Engineer, Mike Pelham.

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