

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Josh McCarty.

I. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Charlie Canary, Steve Hollenbeck, Beth Boyce, Ron West and Anita Knowles. John Price was absent. Phil Wilson was also present as the Council's attorney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 7/09/07 AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF 5/30/07 & 6/11/07 MINUTES

Mr. Canary moved to approve the 5/30/07 and 6/11/07 minutes as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vaughn Moore, White River Township Taxpayer, appeared before the Council and encouraged them to vote against the \$18,000 request for the Railroad Crossing Upgrade Fund explaining that it would not accomplish anything more than if people just stop, look, and listen. Drivers have a responsibility, meaning the driver would need to get off their cell phones, turn the radio down, or ask their passengers to be quiet for a moment. These simple things could be done at no cost and help save lives. In addition, cutting back brush or trimming trees within the railroad track right of ways would also help aid with vision. Mr. Moore lives about four miles from the Railroad Crossing and if the conditions are right, he can hear from his house the train blowing it's whistle. The money is needed now to update road conditions; we can address these other types of matters later on as needed.

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

S.T.O.P. GRANT – (335)

VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT – (298)

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL – (327)

Ami Davis, representing the Prosecutor's Office, appeared to answer any questions regarding their requests.

Mr. Canary asked if the salary rates are the same as what the employees are currently receiving.

Mrs. Davis responded yes.

Mr. West moved to approve the following as presented:

335-110.0 – Deputy Prosecutor \$40,000	\$ 40,000.00
298-110.O – Director \$27,355	\$ 27,355.00
298-111.0 – Project Director \$29,791.00	\$ 29,791.00
327-115.2 – Victim Assistance Supplement \$3,263	\$ 3,263.00
327-313.0 – Deferral Program Participants	\$ 4,945.00

Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – (105)

Sheriff Terry McLaughlin was present to request an appropriation into their Overtime line item for the Operation Pull Over/Driving Under Influence projects during the month of May.

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

105-165.0 – Overtime	\$ 5,149.99
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SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION – (297)

Richard Pfifer, Chief Probation Officer, was present to request a full time probation officer for his department. This employee would be paid from the Adult Probation User Fee Account from August 2nd until the end of the year. He currently has an employee who has been working in his department since December 2006 and was paid from a grant; however the grant ends at the end of July 2007. He also commented that he will be asking for two new additional probation officers at the 2008 budget hearings and this would be one of the two requested.

Mr. West moved to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

297-123.0 – Salary Supplement \$29,251.63	\$ 12,375.66
297-142.0 – Social Security	\$ 946.73
297-143.0 – PERF	\$ 1,144.74

WIC – (215)

Tracy Smith, Coordinator, was present to request additional appropriations for her existing front office clerk and the newly filled front office clerk position. She had sent a letter to the council members earlier explaining that she has had some turnover of employees within her office and realized after re-evaluating the salaries for her two front office clerks that they were significantly lower than most comparable jobs within the county.

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

215-113.0 – Clinic Assistant \$15,366	\$ 1,326.00
215-113.2 – Clinic Assistant \$16,829	\$ 1,697.00

LOCAL ROAD & STREET –(207)

Highway Director, Gary Vandegriff, was present to request an additional appropriation to help pay for the first phase of their hot mix paving program.

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

207-460.0 – Asphalt/Concrete/Aggregates	\$ 277,172.21
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RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADE FUND– (302)

Mr. Vandegriff also requested an appropriation of funds from the Johnson County Community Foundation Jake and Travis Life Fund to line item #302-410.0 Railroad Crossing Improvement Fund in the amount of \$18,000. These funds will be used for diagnostic engineering for four Railroad crossings. He also noted that all these funds came from donations and fundraisers.

Mrs. Knowles asked if they are looking at getting all four of them the same with crossing arms and flashers or are they looking at other options.

Mr. Vandegriff replied that they requested to get all four of them the same with the crossing arms and flashers to the Railroad Company. He added that they have a follow up meeting with the Railroad Company next week.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

302-410.0 – Railroad Crossing	\$ 18,000.00
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (122)

Commissioner Tom Kite and Auditor Jan Richhart were present to ask for an additional appropriation for postage to help cover the rate increase of postage and the several large mailings due to elections, jury duty, legal notices, etc.

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

122-322.0 – Postage	\$ 30,000.00
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