

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President, John Price.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 10/09/07 AGENDA

Mr. Price added a request from the Computer Department for a transfer of funds.

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the agenda as presented including the Computer Department's transfer. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 9/10/07 MINUTES

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the 9/10/07 minutes as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vaughn Moore appeared to comment on the request the railroad crossing upgrade funding. He does not feel railroad-crossing arms will stop individuals from crossing railroads anymore than stopping, listening, and looking. He feels the funds should be used for roads and bridges.

Mr. Price explained the request of funding for the railroad crossing upgrade is from the Olive Branch Road Fund and can only be used for that road.

Gary Moody appeared commenting on his ideas of locations of the new County Maintenance Building.

Mr. Price thanked Mr. Moody for his comments; however, the Board of Commissioners have jurisdiction of the new County Maintenance Building.

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

NATIONAL CHILDRENS ALLIANCE – (383)

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

From: 383-215.0 – Supplies (\$ 597.63)
To: 383-410.0 – Equipment \$ 597.63

COMPUTER – (141)

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the following transfer as submitted. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

From: 141-399.0 – Professional Services (\$ 1,500.00)
To: 1410199.0 – Overtime \$ 1,500.00

HEALTH – (210)

John Bonsett, Director, appeared to request a transfer of funds to fund the contractual agreement of the Bioterrorism Preparedness Book Writer for the remainder of the year. This was previously paid from the Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant that has expired. Next year the individual will be paid from the Health Maintenance Funds.

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

From: 210-212.0 – Vector Control (\$ 1,000.00)
From: 210-214.0 – Environmental Health (\$ 1,500.00)
To: 210-361.0 – Professional Services \$ 2,500.00

WIC – (215) Oct. 1, 2007-Dec. 31,2007

Tracy Smith, WIC Coordinator, appeared for approval of their three-month budget.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the budget as presented. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

215-111.0 – Registered Nurse	\$ 10,000.00
215-112.0 – Coordinator	\$ 10,500.00
215-113.0 – Clinic Asst.	\$ 5,200.00
215-113.1 – Registered Dietitian	\$ 9,300.00
215-113.2 – Clinic Assistant	\$ 5,650.00
215-114.0 – Insurance	\$ 13,000.00
215-161.0 – FICA	\$ 3,500.00
215-172.0 – PERF	\$ 4,500.00
215-217.0 – Supplies	\$ 19,000.00
215-350.0 – Professional Services	\$ 13,000.00
215-323.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 1,000.00
215-372.0 – Utilities / Rent	\$ 10,000.00
215-340.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
215-410.0 – Equipment	\$ 700.00

SHERIFF – (105)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,892.12 for their participation in the Operation Pull Over and D.U.I. Grants.

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

105-165.0 – Overtime \$ 3,892.12

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – (202)

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE & REPAIR – (204)

Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director, appeared to request additional appropriations for Travel/Training and Signs. The \$5,400 request is from funds they received from selling scrap metal.

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

202-325.0 – Travel & Training \$ 400.00
204-269.0 – Signs \$ 5,000.00

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & RECONSTRUCTION – (205)

Mr. Vandegriff requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$360,419 for paving, milling, and micro sealing from the Major Moves distribution.

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

205-480.0 – Major Moves Construction \$360,419.00

OLIVE BRANCH ROAD – (263)

Mr. Vandegriff requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 for the railroad crossing upgrade from the Olive Branch Road Fund. He explained the money in the fund was derived from a permit fee in the vicinity of Olive Branch and is dedicated to safety and road improvements on Olive Branch Road.

Mr. West remarked he does support the effort, however, he has a problem dedicating so much money to the one crossing in White River Township when there are twenty plus railroads in the county. He feels the best effort the county should do is impose heavy fines for violations and dedicate the money for railroad crossing improvements.

Mr. Canary agreed with Mr. West and added the \$150,000 could be used for repairs of the bridge on Olive Branch Road.

Mr. Price stated he feels the railroad crossing upgrade funding request is a good use of the money in the Olive Branch Road Fund.

Mrs. Knowles concurred with Mr. Price.

Mr. McCarty stated he received a report from the Director of Transportation from Center Grove Schools showing they have eighty-nine buses crossing railroads daily. That totals approximately 672,000 of children crossing the railroads a year. He feels if the county can increase safety and another tragedy from occurring, the county should.

Several citizens from the audience appeared and spoke in favor of the county appropriating the funds from the Olive Branch Road Fund to upgrade the railroad crossing.

Mr. Hollenbeck commented if the county does appropriate the funds for this crossing, an effort needs to be made to also improve the other railroad crossings in the county.

After further discussion, Mr. McCarty moved to approve the \$150,000 for Railroad Crossing Upgrade. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried five to two, Mr. West and Mr. Canary voted nay.

263-420.0 – Railroad Crossing Upgrade \$150,000.00

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER- (120)

Russ Bensheimer, Veterans Service Director, appeared to request a transfer of funds for Office Supplies and Travel/Training.

Mr. West moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

From: 120-320.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 550.00)
To: 120-215.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 550.00
From: 120-340.0 – Lease Payments	(\$ 584.96)
From: 120-114.0 – Part-time Assistant	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: 120-323.0 – Travel & Training	\$ 1,584.96

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

Mr. Bensheimer appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,185.95 to purchase office equipment for his office. He noted the Board of Commissioners did approve for him to request the funds from Cum Cap.

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

254-414.0 – Office Equipment \$ 7,185.95

Mr. Price explained the next request of \$650,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund was the amount that was discussed at the budget hearings that would be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund next year to help with the employees' health insurance.

Mr. Canary moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried six to one; Mr. West voted nay.

254-405.0 – Capital Improvements \$650,000.00

ANIMAL SHELTER – (219)

Emily Williamson, Animal Shelter Warden, and Dawn Phelps, payroll and claims clerk for the shelter, appeared to request several transfer of funds within the Animal Shelter’s budget. Ms. Phelps explained their requests for each transfer.

Discussion was held on the status of the new animal shelter.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the transfers as requested. Mr. West seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

From: 219-115.0 – Senior Deputy Officer	(\$ 13,000.00)
From: 219-112.0 – Administrative Asst.	(\$ 5,000.00)
From: 219-113.0 – Senior Kennel Attendant	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: 219-113.3 – Kennel/Office Part-time	\$ 19,000.00
From: 219-113.0 – Senior Deputy Officer	(\$ 1,400.00)
From: 219-111.0 – Warden	(\$ 3,300.00)
From: 219-113.4 – Deputy Warden	(\$ 1,800.00)
To: 219-199.0 – Overtime	\$ 6,500.00
From: 219-324.0 – Utilities	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: 219-264.0 – Wearing Apparel	\$ 1,000.00
From: 219-324.0 – Utilities	(\$ 3,000.00)
From: 219-225.0 – Building Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 3,000.00)
To: 219-225.0 – Operating Expense	\$ 6,000.00
From: 219-372.0 – Building Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 2,000.00)
To: 219-221.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
From: 219-352.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 4,000.00)
To: 219-422.0 – Office Equipment	\$ 4,000.00
From: 219-350.0 – Communication	(\$ 1,000.00)
To: 219-311.0 – Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning - Request for a title change from Senior Planner to Planner

Brian Waterman, Planning & Zoning Director, appeared to request the title change from Senior Planner to Planner.

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

Discussion of the Stormwater Utility & Adoption of Fees

The Board of Commissioners asked for this discussion to be withdrawn from the Agenda and be included on the November 13th Agenda.

Council Meetings Time Change

Mr. McCarty moved to approve that the regular scheduled Council Meetings begin at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm starting November 13th. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried six to one; Mr. Canary voted nay.

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