

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF THE 9/10/07 AGENDA

Mr. Price added a request to transfer funds from the County Assessor for the Reassessment Fund. Mr. McCarty moved to approve the agenda including the County Assessor's request. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

V. ADOPTION OF THE 2008 BUDGETS

Mr. Price noted in the Highway Maintenance & Repair Budget (204), line item 204-221.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies was increased from \$250,000 to \$395,000 and that would increase the advertised amount. The line item must be left at the requested amount of \$250,000.

Mr. Canary moved to adopt the Highway Maintenance & Repair Budget (204) as approved at second reading including the following amendment:

204-221.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies – reduce to \$250,000

Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

Mrs. Knowles moved to adopt the Council's Budget (135) as approve at second reading including the following amendment:

135-111.0 – Council Members – reduce to \$51,935

Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Lance Hamner, Prosecutor, appeared to discuss the Prosecuting Attorney (108), Prosecutor Child Support IV-D (118), Pretrial Diversion (286), and Prosecutor Deferral (327) budgets.

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's Budget (108) as approved at second reading including the following amendment:

108-115.0 – Office Administrator – reduce to \$18,137

Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. West voted nay.

Mr. Canary moved to approve the Prosecutor Child Support IV-D budget (118) as approved at second reading including the following amendment:

118-115.0 – Office Administrator – increase to \$18,137

Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. West voted nay.

Mr. Canary moved to approve the Pretrial Diversion Program Budget (286) as approved at second reading including the following amendment:

286-116.0 – Diversion Assistant – increase to \$33,887

Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. West voted nay.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the Prosecutor Deferral Program Budget (327) as approved at second reading including the following amendment:

327-120.0 – Assistant Office Manager – increase to \$36,400

Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. West voted nay.

Mr. West commented the White River Fire District and Bargersville Fire District's Budgets combined exceed seven million dollars, while the other five fire districts budgets total six hundred and eighty thousand. He noted he plans to review the various fire districts budgets next year prior to the budget hearings.

Discussion was held on the number of calls the various fire districts have each year.

Mr. Canary moved to adopt the 2008 budgets as approved at the first, second, and date of adoption hearings. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried six to one, Mr. West vote nay.

VI. APPROVAL OF 8/13/07 MINUTES

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Moody, a Franklin Resident, appeared to discuss the proposed county maintenance building.

The Council members thanked Mr. Moody for his concerns, however this is something he would need to discuss with the Board of Commissioners.

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

WIC – (215)

Mr. Canary moved to table the request from WIC until the October Council meeting because there was no one present from WIC to explain the request.

Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

REASSESSMENT – (265)

Marla Hash, County Assessor, appeared to request a transfer of funds from postage into office supplies to purchase copy paper.

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

From: 265-322.0 – Postage	(\$ 1,500.00)
To: 265-216.0 – Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION – (297)

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

From: 297-301.0 – Professional Services	(\$ 900.00)
To: 297-114.0 – Part-time Professional/Clerical	\$ 900.00

COURTHOUSE – (123)

The request is to transfer \$12,000 from line item 123-113.0 into 123-112.0 because of the shortfall due to paying the former Director his vacation and sick time.

Discussion was held on why the position where the transfer is coming from was kept vacant all year.

The Council agreed to discuss the request later on the agenda when there was someone in attendance to answer the questions.

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL – (327)

Michelle Murray, Prosecutor’s Office Manager, appeared to request additional appropriations to pay for shortages in two grants and deferral program participant money.

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

327-200.0 – Claims	\$ 251.93
327-215.0 – Supplies	\$ 3,500.00
327-313.0 – Deferral Program Participants	\$ 4,920.00

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

Donna Sipe, Court Administrator, appeared on behalf of Circuit Court Judge, K. Mark Loyd. She explained the requests for additional appropriations are needed to pay for contractual public defenders and all other related professional services fees.

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve \$55,000 in the Circuit Court Budget. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

131-301.0 – Professional Services \$ 55,000.00

Mr. West moved to approve \$25,000 in the Supplemental Public Defenders Fund Budget. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

299-320.0 – Circuit Court \$ 25,000.00

SHERIFF – (105) JAIL – (124)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,945.43 for their participation in Operation Pull Over/D.U.I. He also requested an increase in the part-time hourly rate from \$10.00 to \$11.00.

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

105-165.0 – Overtime \$ 5,945.43
124-170.0 – Professional/Clerical/Paralegal Part-time \$10.00 to \$11.00

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – (112)

Donna Zelner, Pleasant Township Assessor, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,500 for part-time. She explained the funds are needed to pay her part-time for the remainder of the year.

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

112-114.0 – Part-time \$ 2,500.00

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE & REPAIR – (204)

2006 Bond Revision Information for Equipment Purchases

Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director, appeared explaining the Board of Commissioners wish to keep the Council informed of the revision to the equipment purchases listed for the 2006 Highway Equipment Bond. The proposed revision more adequately supplies the equipment that benefits the Highway Department at this time. He provided an update list to the Council.

Mr. Vandegriff requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 for vehicle maintenance supplies to purchase mainly fuel.

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

204-221.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies \$100,000.00

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (122)

Fleet Accounts Payable Transfer - FYI

Mr. Vandegriff (Fleet Director, who is also the Highway Director), explained during the discussion at the last Commissioners meeting the Board determined the accounts payable for Fleet Maintenance will be moved to the Highway Department for processing from the Commissioner’s office. While this has been an acceptable procedure, he would like to have all fleet activity managed in one place to operate the fleet program more efficiently.

Mr. Vandegriff then requested additional appropriations for vehicle maintenance supplies (\$15,000) and vehicle repair/maintenance (\$30,000). The supplies money is needed for fuel and the repair/maintenance is needed for extensive repairs to some vehicles.

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

122-221.0 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies \$ 15,000.00
122-360.0 – Vehicle Repair & Maintenance \$ 30,000.00

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

Jan Richhart, County Auditor, appeared to request an additional appropriation to purchase a copier for the Auditor’s Office. The original amount requested of \$8,842 has been lowered to \$7,750 because she would pay the maintenance agreement from the Auditor’s Budget if approved.

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

254-414.0 – Office Equipment \$ 7,750.00

COURTHOUSE – (123)

Tom Kite, County Commissioner, appeared to discuss the transfer of \$12,000 for the Director of Maintenance.

Mr. West questioned if the position where the funds are being transferred from was going to be filled.

Mr. Kite explained the Director of Maintenance, Jason Miller, was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Kite did not know if the position was going to be filled or not.

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

From: 123-113.0 – Salary Custodian	(\$ 12,000.00)
To: 123-112.0 – Director of Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00

OLD BUSINESS

Local Option Income Tax (LOIT)

Mr. Canary asked for discussion on the LOIT tax.

The Council received a letter from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) Budget Division, explaining the deadline for adoption of the Local Option Income Tax created by HEA 1478 has been extended to December 31, 2007. DLGF processing of the Pay 2008 budgets will begin for a county when the DLGF has all the necessary documentation including either a decision on the adoption of LOIT or a letter choosing not to adopt LOIT. If a county chooses not to adopt the LOIT, then notification via letter signed by the Council President should be submitted to the DLGF, Department of Revenue, and State Budget Agency.

After further discussion, Mr. West moved **not** to adopt the LOIT in 2007. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution 2007-04 – Authorizing a Local Match towards the Community Focus Fund Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matters

Krista Linke, City of Franklin Planner, appeared explaining the City of Franklin applied for a \$500,000 grant to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs earlier this year. As part of that grant application the County Council submitted a letter committing \$18,640.80 towards the local match for the project. The grant was not funded that round, but they are in the process of putting together another application for the upcoming funding cycle. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs informed them that the commitment on behalf of the County must be in the form of a Resolution, instead of a letter. The announcement of the awards will be on November 16th, 2007.

Mr. Canary moved to approve Resolution 2007-04 and include the letter submitted previously by the Council outlining what the County agrees to use the money towards. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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