

## **COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 10, 2008**

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

### **I. ROLL CALL**

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

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. INVOCATION**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF 3/10/08 AGENDA**

Mr. McCarty deleted the request of \$7,386.98 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for Office Equipment and moved the Hendricks County Council Representatives to the beginning of the Agenda.

Mr. Price moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **V. APPROVAL OF 2/11/08 MINUTES**

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

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. McCarty expressed the Council's condolences to Ron West and his family for their recent loss of their loved one.

### **VII. APPOINTMENT:**

#### **Johnson County Public Library Board**

Beverly Martin, Johnson County Public Library Board Director, appeared to request the reappointment of Jo Ellen Weems to the Library Board for a four-year term.

Mr. Price moved to appoint Jo Ellen Weems to the Johnson County Public Library Board for a four-year term. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

### **VIII. JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY-Capital Projects Fund Discussion**

Beverly Martin explained due to the assessed valuations for 2007 pay 2008 being late the Library Board will have their Public Hearing later than normal. After the Library Board holds it's hearing and adopts the Plan, the County Council holds a Public Hearing on the Plan, also. She explained that part of the Indiana Code that allows for the creation and continuation of a Library Capital Projects Fund was enclosed with her request to appear. She would be glad to answer any questions the Council members have about the process.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion-Hendricks County Council**

Larry Hesson, Hendricks County Council President, and Nancy Johnson, Council Member, appeared to discuss some of their procedures and forms that they are currently using as Council. Mr. Hesson distributed and explained some of the forms that they use. Hendricks County is also on the same financial software (Low Associates) that Johnson County purchased and went live in January of 2008. Mr. Hesson noted their Auditor brings her laptop to each meeting to check on various accounts if the Council has questions. They receive a statement showing the surplus money for the major funds to see if there is sufficient revenue for additional appropriations. They use a standard form for departments to complete in order to request a transfer of funds or additional appropriation. He explained they also have a joint meeting with their Board of Commissioners to discuss long range planning.

After some discussion, the Council thanked Mr. Hesson and Ms. Johnson for attending the meeting and sharing their knowledge with the Council.

**IX. SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCTIONS, & TRANSFERS:**

**CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FUND – (284)**

Michelle Murray, Prosecutor’s Office Manager, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,498.00 that was donated to operate the Child Advocacy Center. The Center is a child-friendly facility where specially trained law enforcement and child protection workers conduct interviews of child abuse victims. The funds would be used to purchase supplies and materials for the Center.

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

284.20000.000.284 – Claims \$ 3,498.00

**SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1 – (132)**

Richard Pfifer, Chief Adult Probation Officer, appeared on behalf of Superior Court No. 1 Judge, Kevin Barton. He explained the reduction request is what the Council asked Judge Barton to do last month and he agreed to do for the salary adjustments made for the court employees.

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

Reduction 100.39101.000.132 – Jury Expense (\$ 1,687.00)

**JURY FEE FUND – (308)**

K. Mark Loyd, Circuit Court Judge, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Jury Fee Fund for Jury Expenses.

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

308.39106.000.308 – Circuit Court \$ 10,000.00

**Revised Ordinance on Procedures for Business Travel and Expense Reimbursement**

Judge Loyd explained the Travel Ordinance Committee met several times to review the language of the former ordinance and to discuss appropriate changes. The Revised Ordinance is the recommendation of the Committee and he would address any changes or questions the Council may have. The Commissioners have not yet approved the Ordinance.

Mr. Price moved to approve Ordinance 2008-01 – Procedures for Business Travel and Expense Reimbursement for Johnson County Government Officials and Employees. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

Judge Loyd also expressed his condolences to the Ron West Family for the recent loss of their loved one.

**COUNTY MISDEMEANANT – (217)**

Kim Van Valer, Superior Court No. 3 Judge, and Kathy Sexton, Offender Classification Monitor, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,500 for part-time with an hourly rate of \$9.00. The position would assist the Offender Classification Monitor with conditions of probation and various new job duties, which have been assigned to this position over the last year by new State Statutes.

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

217.11400.000.217 – Part-time \$9.00 per hour \$ 5,500.00

**ANIMAL SHELTER – (219)**

Dawn Phelps, Animal Control Employee, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000. She explained they have created a new program to raise compliance with their spay/neuter rate. The adoption amount has increased from \$34.00 to \$100.00. The \$100.00 rate includes age appropriate vaccinations (including rabies) and the spay/neuter certificate. After the adopter has the spay/neuter surgery completed, the veterinarian then returns the certificate to the Animal Shelter for reimbursement. The cost comes directly from the adoption fees.

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

219.31000.000.219 – Professional Services \$ 5,000.00

**TITLE 4-D JUVENILE COURT – (137)**

**SHERIFF – (124)**

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request that the funds for Supplement Security be reduced from the Juvenile Court and added to the Sheriff's budget. He explained this was done last year, however they forgot to move the money for the 2008 budget.

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

<u>Reduction</u> 100.11713.000.137 – Supp. Security	(\$ 5,187.00)
100.11713.000.124 – Supp. Security	\$ 5,187.00

**SHERIFF – (105)**

**JAG- BYRNE GRANT – (370)**

**SHERIFF DEPT L.E.C.E. – (325)**

Sheriff McLaughlin requested additional appropriations for overtime, equipment, and travel/training.

Mr. Price moved to approve the following requests as presented. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

100.19900.000.105 – Overtime	\$ 2,013.52
370.44100.000.370 – Miscellaneous Equipment	\$ 13,583.00
325.31500.000.325 – Travel & Training	\$ 4,067.92

**COUNTY EXTRADITION – (211)**

Sheriff McLaughlin requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 to extradite inmates.

Mr. Price requested the cash balance for this fund.

The balance as of 3/10/08 was \$16,211.

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

211.20000.000.211 – Claims	\$ 10,000.00
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**TREASURER – (103)**

Rita Sieverston, Treasurer, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,300 for printing. She explained the Council appropriated the money at the end of last year for the homestead rebate checks and some of the invoices did not arrive in time to turn purchase orders in for December. The money reverted back to the General Fund at the end of the year.

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

100.31200.000.103 – Printing \$ 3,300.00

**HIGHWAY – (201)**

Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director, appeared and requested to withdraw the following additional appropriations from the Agenda.

201.31500.000.202 – Travel & Training \$ 4,000.00

201.32800.000.202 – Training Incentive \$ 4,000.00

201.19900.000.204 – Overtime \$ 8,000.00

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (122)**

Mr. Vandegriff requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 for Vehicle Maintenance Supplies for the replacement of fuel dispensers.

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

100.22100.000.122 – Vehicle Maintenance Supplies \$ 30,000.00

**SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION – (297)**

Richard Pfifer, Chief Adult Probation Officer, appeared to request additional appropriations from the Supplemental Fund. He explained at the Budget Hearings he reduced some portions of salaries that was funded from General Fund and needed to return to request the funding from the Supplemental account. There are no changes in the approved salaries for 2008.

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

297.11117.000.297 – Salary Supplement \$ 6,816.13

297.11121.000.297 – Salary Supplement \$ 2,300.83

297.16695.000.297 – Probation Officer \$ 6,878.54

297.14300.000.297 – PERF \$ 1,439.59

297.14200.000.297 – Social Security \$ 1,223.65

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (122)-tabled**

Troy DeHart, Commissioner, Kathleen Hash, County Coordinator, Rob Norris, IT Director, and Jason Miller, Maintenance Director, appeared to request an additional appropriation to renovate the Annex North Building. This portion is the space that Bank One leased from the county. The Bank paid the County \$100,000 to break the lease and additional space is needed for county offices.

The requested amount was reduced from \$100,000 to \$90,000 because some of the quotes are coming in less than anticipated. The Maintenance Department will construct the framing for the walls plus all the painting.

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

100.42700.000.122 – Capital Improvements \$ 90,000.00

### **CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)**

#### **Telephone System Equipment**

Rob Norris, IT Director, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$46,206 for various telephone equipment. The new phone system has been alive for over a year and the growth in the county has resulted in additional phone equipment.

Mr. Price questioned why the new telephone system has cost the county over \$250,000 more than the original request. He realizes the monthly service fees is less, however it will take the county ten years to offset the payout and then the system will be outdated.

Mr. Norris explained when the system was first installed there was just enough phones and equipment to give everyone what they thought they needed at the time. Shortly after that several departments have requested additional phones. He explained the following requests:

- Installation of Paging System Law Enforcement Center & Community Corrections \$ 7,925.00
- White River Township Assessor & Sheriff's Sub-Station \$ 17,834.85
- Phones, Switches, Tech Maintenance \$ 20,445.75

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried five to one, Mr. Price voted nay.

254.44002.000.254 – Telephone System Equipment \$ 46,206.00

#### **Sheriff Vehicles**

Gary Vandegriff, Fleet Director, appeared to request additional funding for Sheriff Vehicles from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. He originally requested \$139,000 and after further reviewing the amount would be \$100,769 for the new purchases. He distributed a Fleet Replacement Worksheet for the Council to review. Mr. Price moved to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

254.47500.000.254 – Sheriff Vehicles \$ 100,769.00

**Professional (Storm Water)**

Mr. Price moved to approve the following additional appropriation in the amount of \$14,900 to pay the invoice to Umbaugh for the Establishment of the Storm Water Management. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

254.43000.000.254 – Professional (Storm Water) \$ 14,900.00

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**National Association of Counties (NACo)**

Mrs. Knowles shared with the Council the NACo prescription discount card program. The drug discount card helps consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. All county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, may use the cards. The free cards are distributed in the sponsoring county and may be used at any participating retail pharmacy. She noted that forty-eight counties in Indiana belong to NACo. The dues to join NACo for 2008 are \$2,172.00. Hendricks County belongs to NACo and the residents there saved \$241,737 in 2007 on prescription drugs. The County Treasurer in Hendricks County distributes the cards to the residents.

The Council concurred to include NACo on the April Council Agenda.

There being no further business, Mr. Price moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion.