

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2009

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 1/12/09 AGENDA

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

V. APPROVAL OF 11/24/08 (joint meeting with Commissioners) & 12/01/08 MINUTES

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. McCarty welcomed Brian Walker to the Johnson County Council. He also thanked John Price for his service to the County Council.

Mr. McCarty noted for the record a letter received by the Council from Roger Young, Johnson County Park Board Attorney, addressed to the Johnson County Park Board, in reference to the proposed Innkeepers Tax. The letter stated the following:

“ Dear President Hart, (Johnson County Park Board) Enclosed is the final draft prepared by Ice Miller of the Innkeepers Tax Legislation. I have been working with Karen Arland regarding this legislation and I believe the enclosed draft accurately represents what was approved by the County Council. I have authorized Ms. Arland to submit this draft to legislative services. As you know, Ice Miller will assist us in finding additional sponsors for this legislation and in bringing this legislation to the attention of the State Legislators and Governors.”

VII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION:

Council President

Mrs. Knowles nominated Charlie Canary as Council President. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Boyce then moved to close the nominations. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion, which unanimously carried. The motion to approve Charlie Canary as Council President carried unanimously.

Council Vice-President

Mr. Walker nominated Anita Knowles as Council Vice-President. Mrs. Boyce seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. McCarty moved to close the nominations. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion, which unanimously carried. The motion to approve Anita Knowles as Council Vice-President carried unanimously.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

Council Attorney

Mr. McCarty moved to appoint John P. Wilson as the Council’s Attorney. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board (ABC)

Mr. Canary noted that he had received a letter from David Pollard, stating he was interested in still serving on the ABC Board.

Mr. West made a motion to appoint Mr. Pollard to the ABC Board. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

Solid Waste (Council member)

Mr. West moved to appoint Josh McCarty as the Council representative to Solid Waste. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Plan Commission (Council member)

Mr. West moved to appoint Charles Canary to the Plan Commission Board. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Mr. McCarty moved to appoint John Norton to the BZA Board. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (2 members)

Mr. West moved to appoint the following to the Property Tax Assessment Board:

- Donna Zelner
- Gayle Wilkerson

Mr. McCarty seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

1. INSPECTION FEES – (276)

Dan Batta, Director of Planning & Zoning, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase computer system upgrades and equipment for building and zoning inspections.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Walker moved to second the motion that unanimously carried.

276.20000.000.276 – Claims \$ 10,000.00

Mr. Batta noted he would be meeting, with Mr. West in reference to the compensatory issue that was discussed at last months meeting.

2. COURT IMPROVEMENT GRANT – (344)

K. Mark Loyd, Circuit Court Judge, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 for professional services. The grant would be used to conduct alternative dispute resolution services for Children in Need of Services and Termination of Parental Rights cases. The Johnson Circuit Court has received this grant in past years.

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

344.31000.000.344 – Professional Services \$ 30,000.00

3. ELECTRONIC MAP GENERATION FUND – (905)

Jan Richhart, County Auditor, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$ 1,100 to purchase map supplies. She explained Rob Norris, IT Director, could not attend the meeting to request the funds. The funds were obtained from fees charged for map data sold from the GIS system.

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

905.20000.000.905 – Claims \$ 1,100.00

4. FAMILY & CHILDREN – (218) tabled

Penny Pitcock, Director of Child Services, along with Circuit Court Judge Loyd, appeared before the Council to request a short-term loan along with additional appropriations. The request was tabled from the December Council meeting. She explained at this time she does not have the exact amount needed because all the invoices ending in 2008 are not received. The State of Indiana has taken over the Family & Children’s Fund beginning in 2009, however the County is still responsible for invoices up to the end of 2008. She respectfully requested the Council continue with the loan process and she would return at a later date with the exact amount needed.

Discussion was held whether to approve a Debt Service rate to pay for the outstanding invoices.

Mr. West moved to proceed with the process of establishing a separate tax levy to pay for the debt service of the Family & Children’s Fund. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

5. PARK NON-REVERTING OPERATING – (273)

Chris Johnston, Park Superintendent, along with Drew Eggers, Assistant Park Director, appeared to request approval of additional appropriations for their Non-Reverting Operating Fund. He explained the State Board of Accounts requested that the Council appropriate the money.

Mr. West moved to approve the request.

Mr. Walker asked about the income the fund generates versus the amount requested.

Mr. Johnston explained they can only spend what they generate and he is requesting the amounts in order to be flexible in the various line items.

Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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| 273.21600.000.273 – Supplies | \$ 75,000.00 |
| 273.31601.000.273 – Operating Expenses | \$ 75,000.00 |
| 273.41601.000.273 – Equipment | \$ 75,000.00 |
| 273.42001.000.273 – Building & Land Improvement | \$ 75,000.00 |

6. GIS MAINTENANCE – (403)

Michael Sudac, GIS Director, appeared to request approval for a GIS budget. The various departments would pay their obligated amounts from their budgets into this fund. In the past, the departments paid directly and it was very difficult to track the expenses.

Mr. West expressed his regrets of Mr. Sudac leaving as the GIS Director. He commended him for the work he has done with the GIS Department.

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

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| 403.13300.000.403 – GIS Director | \$ 52,015.00 |
| 403.11250.000.403 – GIS Analyst | \$ 34,568.00 |
| 403.14200.000.403 – Social Security | \$ 6,625.00 |
| 403.14300.000.403 – PERF | \$ 8,010.00 |
| 403.21500.000.403 – Office Supplies | \$ 500.00 |
| 403.31500.000.403 – Travel & Training | \$ 500.00 |
| 403.36101.000.403 – Maintenance Contracts | \$ 30,000.00 |

7. ENHANCED 911 – (901)

This request was moved following the Sheriff’s request because it relates to his employee.

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| 901.11389.000.901 – 911 Coord/Dispatcher \$27,006 to \$28,000 | \$ 994.00 |
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| 901.14200.000.901 – Social Security | \$ | 75.00 |
| 901.14300.000.901 – PERF | \$ | 92.00 |

8. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

Rita Sievertson, County Treasurer, appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Development fund to purchase a copier, three calculators, and software for addresses. She noted the Board of Commissioners approved this amount in December from the Cum Cap Fund.

Mr. West suggested the Board of Commissioners check on purchasing one huge copier for all offices.

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

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| 254.44111.000.254 – Equipment (Treasurer) | \$ | 13,555.00 |
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COMMISSIONERS – (122)

Kathleen Hash, County Attorney, appeared to request additional appropriations for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$295,722. She reported that to date the county has received from Scottsdale Insurance \$189,501.34 and from FEMA \$696,002.36 for Flood Related expenses. She explained \$180,000 is for furniture in the lower level of the Courthouse Annex of which the funds were received from the insurance company. The \$61,226 is for the Prosecutor’s Office furniture. The County paid a deposit to Fineline Furniture in the amount of \$20,592 and FEMA has paid \$74,071.28 in connection with such furniture. The \$54,496 is to re-appropriate the money that reverted back to the General Fund at the end of the year to complete the North Annex project.

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

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| 100.42700.000.122 – Capital Improvements | \$ | 295,722.00 |
| (\$180,000-tabled) (\$61,226-Prosecutor’s Office Furniture)(North Annex Renov. \$54,496.00) | | |

9. COMMISSIONERS – (122) & CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – (254)

Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director (Fleet), appeared to request additional appropriations from the two funds to replace fleet vehicles lost in the June 2008 flood.

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

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| 100.47400.000.122 – Vehicles (insurance check) | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| 254.47400.000.254 – Vehicles (insurance check) | \$ | 38,400.00 |

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND – (206) & LOCAL ROAD & STREET – (207)

Mr. Vandegriff also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$ 115,000 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund and \$425,000 from the Local Road & Street Fund. The appropriations will allow them to pay for the construction phase of County Road 200 North.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Mc Carty seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

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| 206.47300.000.206 – Co RD 200 North | \$ 115,000.00 |
| 207.47300.000.207 – Co RD 200 North | \$ 425,000.00 |

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (127)

Forrest Sutton, Emergency Management Director, appeared to discuss his request for a new employee, Deputy Director with an annual salary of \$32,000. He explained his justification for a new employee; however, he is fearful that the funding maybe found this year but not in the future.

Mr. West moved to table the request. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**11. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT – (371)
HOMELAND SECURITY LAW ENFORCEMENT – (372)
DISTRICT 5 FIRE TRAINING GRANT – (411)
PSCI GRANT (Public Saf. Interoperable Comm)– (442)**

Mr. Sutton also requested several grants that his department has been awarded.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the following amounts as requested. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

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| 371.31110.000.371 – Exercise | \$ 88,220.00 |
| 371.31000.000.371 – Professional Services | \$ 224,894.00 |
| 371.44100.000.371 – Miscellaneous Equipment | \$ 116,949.36 |
| 372.44100.000.372 – Miscellaneous Equipment | \$ 117,072.15 |
| 411.31500.000.411 – Training | \$ 152,828.00 |
| 442.44100.000.442 – Miscellaneous Equipment | \$ 17,318.00 |

12. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEFERRAL – (288)

Terry McLaughlin, County Sheriff, appeared to request additional appropriation in the amount of \$55,195 from the Deferral Fund to purchase ten in-car video cameras, and one radar speed trailer. He also asked for approval of \$5,122.80 into overtime for their participation in the Fatality Crash Reduction Effort and ACE 65 South Grants.

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

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| 288.44100.000.288 – Miscellaneous Equipment | \$ 55,195.00 |
| 100.19900.000.105 – Overtime | \$ 5,122.80 |

SHERIFF – (105)
ENHANCED 911 – (901)
JAIL – (124)
COMMISSIONERS – (122)

Sheriff McLaughlin requested approval for several salary ordinance amendments for some Dispatchers and a Cook. He explained at budget time the Council allowed for some of the dispatcher’s salary be approved at \$35,000. After re-evaluating each of them he would like to do some adjusting in the salaries. This would not be additional money, however just shifting from other salaries. The only additional amount is for the 911Coordinator/Dispatcher. He requested the three new deputies be raised to the 2009 salaries of \$42,462. This increase was missed during the budget readings. There is money in the three line items to cover the increase because of their actual hire dates.

Mr. West commented the Council set the salaries at budget time then the first of year amendments are requested because of evaluations. He feels that should have been done prior to the budget hearings.

Sheriff McLaughlin responded the problems did not arise until after the hearings and he could not request the amendments until January for 2009.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the requests as presented. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried five to six, Mr. West voted nay.

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| From: 100.12811.000.105 – Dispatcher \$35,000 to 30,711 | (\$ 4,239.00) |
| To: 100.12817.000.105 – Dispatcher \$30,986 to \$34,000 | \$ 3,014.00 |
| To: 100.12818.000.105 – Dispatcher | \$ 1,225.00 |
| From: 100.12812.000.105 – Dispatcher \$35,000 to \$31,943 | (\$ 1,789.00) |
| To: 100.12818.000.105 – Dispatcher \$30,986 to \$34,000 | \$ 1,789.00 |
| From: 100.12812.000.105 – Dispatcher | (\$ 1,218.00) |
| To: 100.12814.000.105 – Dispatcher \$30,986 to \$31,751 | \$ 765.00 |
| To: 100.12819.000.105 – Dispatcher \$30,986 to \$31,751 | \$ 453.00 |
| From: 100.12813.000.105 – Dispatcher \$35,000 to 31,943 | (\$ 2,922.00) |
| To: 100.12819.000.105 – Dispatcher | \$ 312.00 |
| To: 100.12810.000.105 – Dispatcher \$31,390 to \$34,000 | \$ 2,610.00 |
| From: 100.11562.000.105 – Deputy | (\$ 1,978.00) |
| To: 100.12890.000.105 – 911Coord/Dispatcher \$6,723 to \$7,000 | \$ 277.00 |
| To: 100.11516.000.105 – Deputy \$42,462 to \$44,163 | \$ 1,701.00 |

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the following as submitted. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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| <i>REDUCTION</i> : 100.11562.000.105 – Deputy | (\$ 249.00) |
| 100.11562.000.105 – Deputy \$41,225 to \$42,462 | |
| 100.11563.000.105 – Deputy \$41,225 to \$42,462 | |
| 100.11564.000.105 – Deputy \$41,225 to \$42,462 | |
| <u>JAIL – (124)</u> | |
| 100.16200.000.105 – Cook \$25,112 to \$25,361 | \$ 249.00 |
| 100.11400.000.124 – Part-time | \$ 12,480.00 |
| <u>COMMISSIONERS – (122)</u> | |
| 100.14200.000.122 – Social Security | \$ 955.00 |

ENHANCED 911 – (901)

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the following request as submitted. Mr. Knowles seconded the motion that carried five to one, Mr. West voted nay.

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| 901.11389.000.901 – 911 Coord/Dispatcher \$27,006 to \$28,000 | \$ 994.00 |
| 901.14200.000.901 – Social Security | \$ 75.00 |
| 901.14300.000.901 – PERF | \$ 92.00 |

13. REDUCTIONS-PLEASANT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – (112)

REDUCTIONS-WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – (113)

Mark Alexander, County Assessor, and Vickie Broshears, First Deputy County Assessor, appeared to request the reduction of Pleasant Township Assessor and White River Township Assessor budgets because of the vote in November to transfer their duties to the County Assessor.

Mrs. Knowles moved to reduce the following budget line items. Mr. West seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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| 100.11100.000.112 – Elected Official | (\$ 39,622.08) |
| 100.11201.000.112 – First Deputy | (\$ 23,838.92) |
| 100.11333.000.112 – Deputy-Assistant | (\$ 23,348.38) |
| 100.11334.000.112 – Deputy-Real Estate | (\$ 27,314.48) |
| 100.11335.000.112 – Deputy-Personal Property | (\$ 27,314.48) |
| 100.11400.000.112 – Part-time | (\$ 13,112.00) |
| 100.21500.000.112 – Office Supplies | (\$ 4,670.00) |
| 100.31500.000.112 – Travel & Training | (\$ 500.00) |
| 100.32200.000.112 – Postage | (\$ 2,000.00) |
| 100.32400.000.112 – Utilities | (\$ 20,000.00) |
| 100.36000.000.112 – Equipment Maintenance | (\$ 5,000.00) |
| 100.37201.000.112 – Office Equip/Rent | (\$ 23,500.00) |
| 100.11100.000.113 – Elected Official | (\$ 38,463.04) |
| 100.11201.000.113 – First Deputy | (\$ 29,337.10) |
| 100.11325.000.113 – Deputy-Deeds/Sales Disclosure/PP | (\$ 23,235.72) |
| 100.11326.000.113 – Deputy-Land Tech/Encoding | (\$ 23,055.70) |
| 100.11334.000.113 – Deputy-Real Estate | (\$ 23,776.72) |

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| 100.11400.000.113 – Part-time | (\$ 17,596.00) |
| 100.21500.000.113 – Office Supplies | (\$ 2,400.00) |
| 100.25200.000.113 – Film & Development | (\$ 100.00) |
| 100.31200.000.113 – Printing | (\$ 1,824.00) |
| 100.31500.000.113 – Travel & Training | (\$ 1,580.00) |
| 100.32000.000.113 – Dues & Subscriptions | (\$ 700.00) |
| 100.32200.000.113 – Postage | (\$ 2,214.00) |
| 100.32400.000.113 – Utilities | (\$ 16,890.00) |
| 100.36000.000.113 – Equipment Maintenance | (\$ 500.00) |
| 100.36001.000.113 – Building Repair & Maintenance | (\$ 420.00) |
| 100.44000.000.113 – Office Equip | (\$ 600.00) |

14. COUNTY ASSESSOR – (109) PROPERTY REASSESSMENT – (265)

Mr. Alexander requested the approval for the budgets that were reduced from above and be allocated as follows:

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| 100.11343.000.109 – Personal Property Deputy \$27,000 | \$ 27,000.00 |
| 100.11334.000.109 – Real Property Deputy \$26,000 | \$ 26,000.00 |
| 100.11335.000.109 – Personal Property Deputy \$27,000 | \$ 27,000.00 |
| 100.11344.000.109 – Real Property Appraiser \$27,000 | \$ 27,000.00 |
| 100.11333.000.109 – Real Property Deputy \$24,254 | \$ 24,254.00 |
| 100.11325.000.109 – Personal Property Deputy \$24,137 | \$ 24,137.00 |
| 100.11326.000.109 – Sales Disclosure Deputy \$23,950 | \$ 23,950.00 |
| 100.18200.000.109 – Personal Property Manager \$34,000 | \$ 34,000.00 |
| 100.11342.000.109 – White River Twp Assessor \$39,955 | \$ 38,463.04 |
| 100.11341.000.109 – Pleasant Twp Assessor \$41,159 | \$ 39,662.08 |
| 100.11400.000.109 – Part-time | \$ 24,166.58 |
| 100.21500.000.109 – Office Supplies | \$ 7,070.00 |
| 100.25200.000.109 – Film & Development | \$ 100.00 |
| 100.31200.000.109 – Printing | \$ 1,824.00 |
| 100.31500.000.109 – Travel & Training | \$ 2,080.00 |
| 100.32000.000.109 – Dues & Subscriptions | \$ 700.00 |
| 100.32200.000.109 – Postage | \$ 4,214.00 |
| 100.32400.000.109 – Utilities | \$ 28,445.00 |
| 100.36000.000.109 – Equipment Maintenance | \$ 5,500.00 |
| 100.36001.000.113 – Building Repair & Maintenance | \$ 420.00 |
| 100.37201.000.109 – Office Equip/Rent | \$ 23,500.00 |
| 100.44000.000.109 – Office Equipment | \$ 600.00 |
| 265.11300.000.265 – Sales Disclosure Deputy \$25,500 | \$ 25,500.00 |
| 265.18201.000.265 – Real/Personal Prop Deputy \$29,417 | \$ 29,417.00 |
| 265.18203.000.265 – Real/Personal Prop Deputy \$24,705 | \$ 24,705.00 |
| 265.18204.000.265 – Real Property Deputy \$26,000 | \$ 26,000.00 |
| 265.11371.000.265 – Deputy Plat Map (1) \$30,850 | \$ 399.00 |
| 265.14200.000.265 – Social Security | \$ 10,778.00 |
| 265.14300.000.265 – PERF | \$ 13,032.00 |
| From: 265.11400.000.265 – Part-time | (\$ 4,411.00) |

16. ANIMAL SHELTER – (219)

Emily Williamson, Animal Control Warden, along with Dawn Phelps, Administrative Assistant, and Commissioners, John Price, Troy DeHart, and Tom Kite, appeared to discuss the Animal Shelter's budget for 2009.

The following was the **original request** sent to the Council, however an amendment was distributed at the meeting.

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| 219.11115.000.219 – Animal Warden to Director/Veterinarian | \$41,214 to \$65,000 | |
| | | \$ 23,786.00 |
| 219.11361.000.219 – Sen. Kennel Attend to Vol. Coord./Anim. Spec. | \$20,003 to \$29,000 | |
| | | \$ 8,997.00 |
| 219.11362.000.219 – Dispatcher/Dep Warden to Animal Control Off | \$26,579 to \$27,300 | |
| | | \$ 721.00 |
| 219.11363.000.219 – Lieutenant/Dep Warden to Animal Control Off | \$27,599 to \$27,300 | |
| | | (\$ 299.00) |
| 219.11364.000.219 – Deputy Warden to Animal Control Off | \$25,774 to \$27,300 | |
| | | \$ 1,556.00 |
| 219.11365.000.219 – Sen. Deputy Warden to Disp/Senior Animal | \$28,447 to \$29,000 | |
| | | \$ 553.00 |
| 219.11366.000.219 – Animal Care Specialist (new) | \$27,300 | \$ 21,000.00 |
| 219.11701.000.219 – Admin. Asist. To Receptionist | \$19,776 to \$22,500 | |
| | | \$ 2,724.00 |
| 219.11400.000.219 – Part-time | | (\$ 2,000.00) |
| 219.14100.000.219 – Unemployment Comp | | (\$ 1,500.00) |
| 219.14200.000.219 – Social Security | | \$ 3,557.60 |
| 219.14300.000.219 – PERF | | \$ 2,544.50 |
| 219.14401.000.219 – Workers Comp | | (\$ 630.00) |
| 219.19900.000.219 – Overtime | | (\$ 6,000.00) |
| 219.21500.000.219 – Office Supplies | | (\$ 700.00) |
| 219.21600.000.219 – Operating Supplies | | (\$ 6,000.00) |
| 219.22600.000.219 – Microchips | | (\$ 1,000.00) |
| 219.21500.000.219 – Wearing Apparel | | (\$ 1,000.00) |
| 219.26301.000.219 – Animal Food | | (\$ 320.00) |
| 219.31000.000.219 – Professional Services | | (\$ 1,500.00) |
| 219.31500.000.219 – Travel & Training | | (\$ 500.00) |
| 219.32000.000.219 – Dues & Subscriptions | | (\$ 750.00) |
| 219.32200.000.219 – Postage | | (\$ 150.00) |
| 219.32400.000.219 – Utilities | | (\$ 7,000.00) |
| 219.36001.000.219 – Building Repair & Maintenance | | (\$ 1,500.00) |
| 219.36200.000.219 – Communications | | (\$ 1,000.00) |
| Part-time Rates (Kennel Staff \$7.50 to \$11.00), (Office Staff \$9.00 to \$15.00) | | |

Dawn Phelps reviewed the various changes with the Council members. One of the amendments removed the request for a new position, Animal Care Specialist, with an

annual salary of \$27,300. Also, two positions (receptionist and kennel office manager) are currently vacant.

The Commissioners reported how the complaints and various issues have decreased since Ms. Williamson took over managing the facility.

Discussion was held on the request for the Warden/Director/Veterinarian's salary to be increased from \$41,214 to 65,000. Some issues were the job description of that position and if the county needs a veterinarian to be the Director.

Ms. Phelps stated because Ms. Williamson is a veterinarian she can perform the spay/neutered service and administer rabies shots of which generates revenue for the shelter.

Mr. West noted that paying compensation for a veterinarian currently could become an issue in the future if Ms. Williamson is no longer the Animal Control Director.

Some Council members concurred with the amendment being presented before the meeting they did not have adequate time for review and was confused on the request.

Tom Kite, Commissioner, suggested that perhaps they could return in 30 days with one sheet to clarify the requests.

Mr. McCarty noted the real issue is whether the Council is going to approve a \$23,786 salary increase for the Director.

Mrs. Knowles moved to table the request until the February Council meeting. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that carried five to one, Mr. McCarty voted nay.

Ms. Williamson commented her main concern is that the road officers receive a salary increase.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2009-01

Mr. McCarty moved to approve Resolution 2009-01 stating the Council's support to send the Resolution to Indiana State Representative Woody Burton of Johnson County so he may sponsor an Innkeepers Tax in Johnson County and that the revenue generated by said tax be appropriated 3.5% for the establishment and maintenance of a Visitors Center and the remaining 3.5% to be appropriated for utilization by the Johnson County Park Board. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

E911 Council Representative

Mrs. Boyce moved to appoint Ron West to the E911 Advisory Board. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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