

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Charlie Canary.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 6/08/09 AGENDA

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the 6/08/09 agenda as submitted. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 5/06/09 (joint meeting) & 5/11/09 MINUTES

Mr. Canary noted an amendment needs to be made to the April 13th Council Minutes on page 3 to change the amount approved for the Fairgrounds Repairs from \$17,500 to \$15,500.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the minutes as presented including the amendment to the 4/13/09 minutes. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Hearing & Plan Approval – Library Capital Projects

Beverly Martin, Johnson County Public Library Director, and Tom Armor, Library Board Member, appeared to answer any questions the public might have in regards to the Library Capital Projects.

Ms. Martin noted because of House Bill 1001 the Library Capital Project Fund's tax levy would be frozen at the 2008 level. The proposed use of the fund is planned for maintenance and repairs on the library's existing buildings and upgrades to the computer systems. The Capital Projects Fund has become a part of their operating fund. They respectfully requested from the Council the spending (approximately \$300,000) for next year and nothing else.

Mr. McCarty asked if this has anything to do with the construction of a new library.

Ms. Martin responded "no". She noted the Library Board has been discussing a two million Planning Bond; however, they would have to appear before Council for approval.

Gary Moody, a concerned citizen, asked if the special meeting by the Library Board later in the week is on the new Franklin Library site.

Mr. Armor responded “yes”. He noted the planning process is still in the preliminary stages.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve Resolution 2009-05; Resolution of Appropriate Fiscal Body of Action on Library Capital Projects Plan. Mr. Walker seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

VIII. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF THE FAMILY & CHILDREN’S FUND BOND PROCEEDS

Mr. Canary asked if there were any public comments on the Family & Children’s Fund Bond Proceeds. There were no public comments.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve Resolution 2009-06; Resolution Providing for the Additional Appropriation of the Family & Children’s Fund Bond Proceeds Thereof. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

IX. BARGERSVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (amending Resolution 2009-02)

Approval – Resolution for an Installment Conditional Sales Contract or the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of 2009 (construction of new fire station & purchase real estate)

Brian Deppe, Bargersville Community Fire Protection District Attorney, along with Phil Rosa, President of the Board, appeared to request approval for an amended resolution. The approval of the County Council is necessary for the financing of the fire station, and the Council gave that approval at the April 13th meeting. It now appears to the District that it may be possible to save a substantial amount in interest costs if general obligation bonds are used rather than an installment conditional sales contract for financing the project. They received bids for loans from three banks with interest rates from 3.97% to 4.75%. They also received an unsolicited bid for a bond from Edward Jones with an interest rate of 3.11%. The process of doing either an installment loan or bond issuance is almost identical; however, a new Resolution must be adopted by the Council to issue bonds. He distributed a breakdown of the interest rates and bidders prepared by their financial advisor, Eric Reedy. The net interest savings would be \$97,647 if they choose to issue bonds instead of an installment loan. The debt would be over the same amount of time of six years.

Mr. Walker moved to approve Resolution 2009-07; Amending Resolution 2009-02 Approval of Bargersville Community Fire Protection Districts Entrance into an Installment Conditional Sales Contract of the Issuance of Bargersville Community Fire Protection District General Obligation Bonds of 2009. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion.

Mr. West noted he could not see how the interest could have a net savings of \$ 97,647.

Mr. Deppe responded the financial advisor prepared the information and if there was an error the district would choose the lowest interest rate for the taxpayers.

Mr. West asked for the financial advisor to send the Council an amortization schedule.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

ALCOHOL & DRUG – (332)

Shannon Barrick, Alcohol & Drug Director, appeared to request a transfer of funds from travel/training to supplies. She explained she received a grant and needs to pay for the 20% local match.

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

From: 332.31500.000.332 – Travel & Training	(\$	350.00)
To: 332.21500.000.332 – Office Supplies	\$	350.00

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY – (331)

Lori Adams, Johnson County Citizens Against Substance Abuse Coordinator, appeared to request approval for the 2009/2010 grant recommendations for administrative, prevention, treatment, and justice. The Board of Commissioners has already approved the grants.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the requests as submitted. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that carried unanimously

331.34005.000.331 – Administrative	\$	13,000.00
331.32005.000.331 – Prevention	\$	26,630.50
331.31005.000.331 – Treatment	\$	26,630.50
331.33005.000.331 – Justice	\$	26,630.50

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER – (284)

Michelle Murray, Prosecutor's Office Administrator, appeared to request approval for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,862.17 to purchase items that was lost in the June 2008 Flood. The money was received from FEMA. They do have a possible temporary location for the Child Advocacy Center at the Department of Family & Children's building.

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

284.20000.000.284 – Claims \$ 10,862.17

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL PROGRAM – (327)

Mrs. Murray also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,000 for office equipment. She explained they had requested the same amount last month to purchase an office shredder and this request would replenish the line item.

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

327.44000.000.327 – Office Equipment \$ 3,000.00

SHERIFF – (105)

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,682.93 for their participation in DUI, BCC, and Fatality Crash Reduction.

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

100.19900.000.105 – Overtime (DUI, BCC, Fatality Crash Reduction)\$ 4,682.93

SHERIFF LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION – (325)

Sheriff McLaughlin requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,582.73 for training. The “Basic Communications” course will be \$450 and the “Dodson Integrity Leadership” is \$2,132.73.

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

325.31500.000.325 – Travel & Training \$ 2,582.73

Pension Trust Agreement - signatures requested (changing investment companies)

Sheriff McLaughlin explained his request is for approval to change the investment company of the Pension Trust from Wachovia to Morgan Stanley. He noted Morgan Stanley has over half the Pension Trust Funds in Indiana. Last year Morgan Stanley lost about 15% to 17%; however Wachovia lost approximately 30%.

Mrs. Knowles moved to approve the investment company change. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADULT GRANT – (208)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADULT PROJECT INCOME – (209)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JUVENILE GRANT – (213)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JUVENILE PROJECT INCOME – (216)

Albert Hessman, Community Corrections Director, appeared to request approval for their State grant funds beginning July 2009. He explained the request is to move the

positions from Project Income to their grant funds. The requests do not reflect any salary changes.

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

208.11009.000.208 – Program Manager	\$ 1,463.92
208.11110.000.208 – Senior Adult Case Manager	\$ 1,136.50
208.11502.000.208 – Senior Field Officer	(\$ 1,062.00)
208.11755.000.208 – Adult Case Manager	\$ 994.61
208.11756.000.208 – Adult Case Manager	\$ 959.84
208.11757.000.208 – Adult Case Manager	\$ 1,273.24
208.11758.000.208 – Juvenile Alt. Coordinator	\$ 20,716.21
208.11759.000.208 – Juvenile Case Manager	\$ 16,638.58
208.11760.000.280 – Juvenile Case Manager	\$ 14,586.60
208.14200.000.208 – FICA	\$ 4,339.00
208.14300.000.208 – PERF	\$ 5,387.00
208.20000.000.208 – Claims	\$ 41,905.00
209.11906.000.209 – Supp. Program Manager	(\$ 1,463.92)
209.11904.000.209 – Supp. Sr. Adult Case Manager	(\$ 1,136.50)
209.11905.000.209 – Supp. Sr. Field Officer	\$ 1,062.00
209.11901.000.209 – Supp. Adult Case Manager	(\$ 994.61)
209.11902.000.209 – Supp. Adult Case Manager	(\$ 959.84)
209.11903.000.209 – Supp. Adult Case Manager	(\$ 1,273.24)
209.14200.000.209 – FICA	(\$ 365.38)
209.14300.000.209 – PERF	(\$ 452.67)
213.11011.000.213 – Juvenile Alt. Coordinator	(\$ 19,260.07)
213.11755.000.213 – Juvenile Case Manager	(\$ 14,586.60)
213.11756.000.213 – Juvenile Case Manager	(\$ 15,563.20)
213.14200.000.213 – FICA	(\$ 3,973.52)
213.14300.000.213 – PERF	(\$ 4,934.43)
213.20000.000.213 – Claims	(\$ 41,905.00)
216.11504.000.216 – Supp. Juvenile Alt. Coordinator	(\$ 1,456.14)
216.11506.000.216 – Supp. Juvenile Case Manager	(\$ 1,075.38)

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 – (134)

Lance Hamner, Superior Court No. 3 Judge, appeared to request additional appropriations for part-time, office supplies, and professional services. He explained the request of \$6,000 for part-time is because a staff member was off on medical leave about four months. He would also request to increase the part-time rate from \$7.50 to 10.00. Most of the other courts have a \$10.00 per hour rate for part-time. The \$40,000 request for professional services is mainly due to the pay of additional \$15,000 for his Public Defenders. The contracts were renegotiated in 2009 because the public defenders no longer can have the employee medical benefit. His budget does not have the additional funds to cover the expense. Superior Court No. 3 has two public defenders.

The current balance in the Professional Services line item of Superior Court No. 3 is \$51,434.

Discussion was held on the Supplemental Public Defenders Fund being used for the additional amount needed for their contracts. To date Superior Court No. 3 has \$15,218, Circuit Court has \$29,066, Superior Court No. 1 has \$1,545.08, and Superior Court No. 2 has \$10,603 in the Supplemental Fund #299.

Judge Hamner said it is up to the individual Judges to assess the fee for this fund. His understanding of the use for the Supplemental Fund is when the county has a large case such as a Class A Felony (example: murder case).

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

100.11400.000.134 – Part-time	\$	6,000.00
100.21500.000.134 – Office Supplies	\$	3,500.00
100.31000.000.134 – Professional Services	\$	40,000.00
• Approval of \$10.00 per hour for part-time		

XI. OLD BUSINESS

2010 Budget Issue; Discretionary Funds

Phil Wilson, Council Attorney, noted that Mr. Canary asked him to review the use of various county discretionary funds and the purpose of them. He stated it depends on the fund itself and therefore each fund would need to be checked. If he had a list he could review them.

Mr. Walker noted he would like to know if more of the employees' salaries could be disbursed from discretionary money.

Mr. Canary explained it could deplete the fund if more salaries are taken from the discretionary money.

Mrs. Boyce noted perhaps the county needs to change the way things have been done in the past and focus on what is essential and what is not essential.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Employee Insurance

Jan Richhart, County Auditor, distributed spreadsheets for 2008 and the first five months of 2009 regarding the county's health insurance. The first spreadsheet reflected the checking account showing receipts; employee contributions, employer contributions, commissioners' budget, highway budget, interest and rainy day funding. It also showed

the claims paid; medical, dental, and vision. The second list reflected the various fees paid to the vendors. The last sheet shows the list of vendors and the service they provide.

Mr. West questioned the retiree's supplement health insurance coverage.

Johnson County Employee Handbook states:

- *At age 65, the Retiree will cease being eligible for coverage under this Plan and will be offered a Medicare Supplement coverage subject to Medicare eligibility and enrollment rules. Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D are specifically excluded from this benefit. The Retiree will receive credit \$10 for each year of full-time service toward their Medicare Supplement premium, up to a maximum of 50% of the premium.*

Mr. West asked if Guardian Life was for the employee life insurance.

Mrs. Richhart responded "yes".

Mr. West stated the county spend \$154,470 last year and needs to be reviewed and pay the \$20,000 when the occurrence takes place.

Council members thanked Mrs. Richhart for the information.

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