WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL - 2016 BUDGET MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT HEARINGS
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
JULY 28, 2016
10:00 A.M.

The Warrick County Council met for Department Hearings for 2017 Budget in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Council President, Gary Meyer, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Farrell attended and recorded the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Gary Meyer: Okay, we'll call the Budget Hearing to order. First up, Clerk. You're on.

Paul Rudolph: You doing Roll Call first, or no?

Gary Meyer: Well, I, I guess we can, if you want to.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Gary Meyer?

Gary Meyer: Here.

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here.

Krystal Powless: Paul Rudolph?

Paul Rudolph: Here.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here.

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: I think so.

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: (Vice President Richmond was not present at Roll Call).

Krystal Powless: Al Holweger?

Allan Holweger: (Councilman Holweger was not present at Roll Call).

Gary Meyer: All right.

CLERK

Gary Meyer: Go.

Patty Perry: Good morning.

Gary Meyer: Good morning.

Patty Perry: My name's Patty Perry, I'm the Clerk of Warrick County.

Krystal Powless: And she didn't bring donuts.

Gary Meyer: And she didn't bring donuts.

Patty Perry: I didn't bring donuts, I'm sorry.

Paul Rudolph: We don't need a Clerk next year, do we? No donuts, no Clerk.

Patty Perry: Okay, I'm outta here.

Charlie Christmas: Bye.

Patty Perry: Do we want to, do we start with the 1000?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Yes.

Patty Perry: And, and, obviously this is my first year of doing this. So, I'll just follow your direction.

Gary Meyer: First of all, what, what kind of a, a raise did you have for your people?

Patty Perry: Three percent (3%).

Gary Meyer: Three percent (3%), okay. And, did you include any new employees?

Patty Perry: No, sir.

Gary Meyer: Okay. I guess that we're, we're kinda interested in, in areas that you raised.

Patty Perry: Um huh.

Gary Meyer: And, why.

Patty Perry: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: So, what's in, what's happened with the General? It's a raise from eleven ($11,000.00) to eleven five ($11,500.00). Anything in particular that you use that for?

Patty Perry: Umm, we had that because we have three (3) to four (4) chairs in our office, we've tried to scrounge through the Courthouse to find multiple chairs.

Gary Meyer: Steal some from the Prosecutor.

Patty Perry: I could be arrested.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, (inaudible).

Patty Perry: And, and the ladies are actually sitting on their, their chairs are actually, they're torn. There's holes. They don't move up and down.

Charlie Christmas: Would they last another year?

Patty Perry: Would they last another year? I don't know.

Charlie Christmas: I was just talking about (inaudible)...

Patty Perry: Mr. Christmas, I'll let you go over and ask 'em though if you want.

Charlie Christmas: I don't know, they know me, I don't (inaudible) shoot me.

Paul Rudolph: Um, so let's talk about Postage for a second. So, in 2014 we spent thirty thousand ($30,000.00). 2015, we spent twenty seven ($27,000.00). 2016, we appropriated thirty ($30,000.00) but we've only spent three ($3,000.00) so far. Got a budget balance of twenty seven left ($27,000.00) and we're asking for twenty ($20,000.00), for thirty ($30,000.00) next year. How come we've only spent three ($3,000.00) so far this year? Do you know?

Patty Perry: Three thousand ($3,000.00) in Postage?

Paul Rudolph: Yep. Line 4322.

Patty Perry: I'm sorry, Line 4322?

Paul Rudolph: Yep.

Margaret Carter: There, there was an issue...

Patty Perry: You have to stand up.

Margaret Carter: Oh, I'm so sorry, Margaret Carter, Chief Deputy, sorry. There was an issue with the Postage Machine and we were trying to get stamps at the same time. Generally, what happened is we had taken money out of one fund in the Clerk's Office and to use it for the election purposes, there were two (2) checks, one (1) was supposed to go to Neopost and one (1) was supposed to go to the Post Office. But, they ended up getting mail together and Neopost went ahead and...

Charlie Christmas: Posted 'em both.

Margaret Carter: Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: I dealt with 'em, I know, they posted 'em both.

Margaret Carter: Yes, they...

Patty Perry: They did.

Margaret Carter: They did. They did on, on there, underneath the, and we put it under the Election, but it actually came out of the Clerk's budget. And, we probably, in hindsight, don't need the thirty thousand ($30,000.00) for next year. As far as this year goes, we are just starting our mailings at our absentee and our voting for, for the election. So, a lot of that will be...

Margaret Carter: Used, yes.

Paul Rudolph: So, what do you think you guys need for next year? (Inaudible). Margaret just said you don't need the whole thirty ($30,000.00).

Margaret Carter: I think we can probably, I know in our discussion you talked about how we approach this. I would say we could probably do with fifteen ($15,000.00).

Krystal Powless: Even though in 14 you spent twenty nine ($29,000.00) and in 15 you spent twenty seven ($27,000.00).

Margaret Carter: But, with there being no election whatsoever.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Margaret Carter: Unless that...

Patty Perry: I'm sorry, let me look. Margaret and I are new at this, and we work really close together. This is out of the Clerk's though, it's not out of the, we have Postage...

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Patty Perry: In the Election.

Margaret Carter: Sorry, I ran from the other print (inaudible), sorry.

Patty Perry: All right.

Margaret Carter: Disregard what I just said. Sorry, (inaudible). I'm still, I'm still thinking we're going to need three thousand ($3,000.00).

Patty Perry: Morning, Mr. Richmond.

Council Vice President Greg Richmond arrived at the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Greg Richmond: Morning. Sorry, I've been living at the hospital.

Patty Perry: Bless your heart. You can stay up there.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: So, to keep it simple, to help you guys out the first time and all. So, really the only thing that you're actually asking for an increase in, other than Salaries is, is the General account that I mentioned earlier.

Margaret Carter: Correct.

Paul Rudolph: Which is an increase of five hundred dollars ($500.00), (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: And copy paper.

Paul Rudolph: And copy paper, excuse me.

Margaret Carter: We have been notified that the price from all of our vendors, I shop for whatever's on sale, from about four (4) or five (5) different vendors and all of them have said the price of paper is going up. Thus, we have a little more to cover.

Charlie Christmas: I heard that for forty five (45) years in the printing business. The price for paper is going up.

Margaret Carter: Yeah.

Patty Perry: Did you ever see it go up?

Charlie Christmas: Yes, I did.

Patty Perry: Oh, did you?

Margaret Carter: And, and I will say that Sarah and Holly had ordered quite a bit of the express mail packages, you know the packaging that we send out. That was very expensive and I just placed a huge order for it, so another chunk of that now went in on the Clerks. Another chunk of that postage will be gone when we get that bill, the express mail package. They're extremely expensive.

Patty Perry: Now, I will add that when, when we go on E Filing, electronic filing, which I know you guys probably don't want to get into this at this point, but that's going to save us a lot in Postage.

Gary Meyer: But, its gonna cost us a lot up front, isn't it? To set it up?

Patty Perry: No.

Margaret Carter: No.

Gary Meyer: Oh really.

Patty Perry: No. Other than training.

Gary Meyer: Hum.

Patty Perry: And, headache, me listening to my Clerks.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Patty Perry: Now, I'm playing, I love 'em. But, that's, that's gonna be a big money saver there. They're really pushing that.

Paul Rudolph: So, do you wanna, any other questions on that? You want to go to the Election Board?

Gary Meyer: Anything else to bring up?

Patty Perry: No, sir.

Gary Meyer: No? Okay.

ELECTION BOARD

Gary Meyer: Go to the Election Board. (Inaudible).

Several speaking at once, regarding where to go in the Budget Binder: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: In the back. (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: All right, we're on Page 83, 82. So, we already talked (inaudible) your office addressed the Council, all right. Sounds like you guys started off 2016 as your base, which obviously is a heavy election year. Rather than 13 as your base which was a lower election year. Have you guys changed any of your numbers based upon that conversation?

Patty Perry: Yes, sir, we have. The Absentee Voter Boards, that was a mistake. We were looking at the 2016 Absentee Voter and we'd like to decrease that to twenty five hundred ($2,500.00).

Gary Meyer: Instead, instead of nine thousand ($9,000.00)?

Patty Perry: Yes, sir.

Paul Rudolph: Absentee Voter Board, what else?

Patty Perry: The, under the General, which is 4211, I know that, I think your question on that, the ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00).

Paul Rudolph: Your...

Patty Perry: We have pull carts that we put all of our voting information in, our ballots, our books, and we've got multiple pull carts that are damaged, don't work. We have a lot of senior citizens that have to pull those pull carts. So, we've got several that need to be replaced. Umm, under Postage, the price was, we had fourteen thousand ($14,000.00)...

Paul Rudolph: Yep.

Patty Perry: And the reason behind that is because we have a Voter List Maintenance that we have to take care of. Cathy, do you want to elaborate on the Voter List Maintenance? How that's handled? They've done something different this year.

Cathy Oser: The State is now required to do Voter List Maintenance on, even, our even numbered years. So, we're working right now hoping to get it all caught up and finished so, so that we can, all it does is eliminate people that are no longer here and make sure you have a current address. And if in, it's a lot of money, but in the long run it saves money because we don't have to prepare for forty seven thousand (47,000) voters when ten thousand (10,000) of 'em fall all back in the November election, you know. So, it's postage times two (2) to notify 'em.

Charlie Christmas: Give us your name. We have to for the record.

Cathy Oser: Cathy Oser.

Charlie Christmas: Just for the record.

Cathy Oser: Okay. So, what, the State's doing that. They do their end of it but we have a lot of mailing that we have to do and a lot of man-hours goes into it, so.

Gary Meyer: That's just every even numbered year?

Cathy Oser: Even numbered years. Then, I do voter list maintenance almost daily. Cause if you register to vote and I mail your acknowledgement card and it comes back to me, I've gotta send you another notice. So, it all just kind of goes hand in hand. The State spends money and we spend money.

Paul Rudolph: And, so you're expecting the whole fourteen thousand ($14,000.00) next year is what you're saying?

Cathy Oser: More than likely.

Paul Rudolph: Okay. So, what about the equipment?

Gary Meyer: That's the contract, isn't it?

Patty Perry: Yes, sir.

Paul Rudolph: Contract.

Patty Perry: The seven hundred dollars ($700.00) for the Continuing Ed, or Travel, that is on off-voting years. Cathy, myself, we'll work on, we attend seminars to get updates.

Cathy Oser: There will be three (3) next year.

Patty Perry: And there will be three (3) next year. I, myself don't like to travel nor leave home.

Cathy Oser: But, I make her go.

Patty Perry: Now, on the voting places, our Election Board has brought up or discussed, they're, we're looking at instead of having com...combined precincts, we're looking at, they're wanting to have a separate precinct for each voting place. Because it was...

Gary Meyer: Con...confusing.

Patty Perry: A, it was a mess in the Primary. Very confusing. Very confusing.

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Paul Rudolph: But we're not going to have any voting places in 2017, correct?

Cathy Oser: Unless we get a public question.

Patty Perry: Right.

Cathy Oser: So (inaudible).

Patty Perry: All of these numbers are only based on if we get a Public Question. If we don't get a Public Question, there'll, there'll be nothing.

Paul Rudolph: So, can you provide us with the possible estimate of what if we don't have a Public Question what our budget, what, what, what our budget ask is? I'd like to compare the two (2).

Margaret Carter: I could probably answer that for you. I went back to what Sarah asked for in the comparable year, which would be 2013, when there were no, she had, she was actually appropriated two hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and fifty one dollars ($212,151.00) for that year. And, we are asking for a hundred and eighty one thousand two hundred and twelve ($181,212.00), basically. But, she did not use all of that. So, that's what she had originally asked for, for the in case. My estimate based on our numbers versus what she asked for and what she got in 2013, other than a few, few raised numbers strictly because of costs, the cost of living, things going up a little bit, are gonna be about the same as what she spent in 2013.

Paul Rudolph: So, just a quick question, you, you mentioned a hundred eighty one thousand ($181,000.00), I'm showing a total department request of two hundred and thirty thousand ($230,000.00), two hundred twenty nine seven ($229,700.00), am I...

Margaret Carter: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: Looking at the wrong?

Patty Perry: I think this is what, we have, what we pulled out of our 2000 budget, and I'd be happy to show you a copy of this if you'd like.

Margaret Carter: Wait a sec.

Patty Perry: What?

Krystal Powless: I don't think when they requested, included their insurance and that type of thing, and those numbers were filled in.

Margaret Carter: I, thank you for bringing that to our attention. All of these question marks are things that she fills in.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Brad Overton: So, is that a new contract or something?

Patty Perry: Oh, thanks, Krystal.

Gary Meyer: It's software for the voting machines, I think.

Krystal Powless: So, two twenty nine seven ninety two ($229,792.00) is what we actually came up with the insurance (inaudible).

Brad Overton: We have something new this year? Cause we didn't have it in 15.

Gary Meyer: Well, we had it...

Brad Overton: 15, it was only five hundred and thirty one dollars ($531.00).

Gary Meyer: 16 we had it.

Brad Overton: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: So, can we...

Gary Meyer: So, it must be this year it was new.

Brad Overton: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Obviously, 2016's a tough year to compare it to just because of the full election, the primary, etcetera. 2015, I'm showing we spent a hundred and thirty ($130,000.00). So, that includes...

Cathy Oser: That's cities and town only.

Paul Rudolph: That was cities and towns only?

Cathy Oser: This was small towns. So, we didn't, and we were reimbursed a lot of that. Were we not? We should have been, we should have billed the towns.

Margaret Carter: Yes, yes.

Cathy Oser: And, get that money back.

Margaret Carter: We did till it went back into the General.

Cathy Oser: Um huh.

Margaret Carter: So, that money came back.

Charlie Christmas: Right.

Krystal Powless: And Paul, for the, for our next meeting, I can print out 2013 so that you can have a comparison. (Inaudible).

Brad Overton: But, I think what Paul's saying is that it was one thirty ($130,000.00) in 2015 and two twenty nine ($229,000.00), which for next year, which is ninety thousand dollar ($90,000.00) increase, is that still true?

Paul Rudolph: That's correct, Brad. But, I think the answer I just received is that the hundred thirty ($130,000.00) was local, so, it was only the towns of Chandler, Boonville, Newburgh, etcetera, etcetera, rather than the, if we have a County question, or a Public Question, it would be the whole County. So, that would include...

Brad Overton: So, I mean, the two twenty nine's ($229,000.00) a worst-case scenario.

Paul Rudolph: Exactly.

Brad Overton: For the whole...

Margaret Carter: Like I said, it is comparable to 2013 and I have 2013 if you want to look at it.

Patty Perry: Does that include the insurance on what we have on the 2013?

Several speaking at once: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Don't worry about it. When will know if we what, if we have a Public Question or not?

Cathy Oser: I'm sorry?

Patty Perry: What's the last date?

Paul Rudolph: When, when's the last day to find out if we have a Public Question?

Cathy Oser: In 2015...

Paul Rudolph: 17.

Cathy Oser: 17.

Patty Perry: I have no idea.

Cathy Oser: Probably know March, April.

Paul Rudolph: March or April.

Margaret Carter: It will be next year, not...

Krystal Powless: So, I'm gonna make a note to just print this (inaudible).

Cathy Oser: It's kinda rare that we have those.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: I'm just thinking of the cost involved. So, if it's two hundred thousand ($200,000.00) for our County, let's say our County's a large county and we're not that, that on average, two hundred thousand ($200,000.00) times ninety (90) counties, we're looking at nineteen ($19,000,000.00), eighteen million ($18,000,000.00) bucks.

Cathy Oser: Um huh.

Paul Rudolph: So, that's a pretty hefty amount. So, it'd have to be a pretty important question.

Patty Perry: I will add that we do have a Public Question on this year's ballot. So, haven't had one in, and now we've got one this year. Not like we don't have enough (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Gary Meyer: Any other questions? Comments? Okay.

Patty Perry: So, now it goes out to the Jury, right, Mr. Rudolph?

CLERK PERPETUATION

Paul Rudolph: Well, actually, we still got the Clerk Perpetuation Fund to go over.

Patty Perry: Oh, I'm sorry.

Paul Rudolph: You're not done with us yet.

Patty Perry: Okay.

David Hachmeister: It's the same.

Gary Meyer: It's the same, yeah.

Patty Perry: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: And just to make sure I'm, I'm clear, that, that, that deliberation, so to speak process, that's another meeting, which it occurs, I don't even remember the date, so, it's not like we can (inaudible). (Inaudible) a couple weeks, (inaudible) make the notes.

Krystal Powless: It's a long, it's a long process.

Patty Perry: I won't be here for that.

Krystal Powless: You won't, you won't. I mean, you can be.

Gary Meyer: You can be.

Krystal Powless: But, we won't finalize anything until, Final Review is not till September. It'll be a while.

Patty Perry: Okay. Just curiosity, when is it, in August?

Krystal Powless: August, they have August 16th at 5:00, August 24th at 5:00, and then Final Review September 1st at 7:00.

Patty Perry: That's a lucky day, it's my birthday.

Krystal Powless: Ah, maybe it'll be good for you.

Brad Overton: It's September 1st?

Krystal Powless: Um huh.

Brad Overton: I thought you said 7th, oh you said at 7:00, didn't you? Sorry.

Krystal Powless: Sorry.

Brad Overton: I only hear every other word.

Gary Meyer: Okay, thank you.

Patty Perry: Thank you, sir.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

AUDITOR

Gary Meyer: Okay, Auditor.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Debbie Stevens: Good morning.

Paul Rudolph: Good morning.

Brad Overton: I'll take the (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Good morning.

Brad Overton: I don't want the reigns, I'll just take the (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Good timing (inaudible), yeah.

Gary Meyer: First of all, did you figure three (3), excuse me, three percent (3%), just increase?

Debbie Stevens: I did.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: For salaries, yes.

Gary Meyer: Yes. And, any new employees? Do you have that figured in here?

Debbie Stevens: Yes.

Gary Meyer: How many?

Debbie Stevens: I'm asking for an increase in the funding for part time and an upgrade for two (2) positions and then one (1) full time Administrative person.

Gary Meyer: So, so is it one (1), one (1) additional employee?

Debbie Stevens: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Basically.

Debbie Stevens: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: Wait, where'd we get the one (1) additional employee? I missed that.

Brad Overton: It's on her sheet that she submitted.

Gary Meyer: It's on her sheet.

Charlie Christmas: It's on her sheet.

Gary Meyer: That goes to the Personnel Committee.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Oh, I gotcha.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) yeah.

Gary Meyer: I just wanted to know.

Paul Rudolph: So, that's not in here in the budget?

Gary Meyer: Yes, it is.

Paul Rudolph: It is?

Gary Meyer: It is in the budget, yeah.

Krystal Powless: 40, 4112.10.

Paul Rudolph: There it is, Deputies. Okay, I'm looking now. So, we'd be going from how many deputies to how many deputies?

Debbie Stevens: Well, the, the increase, the upgrade for two (2) positions to Deputy is really based off of position, other positions that have been eliminated in our Plat and Deed area. We have two (2) pos...two (2) employees side by side doing the exact same duties every day. And, one (1) is a Deputy and one (1) is an Admin Clerk. In 2011, a position was eliminated from that area. There was no mandate, and certainly, the workload is there. We have the demand for one (1) more full time Human Resource and it just seems particularly unfair, very political that an outgoing Auditor can reduce the staff and then an incoming Auditor has to deal with the consequences of having one less full time. We have fewer full time employees than probably the previous four (4) Auditors. And, yet our workload has not decreased. It's increased. Even this year, just in 2016, we've had mandates, laws that have gone into effect that require Human Resources in our area to comply. We have Internal Controls. We have the ACA reporting, federal reporting and we assumed the role of Treasurer for Redevelopment Commission that was by law. Took effect in 2014, however, all those funds have not been brought into the offices when they should have been. We had to assume those funds last year. So, that was an increase, every...

Gary Meyer: I don't want to get a long time into...

Debbie Stevens: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: Personnel, that's the Personnel Committee. But, let me say one thing about that. It seems to me you have three (3) people here that will be here all day.

Debbie Stevens: No, we won't all be here all day.

Gary Meyer: Okay, you were last year.

Debbie Stevens: Yes.

Gary Meyer: And so, okay, you won't be here all day. That's, that was my concern.

Debbie Stevens: Yes.

Gary Meyer: You were all three (3) here last year and now we're asking for a new person. So, if you won't be here all day, that's fine. But, that is a personnel issue, so.

Debbie Stevens: It is.

Gary Meyer: Let's go on with the rest of the budget.

Debbie Stevens: We do have duties and responsibilities in the budget process. So, we will have...

Gary Meyer: Oh, I understand.

Debbie Stevens: Auditor representation.

Gary Meyer: I understand.

Debbie Stevens: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: But, that's a self-inflicted decision, I guess is, is the point I think Gary's trying to make.

Debbie Stevens: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Cause other Auditors have seem to been able to be capable in doing their process without having multiple representatives present for a day like a budget day and that may be a difference in opinion from perspective but I think to Gary's point, I think the comment, the question was, do we really need, you know, if we're trying to, so worried about not having enough resources in the Auditor's office, is this a effective use to have three (3) people here?

Debbie Stevens: Oh, I, I completely agree. That was a decision we made for this year not to do that. We'll be kind of tag teaming, having representation...

Gary Meyer: That's good.

Debbie Stevens: For, for the process of the budgetary. It was a learning experience for us last year.

Charlie Christmas: When you go to Indianapolis, this is rumors, I haven't seen it...

Debbie Stevens: Um huh.

Charlie Christmas: Personally, seems like you always take at least one (1) or two (2) Deputies with you.

Debbie Stevens: For our State Called Meetings?

Charlie Christmas: Whatever.

Debbie Stevens: And, then our State Meetings, yes, I take one (1). Previous Auditors have taken four (4). I take one (1).

Gary Meyer: Going back to Travel, that, that's an increase of five hundred dollars ($500.00). Do you think that's needed?

Debbie Stevens: Um, well, based on some responsibilities I have for the Auditor's, for the District, for Auditors, for State Auditors, I'm asking for a small increase there. Because, there could be an increase. Some of the, some of the responsibilities I'll have local, are local, they can, I can use Elected Officials and that was just based on what we used last year or what we're spending, where we're indexing year to date. I can give on that, if you are (inaudible), I can give on that (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Anybody else, questions?

Brad Overton: No.

Charlie Christmas: How many employees does it take to run that office on a given day?

Debbie Stevens: To run our office?

Charlie Christmas: Everyday? How many people do you need in there every day to run that office?

Debbie Stevens: We need all of our employees. We (inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: That, that wasn't the question. The question was, how many? Five (5), four (4), three (3), two (2)? I know you gotta have a couple anyway.

Debbie Stevens: Well, we alternate certain people on their lunchtime, but our staff, we, our staff is there every day except a day that an employee might be flexed. Because we offer the four (4) tens (10's). It's still the same amount of work being accomplished, of course because they're working the same number of hours. Some of our tasks are not demanded by the public, having access to the public, or the public having access to us. We have lots of responsibilities that have to be done whether someone's standing at our desk or whether the phone's ringing. All those tasks have to be completed.

Charlie Christmas: The question was how many do you need there at all given times? Do you need at least three (3) there? Or, you need at least four (4) there?

Debbie Stevens: Four (4), five (5).

Charlie Christmas: Okay, we're, now you're getting down to the question.

Debbie Stevens: That could go down depending on lunches. That's a, you know, a one hour coverage and we, we actually use three different lunch times to make sure we have plenty of coverage. We do 11:00 to 12:00, 12:00 to 1:00, and then we have some that work the flex that prefer to go from the 1:00 to 2:00 lunchtime. So, that...

Charlie Christmas: That's a lousy time to eat lunch, 1:00 to 2:00.

Debbie Stevens: Helps with staffing. Pardon me?

Charlie Christmas: I said that's a lousy time to eat, 1:00 to 2:00.

Debbie Stevens: Well, if they're working till 5:00, some of them prefer that.

Gary Meyer: Anybody else? I have a question that really is not a budget related question. But, I need to ask you.

Debbie Stevens: Sure.

Gary Meyer: My daughter-in-law called me the other day from Indianapolis and saw on Facebook some receipts that were posted from Warrick County Auditor.

Debbie Stevens: Yes.

Gary Meyer: And was questioning about it. I said I don't know, I'm not on Facebook. I guess my question is, why was those posted on Facebook? How were they posted on Facebook? And what, what kind of comment was made by you or someone in your office about it?

Debbie Stevens: I don't know that anyone in my office made any comments about it other than myself.

Gary Meyer: Okay, yourself then.

Debbie Stevens: Right.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Debbie Stevens: It, it was that those were purchases made by tax dollars and that they are public record. Anyone...

Gary Meyer: So, but, but...

Debbie Stevens: Anyone anytime can ask for (inaudible)...
Gary Meyer: Our account number is not public record. It was posted on there, too.

Debbie Stevens: Right.

Gary Meyer: So, therefore, our account number has been breached by the, everybody on Facebook apparently.

Debbie Stevens: Well, I, I believe that in a, in a discussion with a vendor, you have to have certain credentials. They're not going to ship to anyone other than (inaudible)...

Gary Meyer: I understand that. I'm just asking why these were posted.

Debbie Stevens: I apologize for that account number being on Facebook.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. Why were they posted to begin with? I don't understand.

Debbie Stevens: Well, I addressed frivolous personal purchases with both the Council and Commissioners.

Gary Meyer: That's great, but that is, is that, is that your job? I thought that was the Commissioners job to deny frivolous claims and not yours.

Debbie Stevens: Actually, if you go to the State Auditors website, all claims are public record and particular, in particular, credit card purchases are an issue, and what we can see, how (inaudible)...

Gary Meyer: But, Debbie, is that your issue, or is that the Commissioners issue? That's my point.

Debbie Stevens: I think any public elected official, any elected official answers to the taxpayers. Every dollar that we spend, we should consider it someone else's. Those are not our dollars.

Gary Meyer: I agree, totally agree. But only the, only the Commissioners can deny a claim, correct?

hours?

Debbie Stevens: I did.

Greg Richmond: Should it be done during office hours or should you be doing other things?

Debbie Stevens: You know, I'm not going, this is my budget, this is...

Greg Richmond: Facebook is a social media...

Debbie Stevens: My budget appointment with you and...

Greg Richmond: What's public is what's on our computers that anybody can access at any time or what's on the State's. Facebook is social media. I don't think any of our employees should be on Facebook and when I saw that, I was really miffed.

Debbie Stevens: I agree. But, I do have a lunchtime and I do things on my lunchtime and I use my phone. Those, that, those are my own tools to use. And, whether you agree with it or not, the bottom line is, is that how we're supposed to be spending tax dollars? That's, that's the final question. We can get off on lots of rabbit trails about when was it posted.

Gary Meyer: I think we can argue any claim could be debated, whether it's a legitimate claim or whether it's not a legitimate claim.

Debbie Stevens: Well...

Gary Meyer: So, but whoever's gonna deny this claim is the Commissioners. From the way I understand the laws.

Debbie Stevens: That's exactly right.

Gary Meyer: It is not your, I didn't think it was your position to put on Facebook that you didn't think this was a legitimate claim for the taxpayers to pay.

Debbie Stevens: I think it's for any employee or any taxpayer to communicate that in any way they choose.

Gary Meyer: Oh, do you really? Well.

Debbie Stevens: Well, they're tax dollars.

Gary Meyer: I am really...

Debbie Stevens: It's not our money.

Gary Meyer: My, my duties then are really confused.

Debbie Stevens: Well, (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: I don't know what we do and I don't know what you do and I apparently don't know what the Commissioners do, so.

Debbie Stevens: Well, as a Finance Board, I would think that above, even above the fiscal officer, the Fiscal Board would be very concerned.

Gary Meyer: That's what this budget is all about.

Debbie Stevens: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: But, I don't really, I'm not concerned if they spend twenty nine cents ($0.29) buying an aspirin. If the Commissioners don't like that, they can stop that claim. They pay the, they approve the claims, we don't. We put the money there, but, I'm not sure, like I say, I'm not sure I care if they spend twenty nine cents ($0.29) for aspirin or thirty cents ($0.30) or whatever the numbers were. It doesn't matter. But, I just hate to see us get in a social media debate on our claims. Which is what this is, basically. And, that's my opinion and it has nothing to do with the budget and I told you that up front. I just wanted some clarification cause when I get a call from Indianapolis about Warrick County claims on Facebook, I get concerned. Cause I didn't know anything about it. And, that's maybe my fault since I'm not on Facebook but anyway.

Debbie Stevens: But, the other side of that is any taxpayer at any time can ask for that.

Gary Meyer: Yes, they can.

Debbie Stevens: And they can post it on (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Yes, they can, which is different than posting it on Facebook to me.

Debbie Stevens: They could post it on Facebook.

Gary Meyer: They can come in and get the, get the information from you. Of course, they could. But, I don't think a taxpayer, a taxpayer can say that's a legitimate, illegitimate claim and I don't agree with it. But, that doesn't mean anything. But, it only, the Commissioners can say it's a illegitimate claim and deny it. Right. But, when you, when you put your opinion in there, which is only your opinion and I, from what I understand, I'm sorry, I didn't read it, so, I don't know, I'm only what I've been told, you put your opinion in there as a pretty strong Elected Official on how you think that claim should or should not be paid. And, I'm not sure that's, least in my opinion, that's not your responsibility. That's all I'm gonna say, so.

Debbie Stevens: It seems like a strange forum for us to talk about this when this is a budget hearing.

Gary Meyer: I understand that and I said that had...

Debbie Stevens: My phone is on my desk all day. I use email.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: This, honestly I talked to...

Gary Meyer: I wanted to ask you.

Debbie Stevens: One (1) Council member about any of this for a very brief discussion and I would, I would love for you to call me and talk to me. I would love for you to communicate with me by email and up till this moment, I've had two (2) Commission...two (2) Council members who actually engage and communicate with me (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: I'm engaging right now with you.

Debbie Stevens: But, it seems like a very strange place and time when...

Gary Meyer: I don't want to take, take your...

Paul Rudolph: One advantage of doing it during today's meeting is that it is recorded and you're on minutes and it is a publicly accessible. It is, I, I would agree, it's not necessarily on the budget.

Debbie Stevens: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Well, not, something like this sometimes isn't on the agenda. It's a extracurricular but having it as a recorded session with minutes does have its advantages, right. So, there are times where I have conversations with people in private and I have the same conversation with them in public so the public can know if they're interested that this has been addressed and I don't think while we are in a budget meeting, I don't think this is the worst aspect of doing it in a public forum. So, I, just like you mentioned earlier that letting the public know what claims are being done having a conversation like this on the public record is, isn't, has its advantages.

Debbie Stevens: And, I'm happy to have it if that's how you choose to spend your time.

Gary Meyer: I would, I would rather take our time in explaining this, both sides of it rather than just take your time on one to one. If seven (7) of us call you, it's taking your time, which you have a lot of other stuff to do.

Debbie Stevens: We could certainly have some relationship building and have some (inaudible)...

Gary Meyer: Well, I think we need that, no question about that.

Debbie Stevens: Outside of these meetings. Any other questions about my budget requests?

Paul Rudolph: We can go to Computer, I think.

COMPUTER

Gary Meyer: Computer.

Debbie Stevens: Okay.

Gary Meyer: Which is what?

Brad Overton: One of one. (Inaudible) through, let's look for 140.

Paul Rudolph: In the front, right?

Gary Meyer: It's in the front?

Krystal Powless: It's in the front, it should be pretty much...

David Hachmeister: Well, one of one.

Debbie Stevens: It's 140.

Paul Rudolph: One, 5 pages before the break.

Krystal Powless: Yep.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible) page 5.

Gary Meyer: What'd you say Debbie, page 40? 140?

David Hachmeister: 101, over here.

Charlie Christmas: Thank you.

Several speaking at once: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Got it?

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Greg Richmond: Contracts is up quite a bit.

Debbie Stevens: It is, yes.

Greg Richmond: What is that for?

Debbie Stevens: Well, we, I had a talk with you earlier this year about, and, and I've tried to keep all of you in the loop about the numerous issues we have with our current financial software and its, its failing us. The vendor fails often, frequently, very limited access. In fact, they raise, they raised their contractual fees and requirements of us by three (3) and four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) every year, which is pretty significant. And, I did present to you earlier this year and I can email that all to you again. It's for the, that would include a conversion to Low Financial System and we've visited other counties. We've looked at the system. Thompson Reuters, which will actually, let me back up, its Harris, it was Thompson Reuters at one time, Harris is the current software provider and when you look at other counties and what they're doing in converting away from Harris, its, this is a costly commitment. It is significant but it affects every single department in the County and it does affect you, the fiscal body, of course and your oversight of the finances of Warrick County and the ability to report. There's a number of things that the advantages that Low will provide over Harris but when you look at the State, look at statewide, what's happening with the Harris software system, many counties are converting away from Harris and they're not taking those changes and conversions lightly. There's a large financial commitment to that but it is for good reason and it's for the same reasons that we experience here in Warrick County with our current financial software system.

David Hachmeister: You've got two (2) software vendors now?

Debbie Stevens: Um huh.

David Hachmeister: Harris and Thomas Reuters?

Debbie Stevens: Because one is the tax provider and the other is the...

David Hachmeister: Financial.

Debbie Stevens: Financial. What that means for us is we're operating off of two (2) systems, which I will love to see the day when even the tax would be converted over to Low. We could do both at the same time. That would be the best-case scenario. The Treasurer has to operate off of three (3) systems and they don't, they don't speak to each other. There's no interaction between the systems. So, that makes things even more complex and complicated in finances.

Paul Rudolph: So, this would, this budget you presented is a transition from Harris to, what's the name of it?

Debbie Stevens: Low, L-o-w.

Paul Rudolph: L-o-w.

Debbie Stevens: Um huh. And, I've provided earlier in the year but I can send all, I'll re-email all of that to you all while it's on the table and you can take a look at it.

Paul Rudolph: And, just a, to refresh, so our General expenses, so if I'm looking at this on a year by year basis, or 2014 actuals were a hundred and thirty three thousand ($133,000.00) or 2015 actuals were a hundred thirty one thousand ($131,000.00) or 2016 appropriation was a hundred and seventy thousand ($170,000.00) and our 2017 department request is two hundred and sixty thousand ($260,000.00). So, big picture, we're looking to go for about a fifty percent (50%) increase from one thirty one ($131,000.00) to two sixty two ($262,000.00) over the course of two (2) years. Remind me, what was the cause of the impact from 2015 to 2016's appropriated budget? Cause that was an increase of forty ($40,000.00) as well. I don't remember that.

Debbie Stevens: Well, you can see, if you looked at a budgetary status year to date, well you can see it here in this column.

Paul Rudolph: Looks like it's in the Contract Computer line.

Debbie Stevens: A lot of these contractual commitments and payments come towards the end of the year, so it'll get consumed pretty quickly. We also know that the Treasurer's office, all their computers, I think five (5) or six (6) are due for upgrades this year. That, that has to happen. There may be between the three (3) offices, the Assessor, Treasurer, and Auditor, some upgrades that will cost us later if we can't get the conversions to Windows 10 done before the deadline of when the costs comes into play, there'll be a charge for that later. Also, we will have to replace the server. As we begin to scan, and index and start to electronic file more of our records in the Auditors office, it's not just what we're doing, it's what anyone who's storing on that server is doing. It's daily. We come in and most of the drives on the server will have reached their capacity. Doug is able to eliminate some of those, some of that storage, some of those stored items to create more storage, but he has already said something to me about the fact that we should replace our server this year.
Paul Rudolph: So, this includes a server replaced?

Debbie Stevens: Well, that'll consume what was budgeted for this year, that'll consume some of that. And, I believe we have some computers in our office that will have to be replaced this year as well.

Gary Meyer: Just so I understand, this, the conversion of the eighty five thousand ($85,000.00), eighty six thousand ($86,000.00), is that to, to go to Low?

Debbie Stevens: A, a portion of it is.

Gary Meyer: A portion of it.

Debbie Stevens: The upfront commitment for Low is sixty eight thousand dollars ($68,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: And, then the, the commitment year over year, what we built into this was the full one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) for Low. We believe, like last year, we would have had probably forty thousand dollars ($40,000.00) to have committed. It, we could have contractually committed it to that conversion for the next year if we had contracted with Low in 2015, some of that that was left in the Computer budget could have been committed to that conversion. We believe we'll have some this year, in the same way but it won't be the forty thousand dollars ($40,000.00) we would have had last year because of the server and the computers that have to be replaced. And, the increases in our other contractual commitments with Harris and MVP.

Paul Rudolph: So, I'm still stuck. We're, we're asking for about a fifty five percent (55%) increase over what was already a thirty percent (30%) increase this year. Can you give us a schedule of what your request would be if we do not transfer to Low? So, so how much is it? So, sorta where are we without Low? Where would we be with Low? I'd like to be able to compare those and be able to do the, I think we talked about doing this during the budget conversation, I'd really like to be able to compare apples and apples there.

Debbie Stevens: Contractually, we would probably need and then of course computer upgrades, whatever, we would probably be similar to the 2016 budget, maybe closer to the one eighty ($180,000.00), depending on what kind of increases we'll see from Thompson Reuters. It was probably...

Paul Rudolph: Well, we wouldn't have the server upgrade request, right? So, if we're doing the server upgrade in 2016 that cost would go down in 2017.

Debbie Stevens: That's true. And, and as I said before, we did have some that went back to the General from this budget last year. So, there was some excess.

Paul Rudolph: So, I can't speak for the rest of the Council but I think I, I find that useful for our, and again, whenever our next budget meeting is, what we've discussed, the different requests, that'd be the time and the right (inaudible) to request that.

Greg Richmond: I might of missed something but the, we talked about getting a new server for the County. Is that in this budget?

Debbie Stevens: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Get away from me.

Brad Overton: I think the next one stayed the same.

Gary Meyer: Is this recommended by Doug, or has he had any input with you?

Debbie Stevens: Oh, yes, Doug is actually the one who came to me.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: Are you referring to the server, purchase of the server?

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Debbie Stevens: Yes. Yes. It's, as I said, overnight, the next morning almost all the drives are...

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Debbie Stevens: Look like they're at capacity. And, so he'll take the old data off.

Greg Richmond: Which line item is the server in?

Debbie Stevens: We'll have a (inaudible) purchase this year. We'll probably purchase from the Equipment/Maintenance line. As, as will the computers come out of that. We might have to move from one line to another, depending on how much those computers cost.

Gary Meyer: Is it...

Greg Richmond: The two thousand ($2,000.00) there, that won't buy a server.

Debbie Stevens: Well...

Gary Meyer: That's what I was going to ask, the two (2) things.

Charlie Christmas: It won't buy one, I'm sure.

Gary Meyer: You (inaudible)...

Debbie Stevens: No...

Gary Meyer: Thirty thousand ($30,000.00) down to two thousand ($2,000.00)?

Debbie Stevens: Are you looking at 140-4364?

Gary Meyer: No...

Debbie Stevens: Equipment-Maintenance. There's thirty thousand ($30,000.00) on that one.

Gary Meyer: 4364. Under computer.

Debbie Stevens: 4364.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Debbie Stevens: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: She's asking for two thousand ($2,000.00) next year, she's got thirty thousand ($30,000.00) this year. I think what she's saying it's going to be a 2016 expense.

Debbie Stevens: Yes, it'll be a 2016 expense.

Gary Meyer: Oh, okay. Okay.

Debbie Stevens: Yes, he said we should do it before the end of the year.

Gary Meyer: I gotcha.

Debbie Stevens: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Any other questions? Okay.

PLAT BOOK

Gary Meyer: Go to Plat Book.

Brad Overton: I don't think that changed (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: I, I didn't look at it.

Brad Overton: I looked, it's the same.

David Hachmeister: Why have you only used ten to twenty percent (10-20%) of the monies so far? General? Official Records and the (inaudible)?

Debbie Stevens: Are we still on Computer?

David Hachmeister: Plat Book, Plat Book.

Debbie Stevens: Oh, we're in Plat Book.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Debbie Stevens: Um, that's a good question. Now, where we are with our plat books and all of the transfer records, those are all stored electronically so anything to do with our hard copy plat books will be just maintenance. It'll just be making sure that the records are preserved and that the covers are in good shape, that type of thing. What I did learn this past week that may make some difference in, in how I would ask you to appropriate for 2016 and I just learned this on Monday, for Tuesday is that as long as we are able to defend the use of plat book money for electronic purposes, as long as it's for those same, the same keeping of those records, that we can use from this fund. So, that will be helpful when it comes to scanning all of the transfer cards and getting those indexed so that we're not hanging on and to file, a row of file cabinets that contain those transfer cards. So, and then it puts them in a format where, where you can actually search on them. You don't have to go physically pull the drawer open, pull the card out, you can search on the (inaudible) sitting on a computer.

Gary Meyer: Is that being done now, didn't you say?

Debbie Stevens: That is a goal for us to start this year actually. That, we talked, we had some discussion...

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Debbie Stevens: About that and that was where you, you weren't comfortable with the, in the Cloud storage.

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Debbie Stevens: Which means we do have to replace the server because that's gonna create, you know, gonna take up quite a bit of storage on the server here on site. But, we do have money either in the Computer budget for this year to cover the software, the actual software which was a, I think it was around ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for the software for that purpose of getting the records stored electronically.

Gary Meyer: Any other questions? Comments? Okay.

Debbie Stevens: Alright.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Debbie Stevens: Thank you.

TREASURER

Gary Meyer: Okay, Treasurer.

Pat Brooks: Pat Brooks, Warrick County Treasurer. Should be short and sweet on this one. About the only thing I really increased was two percent (2%) for salary increases so whatever you all (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: How much?

Pat Brooks: Two percent (2%), or whatever you all decide. No more people, no additional. I do want to thank you last year for part time because it has been a tremendous help to us especially since we're trying to do another tax sale this year. I've done tax sales for three (3) out of my four (4) years and last year it was just almost impossible. With the tax sale, you have so many different restrictions and now, according to State law, we have to do contracts. So, we're working on getting contracts done. So, that's the big change, with the two percent (2%) increase there. Everything else remains basically, the same. I did cut the Property Tax Billing from fifteen ($15,000.00) to thirteen ($13,000.00) because since I set up EBilling we have about a thousand (1,000), nine hundred (900) and some odd people doing EBilling. So, that saved us costs of labor there in the second year. So, there is a reduction of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) there. Of course, I won't be here next year so I left the budget basically as is. I did increase (inaudible)...

Paul Rudolph: Hey Pat, on the Property Tax Billing that you mentioned. So, in 2014, we spent eight ($8,000.00), in 2015, we spent eight ($8,000.00), 2016, we appropriated fifteen ($15,000.00). We're about halfway through that and we are going down to thirteen ($13,000.00) next year. But, why did we jump from eight ($8,000.00) to fifteen ($15,000.00) this year?

Pat Brooks: Uh, the fifteen thousand ($15,000.00), when I buy the postage and I prepay on the postage, in case the postage goes up, which it did last year. This year it came down.

Charlie Christmas: That's good.

Pat Brooks: We set the billing up and they'll guarantee a price, and I usually set and guarantee it. All this money has not gone out. If we use twelve thousand ($12,000.00), then I'll use twelve ($12,000.00), if it's ten ($10,000.00), because I continually take bids on it and I'm working on another, L & D Mail Masters, who's out of New Albany, and it would be less. But, they, not that we give them their money up front but we sign a contract up front and give them a deposit down. So, it may be less because originally, when I came in the office, you were paying out of the Billing. It was twenty nine ($29,000.00), twenty nine thousand ($29,000.00) in Property Tax Billing. I got it from nineteen ($19,000.00). Well, now we're down to about twelve ($12,000.00). So, it may go down. I, but, since the new person's coming in, I just left it as, as it was. And, if it's not used it won't be squandered, it'll go back.

Gary Meyer: What...

Unknown: Sure.

Gary Meyer: What about the Travel? The increase?

Pat Brooks: Travel's up two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), because you've got new people coming in, there'll be a new Chief Deputy. The Elected Official Training Fund, she can use but your Chief Deputy should absolutely go to all the trainings. So, that's why.

Paul Rudolph: Pat, I'm gonna go back to the Property Tax Billing. Still not sure I understood. Why did we jump up pretty significantly between 2015 and 2016?

Pat Brooks: Well, because, let me think back, it's twelve thousand two hundred and forty dollars ($12,240.00) for the total billing from Master's Touch. We also, in that, I think we used planning for update on the scanning. We scanned them out. But, we haven't had to (inaudible) or change anything on that. So, it could be part of the, the check (inaudible) scanner. But, again, if we, with the EBilling, if we get it down or the postage goes down again, our (inaudible) postages went down last year. So, we got by with less. So, it may be less, but since the new person's coming in, I left it a little bit less. I think that's a safe number. (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Anybody else have any questions? Okay. Thank you. Bye.

Pat Brooks: (Inaudible) budget. (Inaudible).

Unknown: Okay.

Pat Brooks: And, I will mention that I, (inaudible) the Treasurer's office are now six (6) years old. Doug is the one that came by and approached us.

David Hachmeister: What's six (6) years old?

Pat Brooks: The computers...

David Hachmeister: Oh.

Pat Brooks: In the Treasurer's office. And, that's why I understand that they're gonna be getting some new ones because it can't handle 2010, so we're gonna have to (inaudible). They won't guarantee, I'm not sure on that. Doug knows that. He's the one that approached me. We do have some very slow computers, but we've managed to work with them. So, that was the computer (inaudible) I just thought I'd tell you about that, and that's everything.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Pat Brooks: Thank you.

RECORDER

Gary Meyer: Recorder.

David Hachmeister: The salary is the same.

Gary Meyer: I see that. Yeah.

David Hachmeister: The salary...

Yvonne Hughes: Good morning.

Gary Meyer: Good morning.

Brad Overton: Morning.

Yvonne Hughes: Yvonne Hughes, County Recorder. There are really not too many changes in our budget this year. I think the biggest one that you will see is that I have requested for two (2) salaries to be paid out of the Perpetuation Fund at eighty percent (80%). The Deputy that was promoted to, to Deputy, her training is now fully complete and she should be treated like the other deputies. So, let's see, and the eighty percent's (80%) actually based on the time spent on actually recording documents, document preservation, and records management. And, I just had, when I turned in the budget I had actually put on there, but my handwriting was horrible, three hundred dollars ($300.00) for Postage. I think we can actually decrease it to three hundred dollars ($300.00) because over the four (4), last four (4) years, we averaged four hundred dollars ($400.00) a year, three hundred dollars ($300.00) a year.

Paul Rudolph: So, you're putting, it says here we've been spending six hundred ($600.00). You're saying that three hundred dollars ($300.00) has just been prepaid?

Yvonne Hughes: Yes, yes. It's, its, its sufficient. We have currently, we have roughly one thousand one hundred sixteen dollars and eighty four cents ($1,116.84) in the postage meter. So, if you, by end of the year I anticipate we're gonna be down to about nine hundred and seventy dollars ($970.00) and that will carry that department for more than three (3) years. So, I think adding three hundred dollars ($300.00) each year will still be sufficient. Cause we have a lot more E Recordings coming for one, and for two, usually the people bring self-addressed stamped envelopes. You have any questions?

Gary Meyer: Okay.

RECORDER PERPETUATION

Gary Meyer: How about the perpep...Perpetuation fund?

Yvonne Hughes: Yes.

Krystal Powless: That's in the back (inaudible)...

Yvonne Hughes: 1189.

Brad Overton: 65.

Paul Rudolph: 65.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Look at that. I found it on my own.

David Hachmeister: Wow.

Brad Overton: Good job.

Gary Meyer: Thought they did.

Brad Overton: It's a struggle up here with page numbers for some of elder (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Yes it is.

Charlie Christmas: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thanks for reminding me.

Charlie Christmas: Thank you, Brad.

Yvonne Hughes: Did you find it?

Gary Meyer: Yes. We got it. So, how many you, how many salaries you have coming out of this fund now?

Yvonne Hughes: Two (2), but...

Gary Meyer: Two (2).

Yvonne Hughes: One is at eighty percent (80%). The other one is at twenty percent (20%). The reason why I only had it at twenty percent (20%) for the one deputy is because she was still in training, so I, by now she has been fully trained. So, I can now comfortably say that eighty percent (80%) of her salary should also come out of the...

Gary Meyer: Both of 'em.

Yvonne Hughes: Perpetuation.

Gary Meyer: Okay, okay, I gotcha.

Paul Rudolph: And what's the Perpetuation Fund at?

Yvonne Hughes: It is, as of July 26th, two hundred forty five thousand two hundred eighty dollars and thirty five cents ($245,280.35). And, I anticipate by end of the year to be remaining about the same because our revenue and our expenses...

Paul Rudolph: (Inaudible).

Yvonne Hughes: Can, yeah, yeah pretty much in harmony. And, also the office has been equipped with all new computers, copy machines, scanners, monitors, keyboards, and I never know it it's mouse or mice, for multiple, you know, wireless (inaudible)...

Gary Meyer: Multiple mouse's.

Yvonne Hughes: Yeah. (Inaudible) with mouse's. And, I anticipate that lifespan to be five (5) to seven (7) years. And also, I don't expect any large expenditures because all the old records books have been preserved and scanned.

Brad Overton: I just want to say before we go to anything else that I appreciate all of your cooperative attitude and how you've been able to, I mean you've always been willing to work with us and find ways to pay out of, you know, this Perpetuation Fund and everything else. I just really, you know, it's been a pleasure having you come forward and be helpful. So, I'd just like to say thanks and I think, I know I can't speak on behalf of the Council, but it's even, I know that I've enjoyed you coming up here and it's been a, it's been a good experience. So...

Yvonne Hughes: Thank you, I appreciate that.

Brad Overton: Wish you the best in whatever other endeavors that you have going forward.

Yvonne Hughes: Thank you, thank you.

Paul Rudolph: So, you're asking for a pretty significant drop in the Miscellaneous Expenses, twenty (20), from twenty five K ($25,000.00) to five ($5,000.00).

Yvonne Hughes: Yeah. Yeah, I don't, like I said, I don't see because all the books have been scanned, all the computers and everything has been replaced. So, with a life span of five (5) to seven (7) years, I really don't foresee putting more into that. Honestly, all, all anybody has to do, all any Recorder has to do is just in...ask to increase those funds, because the 1189 fund is a Cash Fund. So, you know, if you, if you want to, you know, if you want it to be out the entire Perpetuation Fund and put into each line item, have at it.

Brad Overton: I think I like this one better.

Gary Meyer: Um huh. Okay, any questions? Comments? Thank you.

Yvonne Hughes: Thank you.

Krystal Powless: And, here's the original. Thank you.

Yvonne Hughes: You're welcome.

COMMENT FROM PAT BROOKS REGARDING RECORDERS BUDGET

Gary Meyer: Assessor.

Pat Brooks: I know it's the Assessors turn. I would like to make a comment if I could. Since the incoming Recorder, I mentioned this to Krystal when I reviewed the budget, I would like to request no increase in the Recorders budget but on some of these, I would like to take a look at it and until I get into office, I don't know what has or has not been done. I love the Recorders office, and I would like to respectfully request that the budget just remain the same. If I don't need the money, I won't use it. I know they've only recorded about ten thousand (10,000) documents. When I was there before, we were doing twenty (20,000), twenty five thousand (25,000) documents a year because...

Yvonne Hughes from audience: Not true.

Pat Brooks: It has slowed down. So, because whoever comes in, if I am the incoming, I'd like to operate on the same budget she had and if it's not necessary, then I'm not going to spend it. But, I, that's what I'd like to request for the, for the budget. Thank you on that for your consideration.

Gary Meyer: That's good.

Pat Brooks: Won't spend it if not necessary but I'd like the same budget. Before when I came in, in 2005, I had my budget cut to zero ($0.00), and it was quite a big mess and you probably remember that, when I came in in January. And, because the budget was all zeroed out, I'd like to request just the same budget and that's all.

Gary Meyer: Okay, Assessor.

Pat Brooks: Thank you.

ASSESSOR

Sarah Redman: Good morning.

Gary Meyer: Good morning.

Brad Overton: Morning.

Charlie Christmas: You didn't bring me donuts.

Sarah Redman: I didn't come out first.

Charlie Christmas: Oh. Okay, I'm sorry.

Sarah Redman: I figured the donuts were already here. So, I didn't (inaudible)...

Gary Meyer: Well, we...

Sarah Redman: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Tried to tell her about that, (inaudible) part of her duties. Yeah.

Sarah Redman: But it won't hurt anybody to watch their sugar intake, right?

Charlie Christmas: Hey...

Gary Meyer: Oh, don't say that.

Paul Rudolph: Especially Gary.

Sarah Redman: He's got his pen.

Paul Rudolph: (Inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: I got a pen, I can handle that.

Gary Meyer: Okay, what kind of percentage did you use for your...

Sarah Redman: Payroll?

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Sarah Redman: Three (3).

Gary Meyer: Three percent (3%). Okay.

QUESTION REGARDING FREQUENCY OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Paul Rudolph: Before we get into the Assessors budget, just quick question from your prior time as Clerk. How many times did we have a question presented in your time as Clerk?

Sarah Redman: What do you mean by question?

David Hachmeister: Public Question.

Paul Rudolph: Public Question.

Sarah Redman: Oh, we never had a Public Question on the ballot. But, we have to prepare, in the event that it could happen.

Paul Rudolph: But, we never had one, the whole time?

Sarah Redman: No. Don't say that. Knock on wood, cause then it'll happen.

Gary Meyer: That's right.

Charlie Christmas: Don't call for the (inaudible).

Sarah Redman: So, if you're questioning the budget for a non-election year, I would always request something in the event that it did happen so that we were prepared.

Paul Rudolph: Sure. But, I was just curious how often we had one, I was just trying to figure out what was the worst case.

Sarah Redman: It's greater now that you've said something.

Paul Rudolph: (Inaudible).

ASSESSOR CONTINUED

Sarah Redman: My budget's rather boring. I really, I only, I think I marked, one thing I asked for an extra hundred dollars

($100.00) in...

Krystal Powless: Short.

Sarah Redman: I know, and several things I reduced it, a hundred ($100.00) here, a couple thousand ($1,000.00) there, just because it was a learning experience for me on how this budget works. I'm not really sure, I haven't been in it a full year, so it's hard to say what could happen, what couldn't. So, I've kept everything about the same but there are a couple of things I could project that I possibly wouldn't use this money.

Greg Richmond: Utilities on the Newburgh rental.

Sarah Redman: Um huh. Utility costs go up.

Greg Richmond: That's your hundred dollars ($100.00).

Unknown: I know.

Sarah Redman: Just projecting based on what they've been. (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: So, not including salary, I think you're reducing your budget by about five hundred bucks ($500.00).

Sarah Redman: I don't know, probably. Um huh. I'm not asking for anything else.

Gary Meyer: All right.

PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

Gary Meyer: Let's go to Property Reassessment.

Sarah Redman: No change.

Gary Meyer: No change in it either?

Sarah Redman: Not really. Go back to that one, sorry. (Inaudible). Same, across the board on salaries.

Several speaking at once: (Inaudible).

Sarah Redman: Property Reassessment, I did increase the PTBOA three hundred dollars ($300.00) just based on anticipation of appeals due to some changes that were made. And, then, but I reduced, you know, six hundred ($600.00) there, you know, quite a bit, two hundred ($200.00) there. So, all in all, it went down too.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

SALES DISCLOSURE

Gary Meyer: Sales Disclosure.

Sarah Redman: Requested the same amount.

Gary Meyer: It's the same too, isn't it?

Sarah Redman: Um huh.

Brad Overton: Next.

Sarah Redman: Easy enough?

Brad Overton: Easy enough.

Paul Rudolph: Has the Reassessment went down too?

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Sarah Redman: Yes, it went down the same.

Gary Meyer: Any other comments? Questions? Okay, thank you.

Sarah Redman: Have a great day.

Gary Meyer: You too.

SURVEYOR

Gary Meyer: Surveyor. We're right on schedule, (inaudible) pick right back up.

Brad Overton: Can of oil, is that in the budget?

Gary Meyer: What is?

Brad Overton: Oil for the door.

Phil Baxter: Morning.

Gary Meyer: What kind of increase did you figure in for salaries, Phil?

Phil Baxter: Three (3).

Gary Meyer: Three (3).

Phil Baxter: Three percent (3%).

Paul Rudolph: Really, that looks like the only...

Gary Meyer: The only...

Brad Overton: Is that the only...

Paul Rudolph: Only change.

Brad Overton: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Looks like it. Yeah.

Phil Baxter: Contractual Services.

Paul Rudolph: Well, I missed that, Contractual Services.

Phil Baxter: Are you in CUM Drain?

Paul Rudolph: Oh, you are in CUM Drain.

Phil Baxter: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: So, so, no changes in Surveyor at all?

Phil Baxter: No.

Paul Rudolph: Is what you're saying?

Phil Baxter: That's the only change, to there on that flat. Page 2, CUM Drain.

Paul Rudolph: So, I guess no questions on keeping it flat. So, we can go straight to CUM Drain. 1141.

CUMULATIVE DRAIN

Brad Overton: Go back. Page 15, 15.

Gary Meyer: I'm getting there.

Charlie Christmas: The easiest way is to find the paper.

Brad Overton: The easiest way is just for you guys to wait for me to find it and I'll tell you where it's at.

Charlie Christmas: I'll tell you what, I'll (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: How did you find it?

Brad Overton: Okay, while they're waiting, let's go to Contractual Services, was a ninety thousand dollar ($90,000.00) increase.

Several speaking regarding where they need to be in their budget binder.

Paul Rudolph: (Inaudible) gonna go straight to Contractual Services. What line is that? What am I missing?

Brad Overton: It's 4391.

Greg Richmond: 4391.10.

Brad Overton: There it is.

Paul Rudolph: So, it's going up from sixty ($60,000.00) to one fifty ($150,000.00)? Now that we're hopefully all there. What's going on with it?

Phil Baxter: Just trying to get it back closer to where it was six (6) years, seven (7) years ago. It was almost two fifty ($250,000.00) before. That dropped to fifty ($50,000.00) in 2009.

Brad Overton: So, really, whatever we put in there, you're gonna find some ditch or something to clean out of that for the most part?

Phil Baxter: (Inaudible) a lot of that.

Charlie Christmas: A lot of ditches.

Brad Overton: Yeah. I could probably give you about a thirty thousand dollar ($30,000.00) list myself. And, so could everybody else probably.

Charlie Christmas: Yeah.

Greg Richmond: Does this fund have some limits on it? Is that why we cut it so much?

Phil Baxter: I think the, don't know for sure, but Krystal can explain it. She's done it a couple of times.

Greg Richmond: She'll be back in a minute.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Phil Baxter: We did get it up ten thousand ($10,000.00) for this year, it was fifty ($50,000.00), got it up to sixty ($60,000.00).

SECTION CORNER

Paul Rudolph: Let's see, where are we on time? We're supposed to be 11:05, 11:20 and we're 11:10, perfect. While we're waiting for Krystal on that one, why don't we skip to Section Corner?

Brad Overton: Alright, there you go. I told you. We might as well just wait.

Gary Meyer: (Inaudible) what number's that?

Brad Overton: Seventy-four (74).

Gary Meyer: Is that right?

Brad Overton: Yeah. Page seventy-four (74) of one eighty-four (184).

Paul Rudolph: And that looks flat, that didn't take very long.

Gary Meyer: Did stay flat, yeah.

Brad Overton: (Inaudible).

David Hachmeister: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Sit, (inaudible) sit.

Gary Meyer: We had a question for you.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Oh.

Krystal Powless: On the CUM drain?

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: Yep.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, it is set by Statute. So, we'll put in there whatever will, will allow, (inaudible) when, when I review it.

Gary Meyer: Okay

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: It's set by statute and it has its own fund, right?

Krystal Powless: Uh huh.

Paul Rudolph: So, really it's sorta, whatever that decides?

Krystal Powless: Whatever it'll allow, yes.

David Hachmeister: Is there any ditch assessment paid anymore on taxes?

Phil Baxter: No.

David Hachmeister: I, I thought they dropped that, and I'm tryin' to think back when and...

Phil Baxter: Twenty (20), thirty (30) years ago I think.

Gary Meyer: Any other questions? Okay, thank you.

Phil Baxter: Thank, thank you.

Charlie Christmas: Thank you, Phil.

Paul Rudolph: I've been keeping track everyone, just thought I'd let you know really quick, that with the exception of the Auditor's Office's ask, we've had some pretty good requests so far. Everyone's been at or below budget, with the exception of the Auditor, so, just thought I'd share that.

VETERAN AFFAIRS

Gary Meyer: Veteran Affairs.

Robert Reynolds: Good morning.

Gary Meyer: Morning.

Charlie Christmas: We're not sure yet.

Robert Reynolds: You're not sure?

Paul Rudolph: We only got forty-five minutes left to figure it out.

Robert Reynolds: We're ahead of schedule.

Gary Meyer: I don't remember.

Brad Overton: Uh...44 of 65.

Robert Reynolds: Alright.

Brad Overton: 44 of 65, 44.

Charlie Christmas: Oh, (inaudible) hello. Keep going.

Brad Overton: Sorry, they forgot their vita...memory vitamins this morning.

Robert Reynolds: I'm guessing.

Brad Overton: We kinda have to help them out a little bit here.

Robert Reynolds: That's alright.

Charlie Christmas: The youth takes care of us old people.

Robert Reynolds: Good, you always need that.

Paul Rudolph: You mean the young guy with the gray hair?

Charlie Christmas: Now, Paul.

Robert Reynolds: Uh....

Gary Meyer: What, what percentage did you use for increasing your payroll?

Robert Reynolds: Twenty (20).

Gary Meyer: Twenty percent (20%)?

Robert Reynolds: Yes, I did. I don't know if this is the place to present this or not, but I, I printed out some sheets, it's from the VA. It's what we bring into the County, and that's the reason I asked that. Also, I researched some salaries that are around the area or close to our area as far as what we bring into the County. If you look at that, it's, we bring in about three point eight million dollars ($3,800,000.00). You gotta read that in thousands and that's in compensation pension. That's non-taxable money, so it's not really, not coming to the County, but it's coming to the people of the County and they're most probably spending that money here in the County. And, that's what I based it on and if you look at the salaries there, had six (6) salaries that were close to our veteran population and what the money we brought in to the County, and that's what I used to justify that. It averages out to about thirty-four point or thirty-four, eight thousand ($34,800.00), the average of those salaries. And, I have no complaints about this job. It's a great job and I just wanted to say that, I...

Paul Rudolph: So, you said you raised the salaries by twenty percent (20%)?

Robert Reynolds: Yes, I did.

Paul Rudolph: I'm just tryin' to figuring out how to get there, like, first I see the Assistant Service Officer being at thirty-four ($34,000.00) this year and you're asking for thirty-seven ($37,000.00) and that's, I mean that's about three thousand ($3,000.00) bucks which is about ten percent (10%) is what I'm seeing.

Robert Reynolds: Okay. On, ten percent (10%) on her and twenty (20) on me. I'm sorry.

Charlie Christmas: I think we raised her salary last year because it got behind over the years.

Robert Reynolds: Right, really, really behind.

Paul Rudolph: But, I mean its twenty percent (20%) over two (2) years.

Robert Reynolds: Yeah, and I, and I'm just, I'm just asking. I feel like this is a opportunity for me to do what I can for

me, the Veteran's Office, and my Assistant. So...

Brad Overton: Well (inaudible)...

Robert Reynolds: You know, I have no high hopes, but...

Brad Overton: If you don't ask, you won't be able to find out.

Robert Reynolds: Exactly.

Paul Rudolph: And are you on the Personnel Committee list? As far as to discuss this?

Krystal Powless: Huh uh. I can add him though.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, I mean if, if you really wanna...

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) catch that when I saw it, so...

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, if you really want to have a conversation about this, this is probably best with the Personnel Committee.

Robert Reynolds: Okay, and I, I didn't know exactly what the procedures were, fairly new to the County government.

Paul Rudolph: Sure.

Robert Reynolds: Two (2) years. Probably should have asked before I came in here, but...

Charlie Christmas: Jenny'll straighten you out.

Paul Rudolph: Umm....

Robert Reynolds: Yeah, she's...

Charlie Christmas: She'll straighten you out, just ask her.

Robert Reynolds: She does on a daily basis.

Paul Rudolph: I think we should add him to the list.

Krystal Powless: I just did. Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: Perfect.

Robert Reynolds: But, as far as anything else, we're rollin pretty good. I don't have any other...

Brad Overton: I had a question, which is off the topic, but since you're here, I thought I would ask you.

Robert Reynolds: Yeah.

Brad Overton: It's not really off, it's off the budget topic, but...

Robert Reynolds: Okay.

Brad Overton: Okay, so a veteran, could you explain to me how they would receive complete property tax relief? Is that due to passing service related injury, then they pass.

Robert Reynolds: Right.

Brad Overton: Then that should pass on to their spouse, is that correct?

Robert Reynolds: Exactly.

Brad Overton: Okay.

Robert Reynolds: And we had that come up this week.

Brad Overton: Yeah, I've heard something about that. That that wasn't being allowed. Or, that was being denied by a certain area or something?

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Robert Reynolds: Well, yes.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Brad Overton: And, there was some problems for that particular person.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Robert Reynolds: Right, and I talked, Debbie, and I have researched the Indiana Code on that. Well how, let me explain how we get the ded...deduction is what it's called. It's not a exemption. But, you have to be a disabled vet, at

and you had ten percent (10%) or more disability compensation claim. And if you're sixty-two (62) years old, and that's just rough off the top of my head, but if your sixty two (62) years old and have a disability comp of ten percent (10%) or more, you get both those combined, which is about thirty-seven thousand ($37,000.00). What happened in that instance, the lady, her husband passed in 2012, 2013. They took the disability deduction off of her property. The Code says regardless of whatever, if she was on the deed or not, she gets that deduction. And, I went and talked to Debbie yesterday about that, and she, she agreed, we read, reviewed the Code together, and she agreed with me, that, that...

Brad Overton: Oh, so that's all been cleared up?

Robert Reynolds: That's all been cleared.

Brad Overton: Okay, that's (inaudible).

Robert Reynolds: All's I have to do is provide proof that the surviving spouse was actually married to the vet at that time.

Brad Overton: Okay, somebody just brought that up to me, and I was just checking to see if that had been squared away, so...

Robert Reynolds: Yeah, we handled that yesterday.

Brad Overton: Okay, alright that's good.

Paul Rudolph: So, and just to clarify on the Personnel Committee aspect, so, just as an FYI, the way it works is that just with the seven (7) of us here, it's easier just to have a Personnel Committee that sorta works with the Department Head to figure out when a new person's needed or when something like that...

Robert Reynolds: Exactly.

Paul Rudolph: And, they sort of work through the details and then what happens is that the Personnel Committee then presents to the Council, yes, we recommend this person to be hired, or yes, we recommend the raise, or no we don't, et cetera. And, and then the Council votes on it as a, as a full body. Because of the fact that you actually (inaudible) up to the Commissioners, probably just ask the Commissioners to (inaudible) on this, and then they can meet with the Personnel Committee. So, you're actually probably off the hook there.

Robert Reynolds: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: But, just wanted to give you the heads up, as far as how we try to utilize the Personnel Committee. And, this is the right time to have that. We have the Personnel Committee Meeting next week.

Robert Reynolds: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: So, just work with the Commissioners on that.

Robert Reynolds: Okay, thank you.

Paul Rudolph: And, welcome to County government.

Robert Reynolds: Well, I've been here two (2) years, so. But, yeah.

Gary Meyer: Like we said, welcome to the County government

Robert Reynolds: I appreciate the information. Sorry to bring it up here.

Paul Rudolph: No, it's not a problem at all.

Gary Meyer: No, that's alright. That's the only way to learn. Any other questions? Comments?

Robert Reynolds: No. We good on all the other line items that...?

Gary Meyer: They look the same to me.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, they're...

David Hachmeister: Well, the Part-Time Clerk don't.

Paul Rudolph: That was what? Part time? Did I miss one? Seven hundred (700)? Oh, five hundred (500), seven hundred (700), part time.

David Hachmeister: Yeah, just ask her to increase two hundred (200) on part time clerical.

Robert Reynolds: Okay.

David Hachmeister: Are you anticipating the increase in hourly or just need more time?

Robert Reynolds: Probably just need some more time. We've got a new computer system. I'd like to use somebody just for data entry, to get that up to power. Get more veterans entered into that. That's the only issue. And, I anticipate actually doing a little more outreach to the community, as far as going to nursing homes, different veterans, whatever veterans might have as far as different, Legion might have different things here. Things like that, maybe spend...

David Hachmeister: We increasing or decreasing yearly on veterans?

Robert Reynolds: Excuse me?

David Hachmeister: Are we increasing or decreasing yearly on veterans?

Robert Reynolds: We're decreasing, and we actually went down, almost sixty (60) or seventy (70) vets. But, the money that it takes to take...take care of those older vets is increasing. We haven't lost any money in that area as far as total compensation...or total expenditure, compensation, pension, and medical care. It's actually increasing. So, we got fewer vets, but the, the money that the VA spends to take care of them is going up, if that makes sense.

Gary Meyer: Any other quest...questions?

Robert Reynolds: I do not.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Thank, thank you.

Robert Reynolds: Thanks for your time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gary Meyer: Economic Development.

Paul Rudolph: You were trying to steal it, cut in front of Larry. I saw it.

Carla Kidwell: I thought I was in front of him. Okay, okay.

Paul Rudolph: We have you as next.

Carla Kidwell: Whenever you're ready.

Gary Meyer: (Inaudible) okay.

Larry Taylor: I put three percent (3%) in. I'd like to change it to twenty (20).

Brad Overton: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: You said you'd like to change it to negative twenty (-20)?

Gary Meyer: Negative.

Larry Taylor: I took a negative ninety (-90) to come here, so. Three percent (3%) salary increase is what I put in for all the people. The, all other, all other line items there's no increase requested over the 2015 budget, except we put a, a vehicle in. It's every four (4) years, vehicle replacement. I believe what they do with the, they redeploy the vehicles to other departments, which saves them money in the long run. I think the last one I had, the Building Inspector's been using for the last four (4) years. So, it saves money in that.

Paul Rudolph: What line is the vehicle?

Larry Taylor: What line is it on?

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, which account number?

Larry Taylor: 114 and department 1149 and...

Brad Overton: It's 4443, Motorized Equipment.

Paul Rudolph: There it is, thirty four K ($34,000.00).

Larry Taylor: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: What, what kind of vehicle is it?

Larry Taylor: It's, would be a four wheel drive sport utility. Currently it's a Durango. I think the last one was a, an Explorer. And, the other thing that's in here of note is the EMS contract. EMS ran the EMS maintenance per the Commissioners agreement with St. Mary's. The amount in 2017 went down from five hundred twenty five thousand ($525,000.00) to five hundred thousand ($500,000.00). So, it reduced per that contract. And, also per that agreement, there's six thousand dollars ($6,000.00) of rent and ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) of facility maintenance that's in the line item. Those have not changed from the previous years. And, there's zero ($0.00) EMS equipment purchase per agreement. So, I don't know if you recall, but used to like every couple of years we would end up with a hundred and forty thousand ($140,000.00) ambulance, to purchase a new ambulance expense. So, in the group that negotiated that contract, I think that was kind of a, it wasn't just the annual fee, it was that we didn't get hit with a ambulance purchase every couple of years. We also added a hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) for the Friedman Park operational expense, which will partially be offset by a revenue item that's expected to be around two (2), twenty three thousand dollars ($23,000.00) annually. The first year of that park, cause they're planting everything, will be planted by November. So, they're not gonna, you're not gonna to be able to come in and March probably of the following spring and do a lot on it. So, it, those people, the personnel, won't really be renting a lot of stuff for the first half of the year, but they'll be in making sure they're watering all the plants to make sure they get a good start and all that kind of thing. So, what we did is we set up line items in the Parks budget specifically for Friedman Park so you could see what they were spending against it.

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Krystal Powless: Actually, no.

Larry Taylor: Okay, sorry. This was my understanding.

Krystal Powless: The line items you set up for your budget...

Larry Taylor: Oh, okay.

Krystal Powless: Were reduced to just three (3) line items, Park Manager (inaudible)

Brad Overton: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: And, then (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: Okay.

Krystal Powless: And, then that way the revenue will come into yours (inaudible).

Several speaking at once: (Inaudible).

Larry Taylor: Okay.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) because you can't transfer money from this budget to the Parks budget.

Larry Taylor: Okay.

Krystal Powless: So, these line items are (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: Alright.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Larry Taylor: So, it's a hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) partially offset by, it's expected to be twenty three thousand dollars ($23,000.00) in revenue. So, I don't know if you remember how we used to have it set up with the EMS. We paid out an amount and then when they got payments back, we had a revenue line item that came back into it.

Krystal Powless: Um huh.

Larry Taylor: It'll be similar to that.

Krystal Powless: Similar to that (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: And also, I believe after I submitted my budget, the Commissioners asked to take the Coalition support up from seventy eight thousand ($78,000.00) to what was it, eighty five ($85,000.00), Krystal?

Brad Overton: Ninety ($90,000.00).

Larry Taylor: Ninety ($90,000.00), okay.

Brad Overton: Is that the, wait a minute, is that the EDC assistance?

Larry Taylor: Yes.

Brad Overton: Okay.

Larry Taylor: And that is, you know, they haven't had a, a increase since I've been here, so, it's like eight (8) years or so. That's initially what was set up. Evansville and Vanderburgh County pay the vast majority of, you know, the greatest percentage of that. The rest of it's by population.

Greg Richmond: Right, so.

Larry Taylor: And, I know you guys always say do we get our benefit out of that and I'd say yes, because we get the regional benefit, any of the State (inaudible) opportunities that come through, they help us work. But, most importantly, Warrick County has received over twenty two point six million dollars ($22,600,000.00) in grants that comes out of their community development group. And, so just having that available, all this, you know, where they're tearing down blighted houses and all that kind of thing and there's a lot of the different sewer departments of communities in Warrick County's. But, if you add it up over the last five (5) or six (6) years, it adds to twenty two point six million dollars ($22,600,000.00)...

Brad Overton: So...

Larry Taylor: That that group has provided us.

Brad Overton: Do they request a certain, you said it's based on population, Larry, is that, or I mean, is this, is this like a minimal amount, or is there more we should be paying?

Larry Taylor: Well, the (inaudible), when it was first set up, it was based on population. So...

Brad Overton: Okay.

Larry Taylor: Posey County, Gibson County, Warrick County, Vanderburgh County, and then Evansville. And, our portion of that was seventy eight thousand ($78,000.00) and what they're try...asking for I think is a lot more than that. They're asking for lots, let's see...

Brad Overton: So, that's just an increase in the percentage that we've always, I mean it's based upon what percentage they're expecting us to (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: Yeah, they're asking everybody for the same percentage...

Brad Overton: Okay.

Larry Taylor: Increase.

Brad Overton: I gotcha.

Larry Taylor: And, what they're trying to do is, at the lower level of that would increase their overall budget by about fifty to seventy five thousand dollars ($50,000.00-75,000.00), the overall coalition's budget. And, I don't, you know, I've always been a big supporter of them. They do, I mean, we, we, we get a lot of value out of that, we certainly, cause if we weren't doing that, we'd end up having to hire consultants for different things that we don't have to now. And, and just the community development thing I think is worth it.

Paul Rudolph: As the Councilman that's on the Board, I think I agree with you. Probably would suggest that we certainly get our value. I guess the one question I have is that I'm still maybe a little burned feeling on the whole, the whole medical campus. Do you feel like they (inaudible)?

Larry Taylor: It took me a year and a half to get over that. Now, you're...

Paul Rudolph: Do you feel like we were not an equal member when it came to that? Right, when the choice came to Vanderburgh or Warrick, that some, most of the people there were pushing for Vanderburgh?

Larry Taylor: Not, not from the coalition's standpoint.

Paul Rudolph: Not from the coalition's standpoint?

Larry Taylor: But, but all the power mongers within Evansville were certainly pushing for that.

Paul Rudolph: Like the Bob Jones, for example, who's a big part of the EDC.

Larry Taylor: Bob Jones, who has a conflict of interest, because he owns a lot of real estate in downtown Evansville.

Charlie Christmas: What about the attorney, who's, who's a Trustee?

Larry Taylor: Pat Shoulders.

Charlie Christmas: He's a Trustee.

Larry Taylor: He's on the Trustees, whose law firm benefited from anything Evansville did, so. Yeah, I've got a lot of heartburn about that. However, what we're getting instead of that, you know, should this latest thing go through, is we've got over three hundred million dollars ($300,000,000.00) of improvements going on in Warrick County with over five hundred (500) employees. So, I'd say we win. And, you, and, I also would say kind of the same thing with the Ford Center, jeez, every time I see Weinzapfel, I thank him for building that Ford Center for all the people of Warrick County can go down there and their taxpayers pay for it. So, now when I see Winnecke, I thank him for building that Med School so we can benefit from that too. Cause, see, they're landlocked down there. So, the, as part of the study on that, it was gonna bring all this associated development. Our site had all kinds of room for the associated development. Downtown is kind of landlocked. So, I believe we're gonna benefit from any of that associated development. And, that's what, you know, this other issue that we're, we've got going on with bringing some people into that area. But, really what we said when that went to downtown, we said fine, you can have it, we're gonna get everything else. So, that's what I been working to is to get everything else. Some of these quality of life things, we said, well okay, fine, there's so many doctors are gonna move because of the Med School, we'll get 'em all to live in Warrick County, or we'll get more than our fair share of 'em. So, that's why, I mean, it kind of all fits together, is that we get some of that, the, the facilities and we get some of the associated jobs and we're, we're, instead of us spending our money on getting a, a non-taxpaying medical school in the middle of Warrick County, we're spending our money on some stuff that im...improves Warrick County. So, all the people that move here because of that want to live in Warrick County. So, that's my story.

Greg Richmond: The...

Paul Rudolph: Thank you for your answer.

Greg Richmond: Elberfeld sewer extension. I noticed that the budget amount for 16 is the same for the request this year and we spent one twenty nine one fifty ($129,150.00). How many more of those are we gonna need?

Larry Taylor: That's a bond payment and its part of the deal we agreed to pay off one of their bonds. I think there's probably eight (8) or nine (9) years of that left.

Greg Richmond: Okay, thank you.

Larry Taylor: So, that's an ongoing bond issue. We're working with them for an expansion now and they're working with the coalition to get grants for it and so, at some point in time, we'll, I'll be coming to you and we've been reserving, cause we always look at the cash flow in our EDIT account, and the projections for what we expect's gonna come up and we've been preserving about a one point six million ($1,600,000.00) for that in the future. But, I mean currently it looks like it's gonna be less than that because of some of the grants that the coalition development people are able to get for us and them.

Brad Overton: And, Larry, on that vehicle, cause I was kind of sidetracked for a second, that is the vehicle that you would be using, isn't it?

Brad Overton: Correct? Okay.

Larry Taylor: Yeah.

Brad Overton: It's not for, I didn't know, I couldn't remember if you said that was something coming out of there for somebody else or if that was actually one for your work.

Larry Taylor: No, well, what is was, is the last one I had was an Explorer and it ended up with whatever the mileage was on it and they redeployed that to somebody else that needed a four wheel drive so that...

Brad Overton: Okay, so that's what you were saying. I understand.

Larry Taylor: I know that the Building Inspector is driving the wheels of that now. So, this one, you could say well it's not really, you know, it'll, it'll have fifty (50), over fifty thousand (50,000) miles on it by that time and be four (4) years old. So, then, you know, you're gonna get another, somebody will get another fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) of life out of it and the, you know, then we take it, take it out of the Economic Development funds to do it.

Brad Overton: It's probably not best that we drive people around in something that's (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: It's that and I go to jobsites and I mean lots of times, I mean, and its, I've had people in that thing, all loaded up and we go out and we drive up on the hills out at the Industrial Park so they can see it and all that kind of thing. So, that's basically what it's for. And then, the other thing that's, I really have no say of, but it seems to be part of the no zip sorting bin of Economic Development are there's Evansville Urban Transit Public transportation, Council on Aging transportation, 4-H Club Association, seems like over the years all that stuff gets put in my budget. They're all good causes. I won't really speak to them but I, you know, if that's where they end up being parked, that's fine. But, I didn't really increase those this year.

Gary Meyer: Anybody else? Questions?

Paul Rudolph: I got two (2) questions that are not related to the budget, but while you're here, I just wouldn't mind talking to you. One, any news on a possible hotel?

Larry Taylor: Umm.

Paul Rudolph: That you can share with us?

Larry Taylor: The Chandler development has two (2) hotel sites and they're digging, I believe they're finalizing their stuff to come to Area Plan Commission for the first one of (inaudible). And...

Paul Rudolph: Can you tell us the make, brand, anything like that?

Larry Taylor: It'll either be Hilton or Marriott.

Paul Rudolph: Hilton or Marriott.

Larry Taylor: Yeah. It'll be one, it's one of the big names. They already have, that group is out of Bowling Green Kentucky. I think they own six (6) hotels already and they're, they're either Hilton Garden Inn and Marriott, Marriott something or another. But, its, it'll be one of those two (2).

Charlie Christmas: John Dunn and Bob (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: Nope. But, he also is working...

Charlie Christmas: Yeah, that's what I heard (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: With one of the other guys in the area to put a hotel there.

Charlie Christmas: Right, I knew that.

Larry Taylor: So, so this whole thing, I mean, it's real neat and you guys can go and drive on that Warrick Trail. I mean it's, it's graveled but I just drove through it on the way here and its, its graveled for three quarters of it. A quarter of it has the first layer of pavement down. That whole corridor's gonna have something. Grimm Road's gonna have a stoplight. You know, we did the Grimm Road south improvement down, down to Lincoln that creates that square. That's gonna take some of the traffic off that Epworth intersection and in front of Deaconess there. But, the, where they're talking about this hotel sites, they have two (2) of 'em across the street there, they're also looking at a medical building and two (2) restaurant sites there. Two (2), two (2) to three (3) restaurant sites and a convenience store, so for gas stations and stuff. So, if you, if you drive back in there, you know, on Grimm Road and drive back, it's kind of a mess right now cause of all the construction that's going on. But, they're putting the, they're out digging the footers for all the apartments and, and they've leveled out the, the pad for the hotel, the first hotel. So, there's, there's a bunch of people out there and it's real muddy today. There's a bunch, a bunch of people out there right now. But, that, that's, if you drive back off that Grimm Road, it looks like you, cause you see it from the expressway, looks like, gee, you know that's be kinda noisy. It's actually not that, you get back there, it's kinda nice. When all that comes in you're gonna have those, that little, I think there are like thirty (30) three hundred thousand dollar ($300,000.00) houses, then you're gonna have these high end apartments and then they've got some two hundred thousand dollar ($200,000.00) town houses back there and then Meijer's bought the property on the other end. This medical stuff on the other side, and put this hotel and some of the restaurants and stuff in the middle. I mean, theoretically, you know, that's kinda like a master plan site and we didn't, we kind of goo...goosed it along the way to come out that way. I've also heard that the Meijer guys were here for the softball tournament, the guy that does sites and they are thrilled with the opening they had in Evansville, not so thrilled with the one they have in Owensboro. But, they're thrilled that we're farther along on our roadway there that they're looking at moving up the one in Warrick County just because of the success that the one in Evansville's had. So, that's, you know, that makes kind of a neat little corridor and if, and you drive back there especially on the portion that's over toward Libbert, it's really pretty. So, you know I would see there probably is gonna be some more commercial in there and there'll be some, some more housing, nice housing back in that area, so.

Paul Rudolph: And, then the second question I had you sort of touched on a little bit. So, there was a bit of a dust up (inaudible) down in the St. Mary's economic development and any kind, any update on what's going on with the St. Mary's request?

Larry Taylor: Well, I've been, I've been working with them, the MSK, the developers and I, I guess the two main things that they've agreed to do is they're, you know, they're going to extend the amount of when their taxpayers agreement would go to cover the whole amount of the incentive. Before I had it, I think it was covering like seventy five percent (75%) of it and they also, cause I know it was a concern with, of some of the Council members that they were just going to turn around and sell it to St. Mary's. They're gonna put a, put a contract together with us that they won't sell it for at least ten (10) years. And, at the same time, I've had two discussions with the COO at Deaconess and Deaconess has on their hundred and thirty five million dollar ($135,000,000.00) project with two hundred (200) employees the, the County has come to them and said, well because you're doing that you're putting more traffic on Epworth Road and there's some unexpected expenses that they have on Epworth Road for wide, some lanes and see, cause there's two entrances there now. There's one that has a signal and then there's another one that's kind of where, actually seventy percent (70%) of the traffic, the employees and everybody use the back one, it's over towards that Ohio Township Fire Department thing that's there. And, so they're looking at doing some expansion of, of that and, and to me that's smack dab stuff that fits into what we can help them out with the, the TIF area. So, that's, I guess that's the only news I have and we are right now we're, we're kind of in a holding pattern because I want to have the, that ten (10) year agreement in place, the taxpayers agreement, and proof of their financing before we finalize everything. Although, you, you know, we, what we were looking for was a first reading, it wouldn't be finalized until the second reading, so.

Paul Rudolph: Thanks for the updates.

WARRICK COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT

Larry Taylor: Anything else I can help you with today?

Gary Meyer: Redevelopment Commission, that's not changed, has it?

Larry Taylor: That is not changed. It's just a...

David Hachmeister: (Inaudible) same.

Larry Taylor: (Inaudible). One, one thing. There's, there's been some change of laws and you, you can't, you can no longer do maintenance or utility, like, like lighting in an industrial park and stuff. Used to we would take those light bills and pay for them out of the TIF area. You can't use, you can't use that with TIF funds anymore. So, some of that stuff is coming over into my regular expense budgets. But, we've been able to contain that so far. I moved stuff around and I, I really won't know the extent of that to probably, you know, another nine months or a year. So, we'll adjust that next year if it's necessary.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Larry Taylor: Okay. Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you very much.

Larry Taylor: Thank you.

EXTENSION SERVICES

Gary Meyer: Extension Services.

Carla Kidwell: What you guys are getting in the black folder is just the overview of the programs done within our three (3) program areas and plus our nutrition education program. So, if you can benefit please contact us but if you have neighbors or constituents you can pass it along to them, that would be great as well. And, then our budget is flat with the exception of a one percent (1%) increase in the contractual services that's determined by the University and a three percent (3%) in Office Manager and Part Time Clerical Line Items.

Paul Rudolph: I'm seeing a big increase in the overtime pay category. Am I misinterpreting that?

Carla Kidwell: It's always flat at five hundred dollars ($500.00).

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, we (inaudible) department requests of twelve thousand seven thirty ($12,730.00). I'm thinking that was a typo, Krystal.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: I'm not sure, let me (inaudible).

Carla Kidwell: That would be nice.

Paul Rudolph: I mean, it looks like the exact same number as the Part Time Clerical.

Krystal Powless: That was put in because we discussed, oh that could be (inaudible).

Brad Overton: Oh, it is.

Paul Rudolph: It's the same number, so I'm guessing it's just a...

Krystal Powless: That is a typo.

Krystal Powless: It's a typo.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: That makes me feel better. So, I'm sorry. So, I was originally looking for you to say something about that and you didn't say anything. You mentioned a one percent (1%) raise is what's in here and then there was something else that you had changed.

Carla Kidwell: One percent (1%) for the Contractual Services and the three percent (3%) for the Office Manager and Part Time Clerical.

Paul Rudolph: Gotcha.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: And, what's paid out of Contractual Services?

Carla Kidwell: Contractual Services is actually an agreement between the Commissioners and the University, and that covers having three (3) extension educators here and then it covers access to five (5) economic community development educators but as far as salaries, the University divvies up to us however. They cover fringe benefits for professional development so the contractual services is really just a lump sum payment that the County pays Purdue, for the service. And, that's, that is how Indiana interprets the legislation set forth in the Federal Government in the early 1900's. So, that's just how it looks.

Brad Overton: (Inaudible). Do you see it Paul?

Paul Rudolph: Nope. I, I...

Carla Kidwell: Yeah, the Auditor shows it as three (3) and they've always done this and it pre-1980's but she, our Auditor puts it in as three (3), it looks like salary line items, for a 4-H educator, HHS, and an ANR, three (3) extension educators but in essence that's a contractual service agreement.

Paul Rudolph: So it's those top three (3) line items?

Carla Kidwell: Yeah, so like when we get the bill that the Auditor pays, it's just a lump sum.

Paul Rudolph: Which is why we, it's already all been paid. We have a zero ($0.00) balance this year.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah, it's paid once a year, so.

Greg Richmond: On your sheet, you did request the twelve seven thirty ($12,730.00) Overtime pay, so what should that be?

Carla Kidwell: Part time. Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: So, the five (5), the Overtime should be five hundred ($500.00), she said.

Carla Kidwell: The Overtime is five hundred ($500.00) and Part Time should be twelve seven thirty ($12,730.00). So, I'm sorry, I didn't catch that.

Brad Overton: You didn't catch that either.

Paul Rudolph: I don't have any other questions.

Gary Meyer: Anybody else?

Paul Rudolph: You're separating us from lunch, so...

Carla Kidwell: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: Oh, there's been a request that you provide your name.

Carla Kidwell: Carla Kidwell. Well, have a good lunch.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Brad Overton: Thanks.

Paul Rudolph: (Inaudible) your time.

Gary Meyer: Thank you very much.

Council broke for lunch.

Councilman Holweger is now present.

CORONER

Brad Overton: Are we ready?

Krystal Powless: I don't know, I'm, I'm recording and...

Gary Meyer: Okay, we're ready.

Charlie Christmas: Go.

Krystal Powless: And, just for the record, Al Holweger is here right now.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. Okay, we'll start the afternoon session. Mr. Holweger is here, by the way, since we took roll call without him. First one on the agenda is the Coroner.

Charlie Christmas: You in the dead business?

Sarah Seaton: Do what? No, let's make this lively.

Charlie Christmas: Don't say, don't do that.

Paul Rudolph: Did the Coroner just say let's make this lively?

Sarah Seaton: Well, yeah. He asked me if I had any dead business.

Gary Meyer: What did you use for a increase in salary? Anything?

Sarah Seaton: Nope.

Gary Meyer: Percentage wise. Okay.

Sarah Seaton: Nope.

Charlie Christmas: How many deputies do you have Sarah? I don't know.

Sarah Seaton: Ten (10).

Charlie Christmas: Ten (10).

Sarah Seaton: One (1) Chief, nine (9) regular.

Paul Rudolph: What do you pay out of General?

Sarah Seaton: Um, you know, just general stuff.

Gary Meyer: That's the best answer I've heard all day, general stuff.

Sarah Seaton: I don't know, stuff that, stuff that doesn't fit someplace else.

Paul Rudolph: (Inaudible) major stuff?

Sarah Seaton: No, no.

Brad Overton: (Inaudible).

Sarah Seaton: What'd you say?

Paul Rudolph: Not major stuff or...

Sarah Seaton: Or captain stuff, no, no, private.

Paul Rudolph: General stuff.

Sarah Seaton: General, well that's a little, that's a lower level than that.

Gary Meyer: What is Autopsies Related?

Sarah Seaton: Any fees that would go along with that. That's kind of another, kinda catchall. So, body bags, gloves, that kind of stuff.

Gary Meyer: Oh, okay.

Paul Rudolph: How come the big increase in Medical Supplies this year?

Sarah Seaton: Do what?

Paul Rudolph: How come there's a large increase in Medical Supplies this year?

Sarah Seaton: Because we went to a higher grade of the body bags. So, I kind of have that as spillover.

Paul Rudolph: I thought body bags were in Autopsies Related.

Sarah Seaton: They are and they could actually just go together. I mean, I've never really understood the difference in the lines but I didn't create 'em.

Paul Rudolph: So, combined, we're going from twelve fifty ($1,250.00) to thirty two fifty ($3,250.00).

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Sarah Seaton: I can tell you all about the upper grade in body bags if you want to know, Paul.

Paul Rudolph: Ehh.

Brad Overton: Probably, they're probably good.

Sarah Seaton: Okay.

Brad Overton: I bet they don't have an inside zipper, do they?

Sarah Seaton: No inside zipper, nope, no escape hatch.

Brad Overton: Yeah, bet that wasn't a new feature.

Paul Rudolph: I'm sure the bodies appreciate it.

Sarah Seaton: Those that have to lift them do. They have nice handles and...

Charlie Christmas: You mean you don't lift 'em and carry 'em?

Sarah Seaton: In the bag, without handles. That's tough.

Gary Meyer: That forty thousand ($40,000.00) for Autopsies?

Sarah Seaton: Yes.

Gary Meyer: And we have twenty six thousand ($26,000.00) left this year?

Sarah Seaton: Yes. We can probably cut that back if you want.

Gary Meyer: You think, you think so?

Charlie Christmas: That means you'll probably run over next month.

Sarah Seaton: Hum?

Charlie Christmas: You'll probably end up going over next month.

Sarah Seaton: Yeah, I just, you know, you just never know and with homicides, it costs about double what a regular one is, so. And, we're still waiting for Deaconess Gateway to tell us that they're trauma center. That's why we went up considerably from last year, because there was the anticipation they would be a trauma center. Right now...

Gary Meyer: Oh, they are gonna be?

Sarah Seaton: That's what they keep telling me.

Gary Meyer: Oh really?

Sarah Seaton: So, we're just not exactly sure when that's gonna happen.

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Sarah Seaton: So, you know, obviously anything unspent just goes back, you know, I don't spend down at the end of the year to try to get rid of stuff, so.

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Paul Rudolph: So, do you think thirty ($30,000.00) would be okay for a, Autopsies?

Sarah Seaton: Yeah, I think that's fine. Um, wait, where are we now?

Brad Overton: Twenty six four ($26,400.00).

Gary Meyer: Autopsies.

Paul Rudolph: 4182.

Brad Overton: You're at twenty six four ($26,400.00) now.

Paul Rudolph: No, she's at ten ($10,000.00), ten ($10,000.00) now, she's got twenty six ($26,400.00) left.

Sarah Seaton: That I've used? Oh yeah, thirty's ($30,000.00) fine then.

Brad Overton: Oh, okay, sorry.

Sarah Seaton: I'll just ask you for more (inaudible) just kidding.

Paul Rudolph: We want you to come before us more often. And, and not related to the budget, so, believe I heard in the paper that you have the one employee that's sort of been controversial with the Vanderburgh County aud...Coroner?

Sarah Seaton: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: Is that resolved? Is he still like not allowed there or is that...?

Sarah Seaton: He's, he's not. And, I've kinda stayed out of it because now he's actually running for the office in Vanderburgh County.

Paul Rudolph: Right.

Sarah Seaton: But, the, the Vanderburgh County Attorney has said really that they have no basis to keep him out if it's imped...impeding on his job for our County but I just haven't, I just haven't shaken things up enough to go demand that they let him in.

Paul Rudolph: So, but things are okay now?

Sarah Seaton: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: There's, there's no concerns?

Sarah Seaton: No.

Gary Meyer: Uh huh.

Paul Rudolph: I've been wanting to ask about that since I saw the article in the paper and just haven't had the opportunity.

Gary Meyer: Is this one of your deputies that has the problem?

Sarah Seaton: Um huh. He worked for them. He was a full time deputy for them, part time for us and it was just a clash of egos.

Gary Meyer: Um huh.

Sarah Seaton: So, he resigned, or he was fired, or he resigned, that kind of thing.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Sarah Seaton: So.

Paul Rudolph: And, now he's running for the position, so, now he's really unwanted.

Sarah Seaton: Exactly.

Gary Meyer: Really unwanted now, yeah. Is Contractual Services include physicians that send us a fee or (inaudible)?

Sarah Seaton: No, the only thing that comes out of there, I have two (2) things, cell phones and then the transfer of electronic records to disc. I have a gentleman that does that. I know that sounds backwards probably but...

Paul Rudolph: You reimburse cell phones? Or, just for a couple of them or...?

Sarah Seaton: No, we have...

Paul Rudolph: We have our own.

Sarah Seaton: We have our own that the Coroner, that the deputies, carry.

Paul Rudolph: Would if, and I don't know how much we pay, but would it be cheaper if we just reimbursed a set amount for their own cell phones?

Sarah Seaton: Maybe, actually we just drastically reduced our, the money that we spend monthly. We looked over how many phones were not used at all in like the last six (6) months because most people prefer just to use one phone and that's their own phone.

Paul Rudolph: Sure.

Sarah Seaton: So, then I gave them the option of keeping the coroner phone and we'd continue to pay for it or we could work out something for reimbursement and those that chose to give up their coroner phone didn't find it necessary to ask for reimbursement.

David Hachmeister: And you run into the legality of a pers...anything on a personal phone.

Sarah Seaton: Right.

Paul Rudolph: So, where are those savings in the new budget?

Sarah Seaton: For Contractual, Contractual?

Paul Rudolph: It's under Contractual.

Sarah Seaton: Actually the, what's reflected there is what we'll actually spend. The last two (2) years I've had to transfer funds down there to cover cell phones.

Al Holweger: You've got a lot left in your Morgue Fee, don't you?

Al Holweger: (Inaudible).

Sarah Seaton: That's because they bill us like twice a year.

Al Holweger: Oh, okay.

Sarah Seaton: It, for six (6) months, everybody that, everybody that we have down there is a hundred dollars ($100.00). So, it just depends on how much we've used it in six (6) months. But, they only bill us like twice.

Gary Meyer: What if they have to hold a body? They, do they do more than just twice a year?

Sarah Seaton: It's a hundred bucks ($100.00) for a day, three (3) days, it's not like the Holiday Inn.

Gary Meyer: Oh really?

Sarah Seaton: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: (Inaudible).

Brad Overton: Might want to check into that.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. I'm thinking about it.

Brad Overton: I mean if it's a flat fee.

Gary Meyer: Flat fee, hundred dollars ($100.00) is not bad. Looks like we might get a room.

Brad Overton: We might need the inside zipper.

Charlie Christmas: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: It's not funny, Sheriff.

Sarah Seaton: Yeah, they don't, they don't like that though, cause they get stuck with smaller counties that people don't want to pick up bodies.

Gary Meyer: Oh, I'm sure.

Sarah Seaton: So, the bodies stay there for months at a time.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Sarah Seaton: And they get a hundred dollars ($100.00) for it.

Gary Meyer: I'm surprised they haven't changed that.

Sarah Seaton: I, I'm surprised as well. But, I'm not gonna recommend it.

Gary Meyer: That's right, right. Did we have one a couple of years ago that they, was held for six (6) months or something? It was a foreign deal.

Sarah Seaton: We had one that was there for a couple of months because he, he was from Sweden.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, okay, that's what it was.

Sarah Seaton: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Sarah Seaton: And it was just (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: And nobody picked him up, or something or…?

Sarah Seaton: Yeah it was how to get him overseas, how to get him back over there. The family didn't have the money and so they finally just decided it would be cheaper for them to come here and bury him here than to try to get him back, back over there.

Brad Overton: Hum. So, I, that's gotta smell terrible.

Sarah Seaton: Well, they're in a deep freeze. We move them from a cooler to a deep freeze.

Paul Rudolph: So, it's cause they're in a deep freeze, there's no decay or anything like that.

Sarah Seaton: Right.

Paul Rudolph: I always wondered that.

Gary Meyer: Disney's being held like that, you know. Walt Disney, Walt Disney is.

Paul Rudolph: Walt Disney?

Sarah Seaton: Oh, Cryo Freeze.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Brad Overton: And then he needed some additional, he needed some additional office equipment.

Sarah Seaton: There was Ted Williams' head, right?

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: Oh, is that right? I didn't know that. Well, there you go. There's hope for you (inaudible).

Al Holweger: Basic, basically, we're, when we take your Autopsies from forty ($40,000.00) to thirty ($30,000.00) and that's...

Gary Meyer: Is that Autopsies?

Several speaking at once: (Inaudible).

Al Holweger: About all we're gonna, that's ten thousand ($10,000.00). So, I don't see anything any else we, I think that's...

Gary Meyer: Looks good.

Al Holweger: Looks good to us.

Sarah Seaton: Okay, cool.

Al Holweger: Or to me anyway, I better not answer for everybody.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Sarah Seaton: Thanks.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Al Holweger: Thank you.

Paul Rudolph: Are you done?

Gary Meyer: (Inaudible) here we go.

Al Holweger: It was actually longer than the...

AREA PLAN

Gary Meyer: Area Plan.

Brad Overton: You're up, batter up.

Gary Meyer: Okay, what is this number?

Brad Overton: 34 of 65.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Brad Overton: 34.

Gary Meyer: I would have gotten there.

Brad Overton: You asked, I'm just answering.

Charlie Christmas: Oh, thank you Brad, I appreciate that.

Brad Overton: You're welcome, Charlie. Some people aren't so grate...ungrateful.

Gary Meyer: Good evening.

Sherri Rector: Hello. I think we're 115.

Brad Overton: Well, they're trying to get a page number. I've got it here.

Sherri Rector: Aww.

Brad Overton: I have to help 'em out a little bit. It's okay.

Gary Meyer: We appreciate it too.

Paul Rudolph: So, it looks like everything's flat, no excitement whatsoever with the exception of (inaudible) trying to add a Planner III.

Sherri Rector: I, well, what I'm asking for is you gave me, you, you allowed me to keep a part time position instead of the Planner III a few years ago with, when you did the cuts