Thirteen ($13.00) during the week.

Paul Rudolph: And next year you'll be charging an Innkeeper's Tax on those, right? Is that the way I understand that?

Ben Labhart: Not the campsites. The cabins.

Paul Rudolph: The cabins, yeah, that's what...

Gary Meyer: Any other questions?

Charlie Christmas: Still got your petting zoo?

Ben Labhart: Yep. Yep. Got a couple new donkeys this year. Going to be, still there.

Charlie Christmas: It's good for the kids.

Ben Labhart: Yeah, they like it.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Thank you, Ben.

Ben Labhart: Thank you.

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Gary Meyer: You're on, Rog.

Roger Emmons: Alright, Mr. President. Councilmen, Krystal, good afternoon.

Charlie Christmas: Smile, we've got you on (inaudible).

Roger Emmons: Yeah, I'd just start off saying that, like with a lot of offices, departments, we turned in a three (3) percent salary increase request. I don't know if Commissioner Saylor would like to address the Council at this time regarding some ideas he had. But I defer to him.

Dan Saylor: Thank you, Roger. I just kind of wanted to address and this is not an easy conversation for me to have because I feel like I'm asking for something for myself. Because I might benefit from it. But I would like you guys to consider a pay increase for the Commissioners. Our President by local Ordinances is considered a full time employee and works full time hours. Our current one (1) especially. I don't know how many hours he works in a week, Marlin, on an average, what? Forty (40), fifty (50)?

Marlin Weisheit: Every day. We're always working whether we're here or not it seems like.

Dan Saylor: Any time I call him, whether it's 8:00 (PM) at night or 7:00 (AM) in the morning, he always answers his phone. Even while on vacation. I know I was on the phone here Tuesday night 'til about 8:00 (PM) or 9:00 (PM), texting, talking with our County Attorney. And this County is involved in a lot with the Victoria Project, different Economic Development things that are going on in this County. I think you need to have involved and engaged Commissioners. And if, you know you can look by population or which is not necessarily the best yardstick to look at, but if you look at where we are in our position as growth in the State. And what the Commissioners are involved in. And even the Council what you guys are involved in. You know there's a lot going on in this County. A lot. The day to day operations of this is, I tell you what, my eyes were opened shortly after I got involved. And, and you guys can elect to have engaged Commissioners or you can elect to have Commissioner that are not engaged. They're not in the office and not out in the field. And, and looking at the road. I've already been out in the fields this morning and looked at three (3) different problems or projects that are going on. Giving my suggestions, you know, looking at costs and that kind of thing. So it, it, it takes some time. But I'm just you know, to, if, if I were, if, looking at it from maybe you guys' perspective, you know, I would like see you guys consider an increase for our, our President and Vice President. You know we were thinking that you know we, number one (1), we were looking at a five thousand dollar ($5,000.00) increase per Commissioner. That would be fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00). Increase our President instead of a thousand dollars ($1,000.00) stipend to a five thousand dollar ($5,000.00) stipend. That would put the President at thirty-five two-ninety ($35,290.00). And then the Vice President at twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) stipend and that would put them at a thirty (30), thirty-two seven ninety ($32,790.00). But I, you know, and I think, I think down the road what that could get this County, cause I'm not a long termer here. I can assure you of that. And, so, I guess it would benefit me in the short term but I think it could create an opportunity to, to maybe get very qualified, more qualified people that has some vast experiences and knowledge as a Commissioner in here in the future. So anyway, that's, that's kind of my, my pitch.

Charlie Christmas: I did hear you talking about the Council, I thought, man, I thought you were talking about the Commissioners.

Marlin Weisheit: He mentioned the Council.

Charlie Christmas: I's just flapping at you, Danny. You know that.

Dan Saylor: But I also am honored to be engaged and involved in some of these projects. And trying to get Victoria here or the development to continue on. Cause right here just recently, it was stalled. And so, myself and the other Commissioners created an opportunity to bring the parties together and sit down with them and get them talking again. Cause they were not talking and the project was dying. So it's got some new legs, new life, and so we're working on some things trying to work through some things through that with Economic Development and the parties involved.

Charlie Christmas: And I understand what you're saying about trying to get other people involved. You know I'm on the EMA Board. And we help (inaudible) some problems you will probably help. But a lot of people don't even know what our Board does and how much we're really involved. We have an emergency in this County, tornado come through...

Dan Saylor: Sure.

Charlie Christmas: Something like that, buddy let me tell you they're more than involved. They're right in the middle of it.

Dan Saylor: Sure.

Charlie Christmas: They're up to their necks in alligators and thought their idea was just the greatest one (1) in the water and it isn't. So we're all getting involved.

Dan Saylor: Absolutely. I don't disagree. I just think, you know when you look at other Counties and, and what Commissioners are compensated and again, it's Counties that are not on a growth, on an upward growth as Warrick County is. We've got, we've got some challenges in front of us. We've got areas that need to, need to grow and need some help. You know the northern part of our County, the eastern part of our County, you know, and that, that's where you've got to get creative. You've gotta, you've gotta start asking people to get engaged/involved and trying to create those opportunity in different parts of the County. So we're all, cause we're only as good as our weakest link. You know whether it's Tennyson that's not doing well, you know, that's going to bring the whole County down. If all our areas are prospering, that's what it takes to, to have a very strong and prosperous County. Which benefits everybody.

Charlie Christmas: I've heard people say, we'll you've got the easiest job in the County. You only meet one (1) day a month. I say, I've got new for you, you ought to see the other twenty-nine (29) days that I have to go out and do this and do that and check on this. It's a full time job (inaudible).
Paul Rudolph: Just one (1) last question. Well I've got a couple questions. I'll try to brief. The, you weren't in front of the Personnel Committee at the request to increase the salary of the Commissioner, no?

Krystal Powless: Well, you were going to discuss that under your allotted time because you were going to be...

Dan Saylor: Yes.

Krystal Powless: (inaudible) Friedman Park.

Dan Saylor: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: Okay. And then a couple of other items. I see that Legal Services is going up pretty significantly.

Dan Saylor: Um hum.

Paul Rudolph: From twenty-two ($22,000.00), I mean thirty-two ($32,000.00) from our amended budget to sixty-three ($63,000.00)?

Dan Saylor: Um hum.

Paul Rudolph: Is the Department request? What's the story there?

Dan Saylor: Well, I, I, and Roger can probably answer probably better than me, cause he's had a couple more years' experience than I have. But I do know our legal Council is involved and engaged in a lot of these things and we've had what, two (2) condemnations or three (3)?

Roger Emmons: Yeah, I mean, it's basically because we're such a litigious society that, of course it's claims driven on the Legal Services. That sixty-three thousand ($63,000.00) was calculated by establishing a monthly rate and average monthly cost from Fine and Hatfield. Plus one (1) from Morrie Doll and Associates. And Morrie's handling the Kramer Foods issue, case. That may drag on for another year or two (2). So I, I combined those extrapolated amount for a full year and that's the amount I came up with.

Paul Rudolph: Okay, so the egg lawsuit and what was the other one (1)?

Roger Emmons: Well, he, he works, Todd does on condemnations...

Paul Rudolph: Condemnations, that's right.

Roger Emmons: Suits where it take you know on these Federal Aid Road Projects. We have one (1) of them that was Warrick County School Corporation. And we're satisfied with the Fair Market Value we offered them. So.

Marlin Weisheit: And then one (1) was a business owner right on Oak Grove Road that's probably been our biggest...

Roger Emmons: Yes.

Marlin Weisheit: We've spent a lot of time one down there right there at Oak Grove and she's sixty-one (61). Todd's had to spend a lot of time with her.

Gary Meyer: So this is over and above...

Marlin Weisheit: (Inaudible) Federal Funded...

Roger Emmons: Well it's at Lincoln.

Marlin Weisheit: I'm sorry, Lincoln and 261. Yeah. So there's been a lot of meetings, I've had to set in on meetings before.

Gary Meyer: So this over and above his retaining fee?

Roger Emmons: Yeah, his retainer is for four thousand ($4,000.00) a month and...

Gary Meyer: And that's just for the meetings?

Roger Emmons: Well that's for a lot of other things besides any of the two (2) minutes...meetings.

Gary Meyer: What is it?

Marlin Weisheit: It's a lengthy contract that covers that. But a lot of things like lawsuits, they're not covered under his retainer. And that's where the added expense is come.

Paul Rudolph: But could be Resolutions, stuff like that. Not saying that that four thousand ($4,000.00) is the right number.

Dan Saylor: Gary, just like this Victoria, all this Victoria stuff, that's above and beyond the retainer. But it's just outside the scope of, he may only deal with that one (1) time. This is a very, very good project. It reflects the time negotiating with Boonville and sewer agreements and now there's even more. Since it was dead there's some opportunities that are coming up. He's researching right now while he's on vacation.

Marlin Weisheit: And we did meet with him here last month telling him we've got to keep our legal fees at the least minimum. All three (3) of us have had individual meetings with him and telling him we're concerned about our legal fees. And he should adjust back in some ways.

Gary Meyer: I would think he should be.

Marlin Weisheit: And we should be. And we have addressed that. We do want to live within our budgets Mr. President. And in all fairness, his contract, his hourly rate, it's reduced. I think it's a hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) for the lawyer and then so much for paralegal.

Roger Emmons: Paralegal, right.

Marlin Weisheit: And associates.

Roger Emmons: It's all written up.

Marlin Weisheit: It's all under his contract what the fees are. So...

Roger Emmons: An engagement agreement.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: The other thing I wanted to ask about is the cell phone pager. We're looking to go up from nine thousand ($9,000.00) to twelve thousand ($12,000.00) this year? Obviously that's a thirty-three (33) percent increase.

Gary Meyer: Commissioners?

Paul Rudolph: Page thirty-eight (38).

Roger Emmons: That was again...?

Paul Rudolph: Commissioners 4324.00.

Roger Emmons: Let me get in here. That was based on the budgetary status report. And looking at what we spent in past years for a realistic amount to ask for. Well what's been happening is fortunately for things in the forty-three hundreds (4300.00) or whichever category line item, we've been lucky by you approving an amount for example with your liability insurance. I calculated a five percent (5%) increase for next year. Naturally we would hope it's not going to be that much. If it's three percent (3%) or less than five (5%) that creates a little extra money. What we've been doing in Legal Services and even in the cell phones and some of these other line items in the Commissioner's budget. We've been able to inline transfer to cover those. And that's what's happened in the past when you know, cause typically you've been approving ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for Legal Services. So throughout the year we've been able to make those inline transfers and at the end of the year, the reason it's an amended budget is because we've been able to, we've got to appoint were we've inline transferred to the point where there is an amount left at the end so we can encumber for next year. So that's where the amended budget come in from.

Paul Rudolph: So how many cell phones are we paying for out of the Commissioners budget I guess is my question?

Krystal Powless: Wow.

Charlie Christmas: A bunch.

Krystal Powless: A lot.

Roger Emmons: Hundred and forty (140)? I'm not sure. It's a bunch.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Roger Emmons: Yeah, I can go ask her.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Marlin Weisheit: At one (1) time it was a hundred and six (106). But that's been a while ago. I know that all of them come through this office right here.

Roger Emmons: Yeah.

Marlin Weisheit: Sheriff's Department and then the [illegible] a lot of that too. The [illegible]

twenty-five dollars ($25.00) a month for the air card that operates those computers. I know the Sheriff's Office cut back on a few cell phones. I think maybe just the sergeants have them now. Not even for sure. But...

Gary Meyer: What's that line item?

Marlin Weisheit: I know Debi spends a day going through cell phone bills when they come in and working them out to different departments.

Greg Richmond: 116-4324.00.

Brad Overton: 4324.00. There it is.

Roger Emmons: We, you know last year we spent over ten thousand five hundred ($10,500.00) and so I asked for the three thousand dollar increase ($3,000.00). Here we are at the middle of the year and we spent...

Charlie Christmas: Fifty-nine eighty-five ($5,985.00).

Roger Emmons: Yeah, so, anyway if you leave it at the nine thousand ($9,000.00), we'll deal with it.

Paul Rudolph: No, I'm just trying to understand where we're spending money at. So it's a hundred (100) different literally...

Roger Emmons: At least.

Paul Rudolph: Find out exactly how many cell phones.

Roger Emmons: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: I think that would be a good piece of information to have to just understand what we're reimbursing but that was the only question I have. And then I have one (1) last thing and it's actually for Mr. Saylor. (Inaudible) so this is your first budget. (Inaudible) show you. This if from (inaudible) last year.

Dan Saylor: Um hum.

Paul Rudolph: Talked about cutting costs, balancing budgets, cutting wasteful spending. Mr. Saylor, nice picture by the way.

Dan Saylor: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: But um...

Dan Saylor: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Less spending. I'm looking for (inaudible) requesting (inaudible).

Dan Saylor: Now I've been on my job six (6) months. Okay, six (6) months. So, so number one (1), it probably takes you, what I've been told, it takes four (4) years to learn this process and the next four (4) years you make effective change.

Paul Rudolph: Well, you're a short termer. That means we're not going to have that four (4) years of growth.

Dan Saylor: You're probably right. But, and I'll be real honest with you, Paul. I have not delve into the number, you know, the budget numbers. I'm trying to make Solid Waste more profitable and put some smart business practices in there. Because I can tell you what happened the last four (4) years have not been smart business practices.

Paul Rudolph: Sure.

Dan Saylor: I can see that everywhere in this Government. But I can't make effective change in six (6) months. But I can assure you that I will be a different person next year and being able to call people out a little bit more. Cause when you're not worried about being re-elected, you operate in a different fashion.

Paul Rudolph: I can appreciate that. I'm giving you a hard time. Hopefully tongue and cheek so you appreciate that I'm doing that. I'm not meaning anything in particular. But I would like to see any improvements you can recommend. I'd like, I'd like to see those.

Dan Saylor: Absolutely. And you know, you, and, and I understand where you're getting at. So you know, I, you know, and that's where I feel a little bit weird about coming up here and asking for a raise. You know if I'm sitting here busting my tail, I think that five thousand ($5,000.00) is going to be well spent money. You know because I tell you what, I, I've, I won't even go there. But you know, what, what I used to make is a whole lot different than what I make now. And I knew coming in to what this position gets paid. But I can show you where I set every national record for efficiency, cost effective operation of territory, profitability in my company for thirty (30) years. And there's a lot, there's a lot of efficiencies, a lot of processes that could be changed and improved in County Government. Some I can't change. This is the most cumbersome, inefficient, processes that I've ever seen in my life. I'm not pointing at any one (1) person. But this is crazy. Why are our taxes on a national level so high? It's because there's so much money wasted it's not even funny. So to identify those areas, which Bob and I have talked about some, and but to make those changes, you know, it's, it's going to take you know a year to get into it and that kind of thing.

Paul Rudolph: I'm with you entirely. And I was expecting that answer and that's an absolutely fine answer. Like I said, you've only been on roll six (6) months. But I wanted to let you know I was holding on to this because I was going to ask you the same question next year. So I wanted to give you at least a year's worth of notice on that.

Gary Meyer: That issue is going to be a Personnel issue. (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: What issue?

Gary Meyer: The raise he's talking about.

Paul Rudolph: I'm not talking about this raise. I haven't asked questions about the raise. I'm just talking about the four million dollar ($4,000,000.00) Commissioner budget. The five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) to me is a Personnel Committee question.

Gary Meyer: That's what I was thinking.

Paul Rudolph: That doesn't...

Gary Meyer: That's what I thought you were talking about.

Paul Rudolph: Just (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Greg Richmond: I'd like to talk insurance. We held a meeting at the School Corporation the other day. And I'm wondering, has anything progressed on what we can do about this increase of a half a million dollars ($500,000.00) just in the Commissioner's budget. It's going to be more in others too.

Roger Emmons: Well, you know, we met with the School Corporation to talk about establishing a clinic or partnering with them on their clinics. They have two (2) now. But I haven't heard back from Brad or Todd Armstrong since that meeting. Nor have I heard back from Dave Waltz. So again just like legal services, health insurance is claims driven. You have good years; you have bad years. We're obviously in a really bad time right now with our claims. And it's not necessarily over the total population of our participants. There's some bullet points, high dollar amounts for specific individuals. So but that is what we have to deal with.

Greg Richmond: Well this amount eats up every bit of the money the State has allowed us to increase our levy. Total Zero (0). We've got raises to think about. We've got people wanting more positions. That's a major, heavy problem there to deal with.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, I do think it's encouraging you know maybe being able to partner with the School Corporation on their clinics and stuff. I mean that could be a very, after some studies are done, works out for them and works out for us to be a cost savings. Let's hope it does. Cause I know we have a problem. We have to work on it.

Charlie Christmas: They'll have to work on the clinic for the School Corporation because my wife Sara is in that clinic since day one (1) it opened up and dropped out of it. Because...

Marlin Weisheit: The majority of their employees like, I have a daughter that goes to it and she loves it. The majority of the employees do like it.

Charlie Christmas: Have you gotten any prescriptions?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: Have you ever looked at the prescription labels?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Charlie Christmas: They're from 'ole Mexico.

Krystal Powless: Mine aren't.

Charlie Christmas: I've seen some come in and was originally manufactured in Mexico and they put a label on top of label and that I don't care for.

Marlin Weisheit: And the School Corporation shared with us, there's a hundred percent (100%), there's not a hundred percent (100%), it's an option that they have. And usually, I think right now they have seventy-five to eighty percent (75-80%) participating and seem to like it.

Greg Richmond: (Inaudible).

Marlin Weisheit: They really do. So it's a real high percentage. There is a faction of them that just want to keep it the way it is. That's just an option. But it is saving the School Corporation money at this time (inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: Oh, yeah, it did. It's saving money...

Marlin Weisheit: They've opened two (2) clinics and if we can partner with them they can open more hours.

Charlie Christmas: (inaudible).

Greg Richmond: I was just asking to, to talk to Mr. Waltz about, you know we may have to look about increasing deductibles or employee input. It's a terrible thing to ask for but when you've got a half a million dollars ($500,000.00) that the State gives you to work with and half a million dollars insurance. Then everything else is zeroed out. And nothing can happen period.

Marlin Weisheit: And you know, Greg, when you guys fix the budget, we'll have to live with it. Or if we have to raise deductibles and charge employees. We've got to live within our budget. We know that

Krystal Powless: Okay, you say that but when we go ahead and spend it and the funds in the red at the end of the year and the Auditor gets written up for that.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: So, you know, I hate to not budget what we're spending for that to happen.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: I (inaudible) last year I was one (1) of the patients that they could have had in insurance. When I broke that foot, did you ever hear of breaking an ankle that cost over a quarter of a million dollars ($250,000.00)? You're looking at one (1), that's what this insurance paid for me.

Greg Richmond: For the sake of time, it'd be nice to have like a Commissioner, two (2) Councilmen, meet with Dave Waltz. Let's go over all kinds of options.

Charlie Christmas: There you go.

Greg Richmond: Throw some scenarios out there.

Marlin Weisheit: I'd be all in favor of doing that.

Greg Richmond: Get something. Cause by the end of this month of August. And we start, really the nitty gritty of cutting and putting together, we need to have some kind of an idea as to where we're going. (Inaudible) a road map.

Marlin Weisheit: Sounds like a plan to me.

Greg Richmond: It's going to be painful no matter what. But if you look at the whole Country, there's nobody that's coasting through this right now. And look at the turmoil going on in DC right now.

Charlie Christmas: Oh, Lord.

Greg Richmond: Nobody knows where anybody's going to be next year.

Charlie Christmas: Next month. We have no idea. That's why I said, you know, I can't complain about the insurance. But I, I realize that what I'm paying in, they paid out a lot more than I paid up. That would have bankrupt me.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, it's kind of costing the County too in a sense. Cause...

Charlie Christmas: It's cost the County a lot of money.

Marlin Weisheit: Years ago if we would have raised the deductible on just a couple employees, you know, but we didn't want to do that. We didn't want to do that. That was one (1) of the things the insurance company was telling us. You have a couple of claims that just eating you alive. Eating us alive. So, but it happens when you've got close to, what? Three hundred (300) employees on that? But I do think that's a great idea to have a meeting. And, Greg, I hope you set on it. I hope Dan sets on the Commissioners, Roger, and Dave and pick another Councilman. And you need to meet in the near future.

Greg Richmond: Gary, would you like to...?

Marlin Weisheit: I only have one (1) year left. I'd rather see someone else jump on there.

Greg Richmond: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: You, Greg, (inaudible).

Greg Richmond: The three (3) of us then, Gary, myself...

Marlin Weisheit: Would you be willing to set on that insurance committee?

Charlie Christmas: I just needed something...

Marlin Weisheit: I like working with Dan. He's got a good business mind. He really has. He's been a pleasure to work with.

Charlie Christmas: That's what we need.

Marlin Weisheit: That's right.

Charlie Christmas: That's what you need.

Roger Emmons: So, then, Krystal, you and Gary?

Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Roger Emmons: Okay. I'll work on that.

COURTHOUSE

Gary Meyer: Okay, we'll go to Courthouse.

Roger Emmons: Gotcha. Let's see. One (1) of the things we've put in next year's budget request in nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00) for under the Equipment Line Item to purchase a new mower. The one (1) we have now is getting

some age on it. It's at least twelve (12) years old. And if we get the new one. We'd like to keep the old one (1) as a backup mainly for the rough work we have to do. For example, it's worked out better to use our maintenance man to mow the median down on Epworth Road. Now, Marlin doesn't necessarily agree with that. And I understand because it's a Highway Department responsibility.

Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Roger Emmons: But they don't have anything, you understand, that fits in there safely.

Marlin Weisheit: Safely, so they've been mowing it the last couple of years, our maintenance guys. Plus they picked up our EMT Stations: Lynnville, Boonville, and Chandler. And then down there on Oak Grove, we picked up a few properties you know that we've owned that we have to maintain and mow. So we wear a lawnmower out. And I think it's got twelve (12) years on this. And this spring we tried to figure a way out to buy one (1). We just didn't have the money. So we thought we'd put it in this year's budget and try to push it through.

Roger Emmons: And we got some estimates and I bumped it up to nine thousand ($9,000.00). They were in the high seven ($7,000.00), middle eight ($8,000.00). So who knows what they would be next year. Hopefully they'd be less than nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00). That's a lot of money. But you know the Scag has been a good one (1). Of course we would shop around to see what other kind of deals we could get.

Marlin Weisheit: We did get some quotes when we come up with that this spring. We got a couple estimates but we just didn't feel we could spend the money this spring without stretching our budget.

David Hachmeister: What about contracting it out? You know by the time you buy another mower and haul it there.

Marlin Weisheit: You spend nine hundred bucks ($900.00) in a year, Dave. I think you'll spend that much in a year.

David Hachmeister: Nah...

Marlin Weisheit: You've got...

David Hachmeister: Look at the amount of time you've got maintenance guys gone from here to mow it.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah. And here lately, Mike's been doing ninety percent (90%) of the mowing. I mean he just goes and mows. Brad works on other stuff, cause he is the grounds keeper. So we've kind of split them up a little bit and having them go different directions trying to be more efficient. And...

Gary Meyer: I have a question about the Courthouse Renovation.

Marlin Weisheit: Um hum?

Gary Meyer: It seems like that's slowed down.

Marlin Weisheit: Well we're getting ready to put out, we're working...

Gary Meyer: (Inaudible) in March, now we're gonna float this Bond next year which is an election year.

Roger Emmons: I understand.

Gary Meyer: And that's not going to be a pleasant thing. I was wondering why it slowed down.

Roger Emmons: Well, we have, the selection, the Renovation Committee determined that we will use the QVS method which is a quality based method that's the top rated method to procure a professional firm, consultant. Whether it be an engineer or architect. We have to go through a process now of getting the selection committee which can be a combination of the Commissioners or the Courthouse Renovation Committee or a combination of those. Not everybody on the Renovation Committee may want to serve on that because it's going to take a day to interview the five firms that the Commissioners selected at their meeting this last Monday the 24th. So we've got to send those out. Joe's working on the RFQ, which is a request for qualifications, not quotes. And from there the interviews will be graded. We'll do reference checks prior to the interviews, make sure we have that information for all the Selection committee Members. It does, it takes some time to put this together and we're finalizing the work elements of the Courthouse. And it's gonna include, you know we want to throw in there the fact that we have an amount from Hafer which did the Historic Jail Planning Grant. Where they gave us an estimate to stabilization and the, basically the construction end was seven hundred and eighty-three thousand ($783,000.00). Something like that. So we'd like the Council to consider that in your funding, whatever instrument you're going to use. I don't know how you're going to come up with it. And we hope to get the firm selected so as a professional firm they can give us some accurate estimates on all these work elements to get to the Council. You know if it, if it post, if you want to postpone it to a non-election year, I fully understand it.

Gary Meyer: Well, no. That's not my point. My point was that it seems like we've been talking about this for a year. At least.

Roger Emmons: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: Cause I think you took me around the Courthouse and showed me the problems about a year ago.

Marlin Weisheit: Longer than a year. Yeah.

Gary Meyer: And we're not any closer, except we have some firms we can talk to now. And this is a year later. It just seems like, I know County Government moves slowly but...

Roger Emmons: I disagree. I think we're a lot closer.

Gary Meyer: Well, you may be right. I hope you're right.

Roger Emmons: Yeah, so we, those are almost ready, the RFQ's. Joe's preparing those. We'll get those finalized and mailed out. We've got a little bit of work to do in the RFQ language as to how long we're going to give them. We're not going to give them much time to prepare for this. I think some of the information I have just says about a week or two (2). But that's, that's the next step.

Gary Meyer: The only thing I was hoping was since we finished that bond off on the Judicial Center, we could float this one (1) and it really wouldn't affect the tax rate that much.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: However we're not going to be able to do that.

Greg Richmond: Now the taxes are going to go down and then (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Then we're going to zap them back up. And that's the problem I have with it.

Roger Emmons: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: They're going to go down one (1) year and boom, right back up the next year because of this. I was hoping we wouldn't have that happen.

Marlin Weisheit: I guess you could go ahead and pull the six million dollar ($6,000,000.00) bond and we'll try to get it done for that. Cause it will take that. I mean we're talking...
Gary Meyer: But we're not even to that point yet, Marlin.

Marlin Weisheit: You can be though real quick.

Gary Meyer: What's real quick? What's real quick?

Marlin Weisheit: What's this, July?

Gary Meyer: Two (2) months?

Marlin Weisheit: Two (2) months, I mean if we select a firm and give them sixty (60) days, we can put that in the RFQ.

Gary Meyer: That's moved a lot faster than it has in the last year. I'll say that.

Marlin Weisheit: Yes, and I'll, I've made every one (1) of those Committee Meetings, Gary. Greg probably went to every one of those committee meetings. And we've had several members. And, Dave, last time Greg called you and seen where you was at, you didn't even know what we was talking about that day. I mean it takes everybody participation. If you're going to serve on one (1) of these committees, show up and do your part.

Roger Emmons: Well, and in Dave's defense. I dropped the ball on that. We had a miscommunication.

Marlin Weisheit: Okay, well...

David Hachmeister: No, I came to the meeting. Called Roger and nobody else was coming so they postponed it to the next week.

Marlin Weisheit: Oh, okay. And then you weren't notified? I know Greg called and you acted like you didn't even know what it was. And I thought...and here I'm trying to get people together to make these decisions. So, I'm here every day beating my head against a wall. Wondering where everybody's at some days. So, maybe I was the one (1) who dropped the ball. I don't know. We've scheduled meetings and we've had some good meetings. You know we've talked about what needs to be done. (Inaudible).

Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) he didn't know.

Roger Emmons: One (1), one (1) of the work elements we want to do is to replace the water source, heat pumps in the Judicial Center. And right now we've got fourteen (14) of those units that need to be replaced ASAP.

Marlin Weisheit: Out of about eighty (80) units, aren't they?

Roger Emmons: Well there's fourteen (14).

Marlin Weisheit: I mean total units though.

Roger Emmons: Oh, total units are seventy-four (74).

Marlin Weisheit: Okay.

Roger Emmons: And, so I have the figures from Harshaw Trane as to the cost for single stage and dual stage. And they recommend, when they're available, to get your dual stage. Because they're more efficient and in the long run they'd be less costly. So I'm looking at for these fourteen (14) and these were put together by Brad helping Harshaw Trane put the list together. But looking at forty-nine thousand six hundred and thirteen ($49,613.00). My question to you is, do you, would you want me to come for an additional yet this year out of Cum Cap? Or put this in the 2018 Budget request?

Gary Meyer: Does it matter?

Roger Emmons: Whichever you tell us.

Gary Meyer: Does it make a difference?

Krystal Powless: The only thing I can think of you might want to add to this, is there anything going to be left from the

Courthouse Renovations Line Item that you could use in that line item that's already there?

Greg Richmond: The hundred and fifty thousand ($150,000.00).

Krystal Powless: For the sidewalks, since we're not paying…?

Roger Emmons: You mean in the sidewalk project?

Krystal Powless: They were talking about that earlier. That's why I was bringing it up.

Roger Emmons: Okay.

Greg Richmond: Hundred and fifty thousand ($150,000.00) in the budget and…

Roger Emmons: Well that's Economic Development, right?

Greg Richmond: We made the deal with Boonville. They're going to cut it in half.

Krystal Powless: Correct.

Greg Richmond: So like seventy-five ($75,000.00).

Marlin Weisheit: That's just half the sidewalks they're paying for. We've still got to do the wall. Move it in three (3) feet.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, I know. Is there going to be a little bit left?

Marlin Weisheit: And then there's sidewalks, if you walk around the Courthouse, I mean we might as well do the inner sidewalks, the bad sections at least. And that's something I'm hoping this committee will help us decide on. I don't see any sense in us leaving the busted up sidewalks coming in. We can spend that hundred and fifty thousand ($150,000.00) on concrete. You know that.

Krystal Powless: Alright, well…

Marlin Weisheit: And have that out of the way.

Krystal Powless: Then it's up to you guys either way…

Charlie Christmas: It's rough walking on the sidewalk, by the way. I'll tell you that.

Gary Meyer: Doesn't really make any difference does it?

Roger Emmons: Okay. Cause it's Cum Cap.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Roger Emmons: Okay.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL

Gary Meyer: Okay, let's move on cause we're going to get behind here.

Roger Emmons: Oh, it's 3:00 (PM) already.

Gary Meyer: Cum Cap is a, that's a certain amount we have to put in there, right?

Krystal Powless: Yeah, you don't have to put it in there but a certain amount you get from the State…

Gary Meyer: Right.

Krystal Powless: And it's outside the Levy.

Charlie Christmas: Right.

E911

Gary Meyer: E911.

Roger Emmons: Didn't change a thing from this years.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

LANDFILL POST CLOSURE

Gary Meyer: Landfill Post Closure.

Roger Emmons: The Landfill Post Closure, we put in twenty thousand ($20,000.00) request. Which is what is scheduled with Environmental Management Consultants for next year's expenditures. The required IDEM ground water sampling, and gas protection probes. Those services.

Roger Emmons: Pardon me?

Gary Meyer: That Landfill Post Closure is set in stone, isn't it?

Roger Emmons: Oh, yes.

Gary Meyer: Okay, that's what I was thinking.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

Gary Meyer: Soil and Water.

Krystal Powless: We are going to do in Storm Water so I don't know if you want to address them now or you want to wait 'til Storm Water.

Gary Meyer: Okay. We'll wait.

Roger Emmons: Well, thank you, Gentlemen.

Gary Meyer: Is there anything else you want to add? Anything else?

Marlin Weisheit: On those heat pumps across the street though, just so you're aware. There is seventy-four (74) of them. But we'll need to start replacing them yearly.

Roger Emmons: I say the fourteen (14) that Brad put together. They are the most problematic right now.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah.

Roger Emmons: And you know when the Judicial Center, we've spoken about this many times. It was a poor design with the HVAC.

Marlin Weisheit: Those are just like residential heat pumps. The life of them's about twenty (20) years. And they're shot. You know, so we'll just have to start replacing them, so many a year.

Dan Saylor: Let me quickly say something I've identified is that if we don't replace those on a systematic schedule, when they go bad, we pay twenty-five (25), thirty (30) percent more because it's emergency situation. It's an additional call, and that kind of thing. So if we do that on a systematic type, we set up something...

Marlin Weisheit: Take some of the worst ones each year.

Dan Saylor: You can start replacing those where we can get volume pricing, volume discounts on replacing two (2) or three (3) at a time in one (1) day, verses one (1) day, one (1) day, one (1) day.

Marlin Weisheit: And then also the newer ones will be a little more energy efficient which will help a little bit there.

Charlie Christmas: And you won't be out of warranty when you put them in.

Gary Meyer: Thank you, Guys.

Roger Emmons: You're going to talk to Soil and Water?

Gary Meyer: Next we're going to take Solid Waste.

Roger Emmons: Oh, okay.

Gary Meyer: We asked him to come in early. So we're going to do Solid Waste right now.

SOLID WASTE

Scott Anslinger: Hello everybody.

Gary Meyer: Hello, Scott. How you doing?

Greg Richmond: Hello, Scott.

Scott Anslinger: I'm doing okay. Thank you for asking. I learned today that I've been giving you so much information that I've actually been confusing at times than providing you with the information you really need. So what I've done is I understand that some of you got an email, actually most of you probably got an email. Which was the complete breakdown item by item in the district. But for today what I thought what I would do is provide you with the summary sheet. And then there's some important information that you need to know. This year the District is requesting in its budget two million four hundred and forty-three thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars ($2,443,557.00). From its tax levy we're asking for one million four hundred ninety-two thousand six hundred seventy-eight ($1,492,678.00). And there's something there I need to explain to you. When I first was looking at all this, they had told us to use the top tax levy with two million...two million twenty-two thousand eight hundred and six dollars ($2,022,806.00), but the District by its nature is controlled by a, by some rules and regulations that say unless this Council approves in May of that particular year, and increase greater than five (5) percent, that we can't make greater than a five (5) percent. So today when we met with the Department of Local Government Finance, he told us that that one million four hundred ninety-two thousand six hundred seventy-eight ($1,492,678.00) was the most that we could ask for. I wanted to make sure we shared that with you. As for the budget breakdown...

Greg Richmond: That's the total levy?

Scott Anslinger: That we're allowed to ask for. That's the five (5) percent.

Greg Richmond: Four-ninety-two-six-seventy-eight ($492,678.00)

Paul Rudolph: Does that mean we have an unbalanced budget? That we can't fund it as much as we'd like to get to the requested budget?

Scott Anslinger: Um, I don't know at this point. Because one (1) of the things I learned today that I also didn't know was that there's a different method by which, I use a, I'm using from what I think we're going to generate next year based on upon what we're doing this year. And Krystal and I spoke this morning and I did not realize that that's not the way the County looks at how that's done. So, I, she now has the information and we will talk this week or here before the next, your cut meeting. And what I want to do is, we'll figure out if we are going to make it. And if we're not going to make it, then we'll have to go in, we'll make, we'll go in and make our cuts before we come back to you. And we'll adapt our budget accordingly so when you're reviewing it, it's a balanced budget.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Scott Anslinger: Okay. So, under, I gave you the individual line item numbers because there's five (5) line item numbers. One (1) being Personal Services. And as you can see there, the total for Personal Services in 2018 is nine hundred ninety-six thousand eight hundred and sixty-two ($996,862.00). The next line item, and that does include, since we did not give our employees a pay raise last year, the Board had asked that we try to do that this year. Whether or not that's going to be possible, would kind of determine where we are within the budget cycle. The second thing is under Supply Line Item which is our 200.00 line items. That number is a hundred and one thousand four hundred and thirty dollars ($101,430.00). And as you're sitting there looking at those, most are two (200), three (300), and four hundreds (400) is where we made most of our cuts. Because we came in is, what we're requesting for 2018 is about fifty-four thousand ($54,000.00) at this point less than what was granted in 2017. Okay. So under three hundred (300) items, it's nine hundred twenty-three thousand four hundred seventy-eight ($923,478.00). For Capital Outlays, it's a hundred and one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two dollars ($101,722.00) and it's part of those Capital Outlays. We applied for a grant from IDEM. Our share of that grant if we receive it will be ninety-eight thousand dollars ($98,000.00) and it is to upgrade the conveyor system so we can provide more work, produce more material at the processing center. If we don't get that I can guarantee you we will not be replacing that piece of equipment I don't think within the near future. But that's what's inside there. And we adjusted our power, our powered equipment, and our unpowered equipment accordingly so that we took money out of one (1) and moved it up into another to keep the cost down. So the last part is the debit service is three hundred twenty thousand sixty-five dollars ($320,065.00). The important part to know about that is that is a debt that has to be paid out of our non-tax revenues. We are not allowed to use tax dollars to pay that. So that's, that's the general overview for what we're requesting. The revenues are directly below that so that you can kind of see. And there's two (2) other sheets. Ones from 2016 and ones from 2017 which breaks down those revenues so you'll, you know, I provided you with those to give support to the new numbers you're going to see on the summary page. Property taxes for our first half of the year we received were seven hundred ninety-eight thousand eight hundred forty-four dollars and seventy-three cents ($798,844.73). Our non-property tax revenue, which are CVET and excise tax, the CVET and excise tax were, were seventy-one thousand ($71,000.00). Gosh, I got it. Let me tell you here. They were close to, they were seventy-two ($72,000.00) almost seventy-three thousand ($73,000.00). And lastly the total non-property tax revenues are four hundred seventy thousand two hundred forty-two dollars ($470,242.00). Total revenues including the taxes were one million two hundred seventy thousand eighty-six dollars and seventy-three cents ($1,270,086.73). So, share that with you. As we know, yes...?

Greg Richmond: What's the total budget for 2018? Is that two million four hundred forty-three thousand five hundred fifty-seven ($2,443,557.00).

Scott Anslinger: Two million four hundred forty-three thousand ($2,443,000.00)...yes. It's at the very, very top.

Paul Rudolph: And if I were to paint a picture very quickly, we're saying that our, the requested budget for 2018 is give or take, two point five million ($2,500,000.00). One point five million of that is going to be property taxes and you're hoping for a million dollars in revenues from everything else?

Scott Anslinger: At this moment, yes.

Paul Rudolph: And at this point we are looking at four-seventy for the first half of 2017. Nine-forty pace, so what you'll need to do is you'll need to grow revenues by approximately seven (7) percent in 2018 to get there.

Scott Anslinger: And we have a number of programs that we are looking at for that. But unfortunately you can't use what you don't already have. So I have not brought those. If you'd like to see what those plans are, I'd be happy to share them with you. But at this point I mean I think we're, I have to go with basically what (inaudible) information here.

Dan Saylor: One (1) thing I want to say, Paul, you know you brought up, you know, saving money and that kind of thing. One (1) of the things when I got involved or shortly after I got involved in Solid Waste and started looking at efficiencies and deficiencies and what we were making money on and what we weren't, one (1) was glass. Between the Commissioners and the Board, we decided that not to seek that program because we were losing money. One (1) of the things that we are implementing now is a shingle recycling program. And I'm not going to throw anybody under the bus here, but this man can confirm that I think me talking with you about some business principles and practices. Has that not helped you to identify where we can be more profitable out there.

Scott Anslinger: Dramatically.

Dan Saylor: So what, what I tried to set in his mind is on the shingle recycling program is that we get paid when we pick up the stuff or the stuff is dropped off, the shingles are dropped off. And then we get paid on the back end. So, then we don't, we're not adding any additional employees. So relative we have no cost, and what do we bring in in recyclable revenues, one hundred sixty thousand ($160,000.00)?

Scott Anslinger: It was a hundred and seventy-one thousand ($171,000.00) and something.

Dan Saylor: Hundred and seventy-one ($171,000.00), sorry I can't remember that, the number. But what the shingle, if we did conservative estimates and what should the shingle recycling program bring in in net profit.

Dan Saylor: And how much money do we spend to bring a hundred and something in labor to generate the hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars ($171,000.00) in recyclables?

Scott Anslinger: We'll be using our existing labor so we won't have any additional cost.

Dan Saylor: Correct. But how much money do we spend today to, to bring in a hundred sixty thousand dollars ($160,000.00) worth of recyclables? How much money?

Scott Anslinger: Almost, almost a million dollars ($1,000,000.00).

Dan Saylor: So we can almost create half of that revenue string, of what we're creating, what we're spending, how much you say? Almost a million ($1,000,000.00)?

Scott Anslinger: Almost a million dollars ($1,000,000.00).

Dan Saylor: A million dollars ($1,000,000.00) and this is where business practices and principles really, really shine in government. Because we're spending no more money, we're putting something in place and we're creating almost half as much profit than we're spending a million dollars ($1,000,000.00) to get and we're not spending any money. So that's kind of the things that brochure will, it's paying off.

Paul Rudolph: Dan, I'd like to tell you, you'd make a great attorney. Cross examined the witness very well there.

Scott Anslinger: But I'm open to any other questions you might have.

Brad Overton: Krystal said you had an updated detailed listing?

Krystal Powless: No, this is the update.

Brad Overton: Oh, that is the update.

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Brad Overton: That summary, oh, okay so the one (1) we...

Scott Anslinger: The detail, did they receive an electronic copy of you, that information that I sent to you. I sent to Krystal actually and she sent it out electronically. That is the complete breakdown of the entire budget spelled out by the one 100's, 200's, 300's, 400's, and 500's.

Brad Overton: Okay.

Scott Anslinger: The only number you don't want to look at is at the very, very bottom where it talks about how much our revenues generation is because we changed, we changed the grammatical on that.

Gary Meyer: Okay, anybody else have any questions? Okay.

Scott Anslinger: Thank you very much.

Gary Meyer: Thank you, Scott.

Marlin Weisheit: Good job, Scott.

Greg Richmond: Might be somewhere in that pile of papers.

Charlie Christmas: Probably in a pile of papers.

STORM WATER

Gary Meyer: Storm Water.

Greg Richmond: Probably where mine (inaudible).

Brad Overton: Oh, there it is.

Steve Sherwood: Good afternoon, Gentlemen.

Gary Meyer: Good afternoon.

Charlie Christmas: I feel bad.

Gary Meyer: 1197 that's in the back, isn't it?

David Hachmeister: I've got a hole through mine. (Page) 91 of 187 or something like that.

Paul Rudolph: I have (Page) 69 of 187.

David Hachmeister: Okay.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, there it is.

David Hachmeister: I've got holes through all of mine. I can't see the first numbers.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Go.

Steve Sherwood: Yes, Sir. I don't have any surprises or changes this year. The excess money we've pretty much depleted that we've had in reserve from the large drainage projects that we've performed in the last several years. So we have a drastic project budget cut to be more in line with the incoming proposed funds of around four hundred thousand ($400,000.00) instead of the nine hundred and fifty thousand ($950,000.00) we had this year. And also we decreased our, our equipment fund from a hundred and eighty thousand ($180,000.00) to sixty thousand ($60,000.00). The other budget changes are just line items that make them more in line with our expected expenditures, such as increase in tires and tubes. Increased utilities and consulting services due to our contractual obligations with our Storm Water Inspector. Insurance liability. I'm not really sure what aerial photography is going to include for this year from us. Be we've funded this fund that fully the last six (6) years and we're not sure what the next contract holds and how that's to be split. And those are not increases outside our budget. That's moving money within our budget to accommodate those proposed realistic line item expenditures. So with that I would answer any questions you may have.

Gary Meyer: What about consulting services?

Steve Sherwood: That's our erosion control inspector, our Storm Water Inspector that we contract with a professional to make those inspections monthly. Which is a maximum of forty hours per month that we're allowed to spend through our contract with the Board of Commissioners for this person.

Gary Meyer: It looks like you only spent thirteen hundred ($1,300.00) so far this year?

Steve Sherwood: No. Not thirteen hundred ($1,300.00).

Krystal Powless: Thirty thousand ($30,000.00).

Steve Sherwood: Thirty thousand ($30,000.00) was approved for last year.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) Gary. That's how much is left.

Gary Meyer: Oh, that's how much is left. I'm sorry. I was looking in the wrong corner.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: It's getting too late.

Steve Sherwood: We've been funding the difference out of our project fund.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Steve Sherwood: But the Commissioners contract for forty-eight thousand ($48,000.00) and it goes back to 2016.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: You said tires and tubes and utilities are being funded out of other line items?

Steve Sherwood: Well they come out of our budget yet, and we're trying to elevate these items to be more in line with our expected expenditures. On tires we have a total of eleven (11) vehicles, and only fifteen hundred ($1,500.00) budget and we expect it to be more like three thousand ($3,000.00). And you go down the line for utilities, we're paying utilities bills out of Storm Water building at a zero (0) line item. We're just trying to turn some more money to that to pay for those line items with what we expect to expend each fiscal year.

David Hachmeister: You said you had eleven (11) vehicles?

Steve Sherwood: Yes, including trailers.

David Hachmeister: Oh, okay.

Steve Sherwood: Trailers, vehicles, construction equipment, mini-backhoe, skid steer loader. Total of eleven (11) piece of equipment.

Unknown: Don't move.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Gary Meyer: Under the Projects line.

Steve Sherwood: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Seems like it's sown from years past.

Steve Sherwood: Quite a bit. Nine hundred fifty thousand ($950,000) for this 2017 Budget. And we're going to cut it to four hundred ($400,000.00) for 2018 because we don't have that kind of mainstream income and more. We've had a surplus of up to two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) when I came back and we've been spending that every year on the larger capital projects. So we now have no more surplus to draw from. So we're trying to work within our anticipated 2018 income stream which is about one point one million ($1,100,000.00). I have with me Chris Skinner from my office. She's my right hand lady. Without her I'd have real trouble trying to keep a grasp on these figures. She does all the tax base assessments for the projects. Storm Water assessments as well. And of course you're gonna talk to Soil and Water Conservation who's funded around eighty-eight thousand ($88,000.00) currently from our, our budget as well. And they're going to talk to you when you request them to step up to the microphone.

Gary Meyer: Any other questions for Storm Water?

Steve Sherwood: Not asking for any salary increases or anything, Sir.

ENGINEERING

Gary Meyer: Are you doing the Engineering also?

Steve Sherwood: I am here to represent him. He's on vacation this week. I don't know what I can answer for you. But I will represent him as Engineering and for Highway Department.

Krystal Powless: You may wanna, you may wanna...

Gary Meyer: Yeah, let's do, let's go ahead and do the Soil and Water first.

Steve Sherwood: Thank you.

Paul Rudolph: I actually don't see any changes in the Engineering. Hold on a second.

Steve Sherwood: I don't believe he notified me of any changes for Engineering.

Paul Rudolph: Other than salaries, so I, I mean.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: I don't see anything in there.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

SOIL AND WATER

Steve Sherwood: I will turn it over to Whitney McGrew and with her is also Andrew Smith from Warrick County Soil Conservation

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: Thank you.

Whitney McGrew: You're welcome. My name is Whitney McGrew. I was here at the last two (2) years and in January the Storm Water Conservation District Board made me the Executive Director. And thankfully this year we're not here to ask for anything additional. We're just here to say thank you for the extra you allowed Storm Water to donate us. Last year with that money we were able to take on additional projects that in turn generates more revenue. It' brings quite a bit of money through the County to our land owners. Our grant that I was currently, that I was previously working on was not refunded. So with that donation they were able to move that to my salary and I was able to take on a couple of cooperatives agreements across the State. So I work with the Federal Government and the State Association of Storm Water Conservation Districts. I'm kind of the liaison between the Federal and the Storm Water districts in Indiana. So I indirectly supervise about one hundred twenty (120) employees across the State to coordinate work efforts for what's called the Indiana Conservation Partnership. It's a really, really great opportunity and it will continue to grow as a district. We just also secured another agreement for an urban conservation movement. That is what Andrew is working on. He'll be covering the whole southwest. It's a cost-share program. We're able to pay land owners to soil test and address erosion issues in a non-ag setting. So we're working with producers that typically weren't working with before. Because we're not, we're no longer just focusing on the Ag side of thing. If you look in that handout I gave you, it's just kind of a recap of a few things that we did last year. The last page is a leveraging sheet. And for the money that you gave us last year, we generated about a hundred and thirty two dollars and forty-four cents ($132.44) in return of every dollar you invested which I feel like is a pretty good investment. If you look down through there.

Gary Meyer: Why don't you go work for the Federal Government? They need you.

Whitney McGrew: Well, I'm pretty, I'm happy with where I'm at. I'm very blessed. If you look down that list. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program, almost seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000.00) that went directly to landowners in Warrick County along with the (inaudible) line item which was a hundred and fifty three ($153,000.00) and there's another CRQ line item that was also a hundred and fifty-three thousand ($153,000.00). And all that money is going directly to citizens in Warrick County. We're not keeping any of this. We've been working with the Joshua Academy on a, educating inner city minority students on conservation practices. And with that we're hoping to create a pilot and start implementing that into Warrick County School Systems. We have gotten raised bed gardens in at Tennyson Elementary and a pollinator plot there. So that's a start. Also we had ICP Leaders which is the head of NOCS which is Federal and three (3) other State Departments that came and visited our Soil and Water District about two (2) weeks ago. And said that we had went from about the ninetieth district in the State of Indiana ranking wise. And keep in mind the last two Counties don't even have Soil and Water Districts, to we are top five (5) this year which is huge. So we've come a long way in a short amount of time. We couldn't have done that without what you guys provided to us. So we just wanted to say thank you and if there's anything conservation-wise that we can help address. By all means, let us know. We're happy to help. So, thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

ENGINEER CONTINUED

Gary Meyer: Okay, you said Engineer, Engineer Budget didn't change?

Paul Rudolph: I didn't see anything.

Brad Overton: Are we talking about Storm Water Engineer or Highway Engineer?

Paul Rudolph: 104. The 1176-104.

Steve Sherwood: Should be Highway Engineer.

Krystal Powless: Highway Engineer.

Gary Meyer: Highway?

HIGHWAY

Gary Meyer: Okay, let's go to Highway then. 1176. You say you don't know of any increases he made in that?

Steve Sherwood: For the Engineers. But not the Highway.

Krystal Powless: But not the Highway.

Steve Sherwood: I believe Bobby sent you a rather lengthy...

David Hachmeister: You know...

Gary Meyer: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Steve Sherwood: Email back on the 17th of July, I believe it was.

Gary Meyer: Yes.

Steve Sherwood: I think the big thing was asking for four (4) employees to replace the approximate seven (7) I believe we've lost in the last few years.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, the problem with needing more employees and Bobby asked there about four (4) months ago and you told us to wait 'til budget time. Right now trying to do chip and seal and we end up shutting down equipment. And you know if we get the work force built back up. We could keep all of our mowers going and our chipper trucks going. Whenever we're in chip and seal season, we end up just shutting down equipment at times. It effects what we can get done. So we're either going to have to get some more help or possibly just do less chip and sealing in the summer. I mean that's our two (2) options the way I look at it.

Greg Richmond: And the new road funding formula gives us the money to do that, doesn't it?

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, we've, we're doing okay I think. We try to do eighteen (18) miles of chip and seal, which we do in-house with our own crew. Eighteen (18), some years we've done twenty-two (22). I think we're probably cutting back a little bit. But I think if we don't get some more help, Bobby thinks it's very important to keep doing as much chip and seal. Cause some roads we get by with chip and seal. You know, we still spend a lot of money on chip and seal even though we do it in house. It's about sixty thousand ($60,000.00) a mile I think, where paving is right at hundred thousand ($100,000.00) a mile.

Steve Sherwood: Depending on the overall thickness of the pavement.

Marlin Weisheit: Yes.

Steve Sherwood: Could be less, could be more.

Marlin Weisheit: Could be more. That's just an average figure.

Steve Sherwood: And I believe this is the last of the three (3) years for the split of sixty (60%)/ forty (40%) with Economic Development?

Gary Meyer: Correct. Yeah.

Steve Sherwood: I think next year it goes back to fifty (50%)/ fifty (50%).

Gary Meyer: Alright.

Steve Sherwood: So that'll give us a little bit less in pavement to work with.

Gary Meyer: It sounds like these new employees you're needing, I know this is a Personnel Committee question, but sounds like these new employees you need for more additional chip and seal in the summer time. What are these guys going to do in the winter time?

Marlin Weisheit: You know we utilize our help all year long. I mean I don't know if you're aware but I've got people who come up here and we paint the Courthouse. We've remodeled out here at the Drug Court Building. They're busy all the time. Of course if we have bad weather, they're on snow plows and doing that. And we run our mowers all year round. When the foliage is down that's a good time to be out here clearing ditches and brushes and things of that nature. So it varies, I mean, you know, we're always shorthanded. I mean, I think whenever I first come on as Commissioner, we had forty-one (41). I mean we've lost seven (7) employees and we knew we needed to do that through attrition. I didn't want to see anybody laid off. And you know, I think the Commissioners had to make the call of laying off one (1) custodian during the budget cut where everybody else had to lay off a few more at times. And we've done it through attrition. You know and we just didn't replace jobs. But now if we can afford it. We'd like to put a few back on to be able to keep up with things a little better.

Greg Richmond: Has the State funding already come in?

Steve Sherwood: Are you talking for the Community Crossings Grant?

Steve Sherwood: I defer to Krystal. I don't believe it's come in yet.

Krystal Powless: I don't think it's in yet.

Greg Richmond: Will it start January? Or will it start now?

Krystal Powless: Not for sure. But I think it's a little bit now.

Greg Richmond: I thought, yeah, like July's usually when...

Krystal Powless: But I can assure you they have quite a bit in there funds. It's doing better than several years previous.

Greg Richmond: Okay.

Steve Sherwood: And just so the Council's aware, we applied for the same amount for the second phase of the Community Crossing Grant. It's about three quarters of a million ($750,000.00) would be our match for their three quarters of a million ($750,000.00). And we anticipate to get it here sometime notified hopefully in September.

Marlin Weisheit: And you know you can look at the sheets they give you there. I mean we almost had three million ($3,000,000.00) paved, you know. A million ($1,000,000.00) in each District pretty well split up. Three million ($3,000,000.00) in paving this year. So we are gaining on our roads. Not to where we want them to be. There's always gonna be people screaming and hollering. I'm already working on next year's list. But we are getting a little closer on our roads.

Dan Saylor: Gentlemen, I'd like to say something. On our highway, we're struggling, and I know in District I to get some things done because of personnel. You know when the chip and seal's going on, it, it, it takes everybody with two (2) people out of our District. We didn't have a mower up until a week and a half ago. We've, we've had a fatality in this County and in the police report it was stated that there was foliage that was blocking a sign. You know, guys, if this continues to happen. What we pay in a lawsuit, we can buy many, many tractors. This preventative maintenance is not happening out here. And it's a problem. And I don't know how many millions upon millions of dollars we have on our, in our roads. Money invested in our roads. We're not crack sealing them. The State of Indiana has went on a billion dollar ($1,000,000,000.00) crack sealing project because it's protecting investment. If you guys own, if you own this, you want to protect an investment. You would be paying for crack sealing. It's the best money spent.

Greg Richmond: That's why I asked if more money was available now. You could come to us and ask even in this year. This is just me, I'm getting a lot of people calling me. And that doesn't happen to a Councilman very often over. And I tell them it's shorthandedness out there right now. Because they've had a lot of people leave.

Dan Saylor: Yeah, it's a problem. Then if you've got vacations in the summer. You've got FMLA. I can't, I can't get stuff in my District done. That's just...

Greg Richmond: Delays projects too a little bit.

Marlin Weisheit: It does. And you know we're asking for four (4). I think we was down seven (7) to what we was at one (1) time. And you know unfortunately that first year I was the Commissioner, I don't think we had much over a million dollars to put on paving. It, it was pretty thin that year. You know, so I am pleased that we've got three million ($3,000,000.00) and then with the Community Crossings Grant getting another seven hundred fifty-five ($755,000.00). But we're so far behind. But I am saying, I am saying publically. I'll say it today. At the end of paving season this year, if you drive within ten (10) miles an hour of the speed limit, you can drive safe on every road in the County. But the problem is as we get our roads better, people drive more than ten (10) mile an hour over the speed limit. You know that's where our accidents happen I think. Dan will agree with me there.

Greg Richmond: (Inaudible).

Marlin Weisheit: We've still got a lot of subdivisions that need to be paved. You know I mean there's a lot of people down south in his District, lot of subdivisions are going to need to be repaved. And we can't get to all of them at once. You know but we're trying to fit a little in each year.

Steve Sherwood: And to answer your original question, if we could put four (4) people on. There'd be no problem keeping them busy.

Charlie Christmas: Let me ask you a question. Need to talk more about the difference. It costs you sixty thousand ($60,000.00) to pave a mile, chip and seal...

Marlin Weisheit: Chip and seal.

Charlie Christmas: A hundred thousand ($100,000.00) to pave a mile in black top. My question now is the life expectancy of chip and seal compare to paving.

Marlin Weisheit: Some roads chip and seal...

Charlie Christmas: You get to the point, paving will last a lot longer than a chip and seal and you're back there chip and sealing...

Marlin Weisheit: I agree.

Charlie Christmas: You might as well spend the extra money to do it right the first time.

Dan Saylor: Good point.

Marlin Weisheit: That is a good point, Charlie. You know, and we're, we're talking about that now how much chip and seal we want to do next year. But some roads in some areas, chip and seal works.

Steve Sherwood: But to qualify that, the chip and seal roads, mostly rural roads, they're already rock over old chip and seal. We turn them back to rock and re-chip and seal them. It would take a considerable amount of asphalt. More of like the hundred and fifty thousand ($150,000.00) versus the hundred thousand ($100,000.00). A thicker coarse to lay that down two and a half to three (2 ½ -3) inches of asphalt compared to just an inch and a half (1 ½) when we do a typical overlay on an existing asphalt roadway.

Marlin Weisheit: The chip and seal roads we're doing last two years or better than the ones we did before. Because we bought the grinder. We go out there and grind them up and Bobby engineers how much base, him and Steve here, and we're hauling it all. That's why it's costing sixty thousand ($60,000.00). We're putting so much base out there.

Steve Sherwood: Yeah, we're putting two to three (2-3) inches (inaudible) under those chip and seal roads (inaudible).

Marlin Weisheit: Rolling it in so they will last. They will last.

Charlie Christmas: I know on Two-Story Road out, Shelton Road. I'm on Shelton Road. It goes down. It t's off. If you go to the right or south you go to Two-Story Road.

Marlin Weisheit: Um hum.

Charlie Christmas: Have you driven on that lately?

Marlin Weisheit: Two-Story?

Krystal Powless: Every day.

Charlie Christmas: I mean over from my house. There's a stretch in there that you almost have to have a Billy goat to climb some of the holes in and out.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, yeah.

Charlie Christmas: You know, so a little rock right there even helps some of it. You know.

Marlin Weisheit: We have a lot of areas like that. We're gaining on it Charlie, we're gaining on 'em, Charlie. We are gaining on them. I mean I'm pretty proud of how much we've improved the roads the last three (3) years.

Charlie Christmas: Well I know (inaudible).

Greg Richmond: Then you have to deal with people during the detour for the roundabout.

Charlie Christmas: Out there at Eby Road you had that trailer come down through there.

Steve Sherwood: You seen what we had to do last week just to clear the edges.

Marlin Weisheit: We went out last week. That wasn't scheduled. Last year we chipped and sealed the rest of those roads knowing even though the State didn't dedicate that as a bypass, we knew people were going to be using it. So we got it up in shape but it didn't last us a month. So in between chip and seal we need, we didn't have anything budgeted on our sheet for this year, but we spent two (2) days out there. And we spent a little out of our chip and seal budget. But they've done a great job. They've built up the shoulders on both sides.

Charlie Christmas: Well this trailer was a fifty (50) foot trailer and a tractor on that thing coming down through there. He was so far overweight that it's unreal.

Marlin Weisheit: The Sheriff's wrote some tickets. There's been several tickets wrote for overweight trucks. There's been a lot of mornings (inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible) you know. (Inaudible) those tickets out.

Steve Sherwood: And other unexpected expenses like rainstorms where the water's come across New Harmony Road. We had to spend three (3) weeks and thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00) to help shore up the south side and we've still got the north side to do.

Marlin Weisheit: That was a Community Crossings Grant. That road was in perfect shape and then you know the flood come.

Steve Sherwood: Wasn't paved a month when the water come over it.

Marlin Weisheit: Washed out the sides. So we...

Greg Richmond: The State Highway, since they did this, is not giving us any money for those trucks to detour are they?

Marlin Weisheit: No, that's not their dedicated route. But the State Highway did ask us to make an official detour out of Weyerbacher Road. And they're doing a lot of damage to it for the mine, cause they had to come up to a detour into the White Stallion Mine. And they're supposed to reimburse us for that. But I was driving that yesterday and they're doing some damage over there on Weyerbacher. And we're getting a lot of complaints on it. But hopefully when the highway's open, the trucks go back in that way and the State'll come up you know. Steve and Bobby and them took pictures and everything. So hopefully they're going to help us out with that.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
LOCAL ROAD AND STREET

Gary Meyer: Looks to me like the Cum Bridge and Local Road and Street are about the same.

Steve Sherwood: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Is that right?

Steve Sherwood: Yes. I believe so.

Gary Meyer: Okay that's what it looks like to me. Okay. We need to get going.

Marlin Weisheit: Okay, thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Marlin Weisheit: Appreciate your help.

Paul Rudolph: Thank you.

Steve Sherwood: Anything else I can answer.

Gary Meyer: Unless somebody else has a question. Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT I

Gary Meyer: Okay, Superior Court I.

Charlie Christmas: They're talking about you there, Zac.

Judge Zac Winsett: I heard you. I heard you.

Charlie Christmas: Should have said it right to your face.

Judge Zac Winsett: Good afternoon, gentlemen, Mrs. Powless.

Charlie Christmas: Good afternoon.

Judge Zac Winsett: I must be getting older cause it seems like just yesterday was here. But that was a year ago. The year's going by fast.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. The older you get, the faster they go.

Judge Zac Winsett: That's what I hear. We tried to keep it simple. Not a lot different. The big things, I'll just hit on them briefly, if that's okay with you.

Gary Meyer: Yes.

Judge Zac Winsett: The, out of the General Fund we're asking for a ten thousand dollar ($10,000.00) increase for the Public Defenders. That's going from eighty-five ($85,000.00) to ninety-five thousand ($95,000.00) so that we've got seven (7) public defenders up there. They haven't had a raise in quite some time. It's been, I don't know, eight (8) years or something I think. Don't quote me on that. The other Judges are all in agreement with this. We need quality Public Defenders to have the Courts run well. We're lucky here in Warrick County that we have quality Public Defenders, unlike Marion County and other places where you may have people that are inexperienced and have too many cases. We have very high quality Public Defenders. And that makes the Courts run smoothly. We do not have quality Public Defenders the Courts do not run smoothly and it ends up costing more money and efficiency. So we're asking for that. I think they're getting paid thirty-six-four ($36,400.00), thirty-six thousand four hundred ($36,400.00) a year each. This will result in them all getting forty thousand seven hundred ($40,700.00) each.

Gary Meyer: How many are there, you say?

Judge Zac Winsett: Seven (7).

Paul Rudolph: Question on the subject. Has anyone left or declined to be a Public Defender going forward because of, not as much compensation as they'd like?

Judge Zac Winsett: We just got a letter, unfortunately, from Johnathon Young who we all consider to be a good attorney and he's represented his clients well for us. He's just, most everyone does this. They don't really make money on this. I've done it. And people do it out of a sense of duty and responsibility and they need to be compensated for their time. He's, he's a real good bean counter. And not all attorneys are good businessmen. But he, he's a good bean counter.

Paul Rudolph: I would agree with that.

Judge Zac Winsett: Yeah, see. And he's ran the numbers. It just doesn't make sense for him. So he has put in his resignation for it. So we have to, we have to appoint another one (1). And we are afraid that this is a trend that may continue if we don't do something.

Gary Meyer: Couple of questions. If you assign a case to a Public Defender...?

Judge Zac Winsett: Yes, Sir?

Gary Meyer: Is he required to take it?

Judge Zac Winsett: Yes. Unless he has a...

Charlie Christmas: Personal conflict.

Gary Meyer: Conflict?

Judge Zac Winsett: Unless he has a conflict or some other reason. Then he has, he has to take it.

Gary Meyer: Okay, then this forty some odd thousand dollars ($40,000.00) you're talking about, is, is the hourly rate above that?

Judge Zac Winsett: There is no hourly rate.

Gary Meyer: There is no hourly rate?

Judge Zac Winsett: It's a flat fee and it covers criminals, felonies, and criminal misdemeanors and I think criminal juveniles. Now if you get appointed on a civil case, which is a child support collection, when you can get thrown in jail if you don't pay child support, or you get appointed on a child in need of services case. That's the DCS cases. Then that's civil, that's not included. That's separate. And that, and those, those bills just don't get very high for us.

Gary Meyer: I guess I'm asking the question because in our appropriations, additionals, sometimes we have a thirty thousand dollar ($30,000.00) additional for pauper counsel.

Judge Zac Winsett: Right.

Gary Meyer: Is that part of this forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000.00)?

Judge Zac Winsett: No, that is...

Gary Meyer: Above? What is it for then?

Judge Zac Winsett: That's for appointments, appeals which aren't included in there. So that could be. And then like I just told you that, the civil appointments.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Zac Winsett: And that's, that's separate. Now, and that, from my memory, the amount we spend on civil pales in comparison to the amount that we pay out in, in the salary for the criminal.

Greg Richmond: What about life without parole? Does that cost more money?

Judge Zac Winsett: Whew.

Greg Richmond: So that's above what we pay the Pauper Counsel?

Judge Zac Winsett: That is above. That is not...

Greg Richmond: That's what's being asked for that additional?

Judge Zac Winsett: That's additional. Life without parole and the murders that we've had, that's not fair to saddle someone with that. And that's just, we probably come back on that on that Appellate Court.

Gary Meyer: Now explain that to me again. What's he talking about? Explain that to me.

Judge Zac Winsett: These murder trials we've had...

Gary Meyer: Yeah?

Judge Zac Winsett: Appointing someone to them, maybe immediately just so they can have an attorney. But eventually they're going to need someone on an hourly basis. And that's just...

Gary Meyer: So that's where it comes in at, the hourly?

Judge Zac Winsett: That's where it comes in the hourly.

Gary Meyer: I gotcha. Okay.

Greg Richmond: And that's part of that, the reason why we're getting that...

Gary Meyer: Right.

Greg Richmond: Where we had that meeting over there.

Paul Rudolph: Death penalty case as well. Life without parole or a death penalty case.

Judge Zac Winsett: That McCallister case, they just scheduled oral argument. Well, and so we have to pay someone for that.

Gary Meyer: Now, just one (1) more question about that. This forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000.00) roughly that you're talking about

Judge Zac Winsett: Um hum?

Gary Meyer: Is that paid only if he gets a case? Or is it a guaranteed money to be on the docket?

Judge Zac Winsett: That's, they get paid the, they get that monthly. And they all get...

Gary Meyer: Whether they have a case or not?

Judge Zac Winsett: They always have cases.

Gary Meyer: Oh, okay.

Judge Zac Winsett: And I've got a list. I've got all seven (7) of them. In criminal I've got six (6) lined up. The seventh one (1), I won't get into, because that's, we appoint most of our civil things to her and to kind of help out with the civil bills. And then if there's any extra. So we've got that six (6) and it goes straight down the line. And then go back to make it even so everyone gets appointed the same amount of cases.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Zac Winsett: And they've always got, they've always got cases. No one (1) ever gets to zero (0).

Gary Meyer: That's not a problem.

Judge Zac Winsett: No, no one (1) ever gets a clean desk.

Charlie Christmas: No free ride.

Paul Rudolph: How many criminal cases do you have right now, would you estimate in your docket? A couple hundred?

Judge Zac Winsett: At least, on felonies. A couple hundred.

Paul Rudolph: And how many of those felonies are Pauper Document? Probably fifty (50%), seventy-five percent (75%)?

Judge Zac Winsett: I've appointed approximately seventy-five (75) this year.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, so each Public Defender has been appointed, give or take, twelve (12) times?

Judge Zac Winsett: Yep.

Paul Rudolph: This year or last month?

Judge Zac Winsett: That's just felonies and that's just in my court.

Gary Meyer: I was going to say is this just your court? Or all of them?

Judge Zac Winsett: Yeah, yeah. Just...

Gary Meyer: That's just your court.

Paul Rudolph: So that's thirty-six (36) if you include two (2) other courts.

Judge Zac Winsett: Any other questions on the Public Defender?

Paul Rudolph: Do we know what Public Defenders usually make in other Counties?

Judge Zac Winsett: I haven't, I haven't looked that up. I've heard nightmare scenarios. A lot of them do hourly. And so there's nightmare scenarios from Knox County a few years ago where they were handing in million dollar ($1,000,000.00) bills for a year. And that's a County that's smaller than ours. I think they were having political fights, which may have contributed to that. But over a million dollar ($1,000,000.00) for Public Defenders. And that's cause of hourly rate. I know Spencer County's hourly rate. They're always hurting for money and chasing money to get back from the State on that. But I don't know, I don't have that answer for you.

Paul Rudolph: So the subject's come up recently, something we talked about once before. Which is the idea of joining that Public Defender, I forget what it's called.

Judge Zac Winsett: Yeah, it's a money recoup.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, I believe last time we discussed it, you and the other Judges decided it was probably not financially a good idea to join. Has your opinion on that subject changed at all in the last couple of years?

Judge Zac Winsett: I looked into it. I looked into that when I was a Public Defender and since. And I thought mistakenly that if you were on that program it had to be hourly, they had to bill out hourly. And since we did flat, you couldn't do that. We do not want to go to hourly unless they make us.

Paul Rudolph: Right.

Judge Zac Winsett: For obvious reasons. But I've been told you can actually get on that recoup program if you do the flat fees. But then it gets complicated. Because they don't pay for misdemeanors. We'd have to figure out you know the percentage of time they spend on felonies verses misdemeanors and how that splits out that thirty-six ($36,000.00) or forty thousand ($40,000.00). And then so what is the recoup? The danger in that is the administration of that. And so who's going to keep track of all this time and who's going to communicate with the State. And that's, our staff's busy to the gills at this point. It, it, it's still not feasible, I think, my opinion on it hasn't changed. I think we could get there. If we

can figure it out. Maybe have an administrator to do it. But then if you've got a hired administrator to do it, then you're losing your money. I mean it's not worth it.

Gary Meyer: If we would go to an hourly rate. Who sets that rate? Don't you set that rate?

Judge Zac Winsett: Yeah, it would be the, the standard State rate which is about seventy-five bucks ($75.00) an hour.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Zac Winsett: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: But we're not there at all?

Judge Zac Winsett: No.

Gary Meyer: Correct?

Judge Zac Winsett: No. We're there on civil cases and the life without parole and things like that. That goes under that.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Zac Winsett: But that's pretty much the going State rate for things. Any other questions about the Public Defender issues?

Gary Meyer: I don't think so.

Judge Zac Winsett: We asked for the standard three (3) percent raise for all employees. I think that's just standard across the board. I think, I asked around to see what everybody was going to ask for.

Gary Meyer: There must have been a memo.

Charlie Christmas: We've been trying to find out.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) and some of them called, and I was like, I think everybody's asking for three (3) percent.

Judge Zac Winsett: I didn't want to be lower and I didn't want to be above.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. There you go.

Judge Zac Winsett: I just wanted to see what everyone else was.

Charlie Christmas: We've been wondering where that came from.

Judge Zac Winsett: I know we've got some issues coming up in front of the Personnel Committee next week. I just wanted, I've got, I can't be there. I'm going to be out of State. But the other Judges will be there. They speak for me. I've sent a letter in support of what we're asking for there. But I just wanted to let you know that I would not be there. And offer my apologies on that. And that's moving the designation of the Court Recorders. So I knew, it was my understanding that, that the discussion regarding that would be in front of the Personnel Committee. So, other than that. We had a probation fee change for travel. Seems like hotels are going up and parking places are going up. So typically we ask for sixteen hundred ($1,600.00). But it think we asked for twenty-five hundred ($2,500.00) just so we don't have to come back to you near the end of the year. And we're always keeping an eye on that book fund. And I think we're, we asked for ten thousand ($10,000.00) every year. We go over every year. But my goal, last year was my first full year as Judge. That way I kind of got a feeling of how much we needed for certain things. And so, I've been canceling a lot of subscriptions I didn't think I needed on books. Just across the board on everything, where can we save money, and how can we spend less money. And can I look at something online instead of reading...

Gary Meyer: That was my question too. In that Law Books item, we've got to include online services that you may get, like Netflix? Not Netflix...

Paul Rudolph: I get all my law on...

Gary Meyer: Lexis. Lexis yeah. So it would include all those too?

Judge Zac Winsett: Does that come out of the book...? Yeah, it does. It does.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: Just because Law and Order is on Netflix (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: I understand.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: That's how I learned everything.

Judge Zac Winsett: As of right now, we, these are kind of back loaded because the big bills come towards the end of the year. But we're here at the end of July and we've spent thirty-six hundred ($3,600.00) in books right now. So my goal is to try and keep it under the ten ($10,000.00) if possible. And that's the only changes that I can see. And I'd be happy to answer any questions that anyone has.

think we need to be careful with those. Because I've been here before when those dried up.

Judge Zac Winsett: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: And you don't like to cut people or programs when you don't have the funds.

Judge Zac Winsett: Right.

Gary Meyer: In the past this Council has been willing to fund a user fund program when it didn't have any money.

Judge Zac Winsett: Right.

Gary Meyer: So that's my suggestion. Be a little bit cautious with those.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

DRUG COURT

Judge Zac Winsett: As far as Drug Court goes out there, my coordinator, Chris Wagner, he, I mean they don't spend anything unless they absolutely have to. Doug told them they had to buy two (2) computers and they bought two (2) computers. And I think they had two (2) chairs that were from the Stone Age and breaking down and they, people kept complaining about their backs. And so they got two (2) new chairs for two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00). But that's all they spent.

Gary Meyer: I'm not, I'm not. I know. And that's great but I'm just saying you know that's an easy fund to go after because it's not tax dollars and all this stuff. But it can dry up.

Judge Zac Winsett: It can.

Gary Meyer: I've seen it dry up. So we don't want to do that.

Judge Zac Winsett: And that's well taken. And you get up, it looks good.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Judge Zac Winsett: But if you pay a salary out of that, that's gone. It's just gone.

Gary Meyer: Sure.

Paul Rudolph: That's a pretty wide range.

Ted Metzger: Um hum.

Judge Zac Winsett: If you spend five (5) every year or (10) every year or twenty (20) out every year. It's gone.

Gary Meyer: That's right.

Judge Zac Winsett: So I am aware of that and I appreciate your input.

Gary Meyer: Any other comments? Questions? I guess not.

Judge Zac Winsett: Thank you, Gentlemen. It's always a pleasure.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Greg Richmond: I saw your mom (inaudible).

Judge Zac Winsett: You did?

Greg Richmond: Yes.

Judge Zac Winsett: Alright. And you saw my daughter and nieces? Good alright. I thought maybe you'd see each other.

Greg Richmond: It's amazing. That big place and you run into each other. I didn't know.

Judge Zac Winsett: Yeah. Yeah.

BUILDING COMMISSION

Gary Meyer: Okay, Building Commission

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible)

Gary Meyer: I know.

Paul Rudolph: We're early again.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Dennis Lockhart: Dennis Lockhart, County Building Inspector. How are you guys doing?

Gary Meyer: Well, we're...

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Ted Metzger: We're great.

Dennis Lockhart: What's that?

Charlie Christmas: You want another truck?

Dennis Lockhart: No, I don't want it. But thank, hey, thank you for the ones that voted for that. It's nice.

Gary Meyer: 49 what?

David Hachmeister: 4098.

Brad Overton: I think you might want to trade that truck for a minivan.

Gary Meyer: We have a department that has a need.

Charlie Christmas: How much?

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible)

Brad Overton: Well they could contact you to pull out bodies if they've got your number.

Dennis Lockhart: Yeah, they could. Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, it's at the very bottom.

David Hachmeister: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: It's almost in the very back.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, there's only like three (3) pages behind it.

Gary Meyer: Well hang on here a minute. Oh, here we go.

Paul Rudolph: So it looks like you're asking for some seasonal help?

Dennis Lockhart: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: Twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00)?

Dennis Lockhart: Um hum.

Paul Rudolph: What's the story there?

Dennis Lockhart: Well the story is, I'm the only inspector in the whole County. We're super busy. And hard to keep up with everything. I'm not taking any vacations. I haven't had a sick day in three (3) years. And...

Marlin Weisheit: If I could add, Dennis is just doing a remarkable job. He has been overworked. You can see by his reports every month, how many building permits they issue. I mean it's overwhelming what's been going on in the building in Warrick County. He's the only one (1). And when he's off, I mean it just sits there. You know, so he can't even hardly take off. And when he has been off a time or two (2), we've had to contract people and then that's hard to do. The guy that used to do it. He's not even available anymore. But we need to get somebody broke in. I mean he's not getting any younger neither. I know because he's almost my age. Not quite as old as me. We need to get him some help.

Charlie Christmas: Only dirt's older that you are.

Marlin Weisheit: And you know it's cheaper to maybe break somebody in on a part-time level that he can break in and use. Forty thousand ($40,000.00) is not much for what he's bringing in in revenue.

Gary Meyer: These are fee based and there's plenty of money.

Marlin Weisheit: He's done an outstanding job. I'm so glad that we was able to find him when this job come open and we haven't looked back.

Paul Rudolph: How did we calculate the twenty thousand ($20,000.00)?

Dennis Lockhart: What's that?

Paul Rudolph: How did we calculated the twenty thousand dollar ($20,000.00) figure? What's the amount of time, effort, or were you paying...?

Dennis Lockhart: I just came up with a, I was told I might get some help, and I knew I needed to put something in here or you guys would say it wasn't in the budget.

Marlin Weisheit: And you know I'll have to say one (1) thing for Dennis. If he don't use it all, he won't. He's conservative with his budget. But you know there's times that he can use the help and I want him to take a vacation every once in a while. I want him to take some time off.

Gary Meyer: Did this, when you hired somebody before, that didn't work out?

Dennis Lockhart: Well, he was just working when I went on vacation.

Gary Meyer: Right.

Marlin Weisheit: And we were paying like what fifty dollars ($50.00) an inspection?

Dennis Lockhart: It's fifty dollars ($50.00) an inspection.

Marlin Weisheit: So now he's working full time at ALCOA maintenance. So you know how that's going down there now. So he, he's probably, won't.

Dennis Lockhart: It was costing over two thousand ($2,000.00) a week for him to do the inspections. Because it's fifty dollars ($50.00) an inspection. Now I have put a cap on it now. Fifty dollars ($50.00) an inspection not to exceed two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) a week. Because with the inspections they're doing right now, it could be four or five thousand ($4,000.00-$5,000.00) in a week. You know?

Marlin Weisheit: And we might find somebody, a contractor that's retired or somebody that's right out of college that's wanting to work part-time. You know find one (1) that he can break in that he can depend on so they can fill in for him.

Charlie Christmas: My wife is retired. Maybe you (inaudible).

Marlin Weisheit: There you go. I did hear your wife had retired. Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: She wouldn't do it.

Dennis Lockhart: Also, I bumped up the Contractual Services which is, that's the money I use to pay somebody to take my place when I go on vacation. And last year I think I only use two thousand ($2,000.00) of it.

Marlin Weisheit: You need to start taking off more.

Brad Overton: So if you got the seasonal help, you probably wouldn't need that.

Dennis Lockhart: I wouldn't.

Gary Meyer: Yeah you wouldn't.

Dennis Lockhart: I figured I'd put both of them in there, because...

Gary Meyer: Hopefully, you'd get one (1)?

Dennis Lockhart: Get one (1) of them.

Marlin Weisheit: If he don't need it, he won't use it. I'll just say that. Like Greg said, he has plenty of money there.

Dennis Lockhart: And I put three (3) percent, three (3) percent raise. And I guess I got the memo on that too.

Gary Meyer: Apparently that was...

Dennis Lockhart: Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: That was a good memo.

Gary Meyer: In stone somewhere.

Brad Overton: With that amount how many additional, with that money, do you think you can get someone to, additional inspections do you think you can get?

Dennis Lockhart: They would probably do a quarter of them. Possibly.

Brad Overton: Like twenty-five (25) percent more than what you're even doing now?

Dennis Lockhart: Yes.

Brad Overton: Just take twenty-five (25) percent of your orders, right?

Dennis Lockhart: Right.

Brad Overton: Twenty-five (25) new, twenty-five (25) percent new inspections or take twenty-five (25) percent of (inaudible)?

Dennis Lockhart: Well, the way it's going, it'll be twenty-five (25) percent of new inspections.

Brad Overton: Okay.

Dennis Lockhart: Yeah.

Marlin Weisheit: It don't seem to be letting up as you guys well know. And, and what if he's off sick? That's where we get in a bind too. You know these contractors are waiting on him.

Gary Meyer: How much of an increase have you had this year over last year? Can you tell me that?

Dennis Lockhart: So far this year, we've, well, money wise, we're quadruple what we were last year already. Yeah.

Marlin Weisheit: What has he got in his fee based...? I mean it's amazing how much they've grown just this year.

Dennis Lockhart: Two hundred ($200,000.00) something.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, two hundred some thousand dollars ($200,000.00).

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Dennis Lockhart: And I still have a couple of big projects to come in yet this year that we don't have the money. And this is part time. This is not a permanent position. If we get slow.

Brad Overton: Well if your fees, if it's user fees and the fee's dried up...

Dennis Lockhart: Yeah. Yeah if you guys remember they used to pay the inspector, the building inspector over a hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Oh, yeah.

Dennis Lockhart: But then the fees, I mean you know the, the permits went down. But of course they're back up again. But...

Marlin Weisheit: He had a better gig than you did.

Dennis Lockhart: He did. No, well these guys that are, I've got my insurance paid for.

Charlie Christmas: I know who the inspector was too.

Dennis Lockhart: Everybody knows who the inspector was.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Any other questions?

Brad Overton: No.

Gary Meyer: Okay, thank you.

Dennis Lockhart: Thanks, Guys.

Paul Rudolph: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR

Charlie Christmas: I see our Prosecutor is here.

Gary Meyer: Mr. Prosecutor.

Mike Perry: Yes, Sir.

Paul Rudolph: Hey, Krystal. Should we tell the Circuit Court we're running fifteen (15) (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Check with him.

Brad Overton: I'd give her a hard time if she wouldn't have left.

Gary Meyer: Did you get the same memo of three (3) percent increase?

Mike Perry: I didn't actually. I'm embarrassed to say I only asked for two (2) percent increase.

Gary Meyer: Holy cow. You didn't? Wow, you were gone that day.

Mike Perry: Yeah, I must have been. Actually I was informed, by the way, for the record, Mike Perry, Warrick County Prosecutor. I was informed that it doesn't matter what we ask for. You all did what you wanted to anyway.

Gary Meyer: That's usually the case. That's right.

Mike Perry: So...

Charlie Christmas: Not like in the Prosecutor's Office.

Mike Perry: No, that's true. Distinguished members of the Council, Mrs. Stevens, distinguished Commissioner Weisheit. Hi, Dan. I presented to you a budget. There's not really a lot of changes from last year. I think we, let me talk about Fund 108 first. I'm asking to convert a COMOT III to a Paralegal COMOT I, but this is, it would be a conditional position.

Gary Meyer: Now this is a Personnel, am I right?

Mike Perry: I'm sorry?

Gary Meyer: A Personnel Committee...

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Mike Perry: But I just wanted to kind of give you a brief on that.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Mike Perry: It's a conditional position. It would be funded. The difference between a COMOT III and I would be funded by our Infraction Deferral Program. And I would only be requesting that position to be funded as long as the Deferral Program is solid. While I'd never come back and ask for any General Fund money on that. I'm also asking for my attorneys, my lowest level attorneys to be, have their base pay raised to be sixty-two thousand ($62,000.00) a year. To be compensated at a rate higher than our Probation Officers are for over in the Courthouse. My attorneys have to go to seven (7) years of college and pass the BAR. Now they're not...

Gary Meyer: What are they paid now?

Mike Perry: They're paid, I'm not sure. I don't have that...I think it's like fifty-seven thousand ($57,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Yeah, there it is.

Mike Perry: But they're making less that what our Probation Officers are. And I know that some of that is probably due to longevity and things along that lines. But I just wanted to address that.

Paul Rudolph: Again they'd be making sixty-two thousand ($62,000.00)? And what's this eleven thousand ($11,000.00) under Felony Deputy?

Mike Perry: That is the position for Jenny Greer who right now is paid out of a grant. And that was just to reflect any cost of living adjustment in her salary that, the portion that's paid by...we have kind of a, it's a quasi. It's paid part out of General Fund and part out of grant.

Paul Rudolph: And the grant's ending?

Mike Perry: No, no.

Paul Rudolph: Oh, okay.

Mike Perry: The amount that she's paid out of the General Fund. I was asking for a cull out on that because the grant salaries are static. They are not adjusted for cost of living or anything like that. We can discuss that later at the Personnel Meeting.

Paul Rudolph: Okay. I'm pretty sure the twelve thousand's ($12,000.00) really the increase that we're looking for. And it's her raise along with the other Deputies.

Mike Perry: I'm sorry, sir?

Paul Rudolph: The twelve thousand ($12,000.00). So...

Mike Perry: That would bring it up to twelve ($12,000.00). I mean, whatever her salary is now, that was just reflecting a two (2) percent increase of what I asked for, for all the other attorneys or the other employees.

CHILD SUPPORT

Mike Perry: Fund 109, we're not requesting any additional staff. We are requesting an additional three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) for Contractual Services, which is a portion amount of their services to Child Support provisions, reimbursed by State at sixty-seven (67) percent. That applies to our IT contract that was entered into by Ms. Krantz prior to me being elected. It was a five (5) year contract that she signed.

Greg Richmond: What line item is that?

Mike Perry: That is in...

Paul Rudolph: 4314.00.

Gary Meyer: 4314.00.

Greg Richmond: Okay, that's why three thousand's ($3,000.00) there (inaudible0.

Mike Perry: Yes, Sir. But it's, it's always been an expense. It just hasn't been put into that fund so we can get that sixty-seven (67) percent reimbursement.

Gary Meyer: Where was it before?

Mike Perry: It was probably in the General Fund.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Mike Perry: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: So General Fund meaning 108?

Mike Perry: Yes, Sir.

Paul Rudolph: So do we have a...

Mike Perry: Either 108 or the 2504, Mr. Rudolph, actually. I think it came out of there. Cause that was, we're at the thirty-nine thousand dollar ($39,000.00)...

Paul Rudolph: Gotcha. So are we offsetting 2504 when we get to it?

Mike Perry: I think we already included that in the budget. I think it reflects that, the amount that we're asking.

PROSECUTOR-CONTINUED

Brad Overton: Mr. Perry, what, I guess maybe I just missed something. On this, on the Paralegal, I hate to take you back to 108, but that went from thirty-three ($33,000.00) to sixty-nine thousand ($69,000.00)? Is that another position you added?

Mike Perry: No, I just doubled those. There'll be two (2) paralegals.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Brad Overton: Okay, well I was looking on that.

Mike Perry: Yeah.

Brad Overton: Okay, so I just looked there, hum.

Mike Perry: I just took, I took Paralegal position times two. That's not a salary for one (1) person, Mr. Overton. That's for two (2) people.

Brad Overton: Okay, well I just saw the adjusting the COMOT up and adjusting the Trial attorney.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: I'm waiting for Paul to give you the lecture that we're not hiring new people. That everybody else is wanting new people.

Mike Perry: Well, I understand. I'm not hiring any new people. I'm just trying to compensate everybody.

Charlie Christmas: I'm just, we have them coming after three (3) people next year. You know stuff like this.

Mike Perry: Right.

Gary Meyer: The only thing I would like to hasten to tell you. I told the other Judge. You've got some user fee funds.

Mike Perry: Uh huh.

Gary Meyer: I think we need to be careful. This Council's not been too willing to fund a user fee program if it runs out of money.

Mike Perry: No, I understand that.

Gary Meyer: So I just want to caution you to watch that.

Mike Perry: Right. That's why i...

Gary Meyer: Cause I've been here before when it's run out of money. And we've had to cut the program.

Mike Perry: I understand. That's why I let you know that that request to change it from a COMOT III to a COMOT I, is solely dependent upon the Deferral Funds continuing to come in.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Mike Perry: And then once those are gone. I'm not going to come back and ask for money from you all from the General Fund.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Mike Perry: We...

Gary Meyer: This is being recorded you know.

Mike Perry: I...

Gary Meyer: I'm kidding.

Mike Perry: I understand that.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Mike Perry: We typically bring in between ten and twelve thousand dollars ($10,000.00-$12,000.00) a month from the Infraction Deferral Funds. It has not varied since we...

Gary Meyer: That's more than it used to be.

that I'm trying to move into the Paralegal position. She's done a great job.

Brad Overton: For some reason, I just have a lot more confidence in some of these people that have been, like the Prosecutor, you have these user fee funds than what I had in the past.

Gary Meyer: Well, we've seen them dry up.

Brad Overton: Yeah, I know. I'm just saying, I really have a lot more confidence in what they've said. But the Judge was up hearing the same thing. I don't, I don't know. I just have a better feel about it is what I'm saying.

Gary Meyer: I understand what you're saying. But I want them to understand.

Mike Perry: I do. And I appreciate that, Mr. Overton and Mr. President. And I understand that and I know the history behind that. And I think we've had this discussion before.

Gary Meyer: We have.

Mike Perry: And I'm well aware that if those funds go south, you're not going to see this guy come back in here and ask you for money from the General Fund.

Brad Overton: It's just been great to see him tweak that to get that fund back to where it...

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Brad Overton: Because at one (1) time we were under the impression that it was just doom and gloom.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Brad Overton: And whatever it is, the very small amount was not going to come back up ever again.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Brad Overton: But I believe there were some other sides to that story. Moving on.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Moving on.

Charlie Christmas: I've got to wake up.

Brad Overton: It's almost, day's almost over.

Mike Perry: Unless you all have any other questions, that's really about all I had.

PRE-TRIAL

Gary Meyer: Pre-Trial? It's all about the same then?

David Hachmeister: Same.

Mike Perry: Yeah, it's just pretty much, I think we've finally have got a handle on, on what our expenses are. And you know after three (3) years, I've kind of got it. So.

Gary Meyer: Kind of got it down. Okay.

Greg Richmond: Contractual Services went from twenty ($20,000.00) to thirty ($30,000.00).

Krystal Powless: Yeah, he (inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: By God, here comes the Judge.

Mike Perry: We'll take all the money you don't give Circuit Court. Because I think I deserve it more than they do.

Gary Meyer: (Inaudible) Okay.

Charlie Christmas: Here comes the Judge.

Judge Greg Granger: Is his time up yet?

Gary Meyer: His time is almost up. Apparently.

Mike Perry: I will let you know that, that when the time comes to renegotiate a contract for our IT Services. Cause ours is separate that the Courthouses. We'll be taking a hard look at that. And I doubt that I will make the same mistake as far as signing a five (5) year contract and binding anybody else if I'm not re-elected. But...

Gary Meyer: Why is yours different?

Mike Perry: Why is it different?

Gary Meyer: Than the rest of the County?

Mike Perry: I believe under Mr. Corn, it begun to separate from the County in order to maintain a level of confidentiality.

Gary Meyer: Oh.

Mike Perry: We have a separate server. We have in our Child Support we have to have certain things we have to do under Federal Law. And I think it's just to, to kind of have a separation between what the County does and what our office does.

Gary Meyer: I gotcha.

Paul Rudolph: That is a good question. I would think that in today's day and age, you should be able to segregate a server and have a separate drive or something like that. Obviously. So when it is time to negotiate, maybe even see if we can reunite. Maybe, I'm not a computer science guy. Maybe there's an opportunity to reabsorb that into the County.

Mike Perry: There might be. There might be. And it'll, if there's some way we can guarantee that there is a, and I'm going to use a term that's, that's probably used inappropriately, cause I'm not a computer guy either. But a firewall or a Chinese wall between us and other departments. I probably wouldn't have any problem with that.

Paul Rudolph: Right.

Mike Perry: But I would not really want to cede any of my access to anybody else. And that, and I think that's what the issue is.

Brad Overton: We've got some monitors here you could use. I think that's what they are.

Gary Meyer: Okay, any other questions?

Mike Perry: I thought those were coasters.

Brad Overton: Paperweights.

Gary Meyer: That's what we use them for. Any other questions for the Prosecutor?

Paul Rudolph: When is that contract up?

Mike Perry: Let's see. It was five (5) years. It was signed in '13. So I believe next spring it should be, Mr. Rudolph.

Paul Rudolph: Alright. Hopefully we can do something about that.

Gary Meyer: Might be job security.

Mike Perry: Yes, it could be. It, you know, it is a growth industry fortunately.

Gary Meyer: Thank you very much.

Mike Perry: Thank you, Sir.

Charlie Christmas: Thanks, Mike.

Mike Perry: Thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT

Brad Overton: Didn't we give him all of the Judges money?

Gary Meyer: I thought, I thought this...

Brad Overton: You might as well just, Judge, you might as well just go back over.

Gary Meyer: You were a little late so we decided to just go ahead and use your money.

Brad Overton: Sorry.

Judge Greg Granger: Who was late?

Gary Meyer: You.

Judge Greg Granger: I'm not late.

Mike Perry: You're late (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Alright, come on up.

Brad Overton: You weren't fifteen (15) minutes early.

Charlie Christmas: Don't argue with us about whether you are or aren't late.

Paul Rudolph: Nice Cubbies blue tie.

Judge Greg Granger: Exactly.

Brad Overton: Okay there, that's just a ten (10) percent, there's a slice. Just cut that down. I thought we'd get by this whole conversation without that.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

like there's a local team that had a security issue and you know ran into another firewall. Cheated a little bit. It's almost like...

Judge Greg Granger: FBI Investigator?

Brad Overton: Renegade guy. I don't know where he was...

Charlie Christmas: We're trying to find an FBI Director.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) go somewhere else.

Brad Overton: Geesh that was a long...

Judge Greg Granger: Brewers lost 15-2 by the way.

Paul Rudolph: I saw that.

Brad Overton: That was a lone wolf action.

Paul Rudolph: You mean the Cubs are right now in first place? Again?

Judge Greg Granger: Um hum.

Paul Rudolph: Cause they were helping them out.

Judge Greg Granger: They're a half a game up. Now they're a full game up.

Paul Rudolph: Now it's a full game. I was thinking as of yesterday.

Brad Overton: Good thing that dynasty's (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Are you in agreement with Judge Winsett about the, or Winsett, about increasing the Pauper Counsel?

Judge Greg Granger: Yes. Yes. All three (3) Courts were. I think the last raise was like five (5) years ago. And so the three (3) Courts feel the Public Defenders have gone five (5) years without any increase. And so we're all in agreement.

Gary Meyer: How many do you have in your, in your Court?

Judge Greg Granger: Pardon?

Gary Meyer: How many do you have in your Court?

Judge Greg Granger: We all have the same.

Greg Richmond: They use the same pool.

Gary Meyer: The same pool?

Judge Greg Granger: Yeah, we split, all three (3) of us split the salaries. Right.

Greg Richmond: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: So you use the same, the same...

Judge Greg Granger: Same Public Defenders, right.

Paul Rudolph: And you get to pick two (2) and Judge Aylsworth gets to pick two (2). Judge Winsett gets to pick two (2) kind of a thing, right?

Judge Greg Granger: That or...

Paul Rudolph: Is that the way it works?

Judge Greg Granger: That for salary wise are considered, yeah, paying out of our budget.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Judge Greg Granger: So we pay, Judge could help, we pay, is it two (2) full salaries or one (1) full salary in Public Defender out of each one (1)?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: What?

Judge Greg Granger: Public Defenders? Out of each Court that we pay a full salary and split a third on the rest of them? So it's just one (1) per Court?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: The cost of eight (8) paid three (3) ways. Each Court pays a third of (inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Be two (2) that are paid, right? Cause there's three (3) courts, so each pays two (2) and then there's two that you each pay two-thirds of? I would think.

Judge Greg Granger: There's, yes. There's two (2) that each Court pays the full and then the other six (6) we split a third.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: I think that's right.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Judge Greg Granger: And then also, Gary, I think all three (3) Courts were in agreement that that the Court Reporter would move from a three (3) to a two (2).

Gary Meyer: That's a Personnel Committee thing.

Judge Greg Granger: Right.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: And it looks like you're asking for a Probation Officer as part of the Clerk personnel? Am I seeing that correctly?

Judge Greg Granger: Where are you seeing that?

Gary Meyer: 4115.00?

Paul Rudolph: Yep. Well if you're not, that's better.

Gary Meyer: 4115.50.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, it's Page 23 of 53. Eighth line, seven (7), sixth line.

Judge Greg Granger: Well there's Probation Officer Adult and Probation Officer Juvenile.

Gary Meyer: Juvenile Probation Officer.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, the Juvenile is the new one (1) it looks like.

Judge Greg Granger: No, they, that's always been there.

Gary Meyer: Well, you didn't have any money according to last year.

Paul Rudolph: Something doesn't make sense.

Greg Richmond: Juvenile Probation Officer, fifty-five thousand ($55,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Drop one (1) down.

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Greg Richmond: That's 4115.00 and 4115.50 is brand new for thirty-one six-fifty-one ($31,651.00).

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) but it isn't with his personnel request.

Paul Rudolph: Looks like we might have a typo?

Judge Greg Granger: Oh I see what you, here the thirty-one sixty-five ($31,650.00) right there?

Paul Rudolph: It looks like that one (1) belongs here and this one (1) belongs here and this one (1) belongs here. So the thirty-one six ($31,600.00) belongs down one (1). The thirty-one nine ($31,900.00) belongs down one (1). The six thousand ($6,000.00) belongs down one (1).

Charlie Christmas: Yeah, yeah, okay. I see that.

Brad Overton: She's doing better. This is the very last group of things.

Krystal Powless: I told you I (inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: (Inaudible).

Brad Overton: Doing better. You should get the Judge's page (inaudible)

Gary Meyer: You're telling me the thirty-one six ($31,600.00) drops down?

Paul Rudolph: All three (3) of those numbers drop down.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Charlie Christmas: I see that now.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Brad Overton: That's better.

Charlie Christmas: Makes it a lot easier.

Paul Rudolph: Court interpreters, a thousand dollars ($1,000.00)?

on the Court Recorder Grant. State Grant where we had to file a request for reimbursement. They changed the rules. And so we're, the Court's decided we don't need to participate in that. We'll just ask for a line item for that Court Interpreters.

Gary Meyer: What do you do now?

Judge Greg Granger: Right now we, as of this year, we don't have the grant.

Gary Meyer: Oh, okay. You had the grant last year.

Judge Greg Granger: Right, yeah.

Paul Rudolph: Makes a big difference...

Judge Greg Granger: I take that back. That would be for next year's budget.

Gary Meyer: Right now you've got the grant.

Judge Greg Granger: Right now we're under the grant. Right.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Greg Granger: And my only, other than the salary request, three (3) percent raises are my numbers, the only other jumps in the budget would be under the Petit Jury. The ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00). Like the third line from the bottom. And that's directly tied to the murder trial. We're just estimating as well as the Pauper documents.

Gary Meyer: Um hum.

Judge Greg Granger: So that's a number I put in there for next year. Next week I'm coming, asking for monies to be budgeted here for expenses that were incurred right now.

Gary Meyer: Has that trial date been set yet? No?

Paul Rudolph: So just making sure we're clear on definitions, the Per Diem Petit Jury. That's actually the jury costs, right?

Judge Greg Granger: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: And then the Pauper Defendant Documents is going up from currently ten thousand ($10,000.00) to forty-seven ($47,000.00) that is the...?

Judge Greg Granger: That's all the expenses related to the murder case.

Paul Rudolph: The attorney though. The attorney fees.

Judge Greg Granger: Experts also.

Paul Rudolph: Attorney fees and experts. And we've got that Pauper Counsel which is going up from eighty-five ($85,000.00) to ninety-five ($95,000.00). And that is the...?

Judge Greg Granger: That is the Public Defender.

Paul Rudolph: Public Defender just in general? That has nothing to do with the murder trial?

Judge Greg Granger: Yeah, exactly. I do have, it's not listed on here, as, what, one (1) of my, both of my Guardian Ad Litems are available to address you. I have asked for raises across the board of three (3) percent. They would like to make a proposal for something other than that. Mr. Heal and Ms. Whitledge.

Gary Meyer: I'm sorry. Who is this then?

Judge Greg Granger: These are our Guardian Ad Litems. Their budget comes under my budget. But they work in all three (3) Courts.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Greg Granger: David Heal and Kelly Whitledge.

David Heal: Thank you.

Kelly Ferguson: It's Ferguson.

Judge Greg Granger: Ferguson.

David Heal: She's newly married.

Judge Greg Granger: Since Saturday.

David Heal: Can I give a copy to each?

Paul Rudolph: Please.

Ted Metzger: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: She can pass them out for you.

Kelly Ferguson: Oh, that makes more sense.

David Heal: The copies that I'm giving you are, and you'll see a blank. I don't know who's going to get a piece of paper. One (1) of you will get a piece of paper where it's taped. I don't know if you have that yet. Krystal, maybe you have some on top? Those are the names of the people that we represent. And I redacted it because I didn't think that was confidential. These are paternity cases, divorce cases. Last year Kelly and I were able to get twelve thousand ($12,000.00) to raise twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00) of that money. Right now we have around thirty-two thousand dollars ($32,000.00) in, in the account that we have raised. It doesn't come from the County. It's simply from all of the cases that we've worked with.

Gary Meyer: How much did you say? Thirty-two thousand ($32,000.00)?

Kelly Ferguson: Approximately thirty-two thousand dollars ($32,000.00).

David Heal: Approximately thirty-two thousand ($32,000.00). The County has not matched anything. It's simply what we've raised from our cases that we do.

Judge Greg Granger: When they are assigned a case by the courts, as for instance in a divorce proceeding. Each side pays a hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00).

David Heal: Correct. And that's the other thing. We're going to raise that to probably two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) so that...

Kelly Ferguson: At the beginning of the year we plan to do that.

Paul Rudolph: So what's the twelve thousand ($12,000.00) versus the thirty-two ($32,000.00)?

Kelly Ferguson: The, the...

David Heal: The twelve thousand ($12,000.00) is basically our, our money that we raised this past year. The thirty-two thousand ($32,000.00) is what we've raised in the past...

Kelly Ferguson: Couple of years minus the expenses that have come out of that.

David Heal: Several years that we've been doing this. We are asking, I wrote a letter to Judge Granger requesting, if we could have a raise on that. I have, I have listed here that we have thirty-one thousand eighty thirty-six cents ($31,080.36) from the last, and maybe Krystal has more of an updated one (1) on the budget. It may be a little more. It may be a little less. And we are currently receiving five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) to go with our regular salary. We work weekends. We work nights. We're not the average County employee that gets off at 4:00 PM every single evening. There are many times that we have to leave and go on weekend visits and evening visits. And not only do we do that, but we help mediate a lot of cases. And Judge Aylsworth is here as well. And he can probably vouch that we helped a lot of cases. We've helped them settle cases. So we're asking for, for that increase. An additional seven thousand dollars ($7,000.00) each for our salary. It doesn't come out of the County. It's money that we have.

Kelly Ferguson: And we'll continue to accumulate that money the more cases that we get assigned. We'll keep growing that too.

David Heal: So we're not requesting anything from the County. We're not requesting anything from anyone's...

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) so instead of the additional five thousand ($5,000.00) (inaudible) and additional ten thousand ($10,000.00)?

David Heal: Correct.

Kelly Ferguson: Do you want the five ($5,000.00) (inaudible).

David Heal: It's the five, at, maybe I misunderstood your question, Krystal.

Krystal Powless: You wanted five ($5,000.00) plus seven ($7,000.00).

David Heal: Correct.

Kelly Ferguson: I knew what you wanted.

David Heal: Thank you. Thank you.

Kelly Ferguson: I thought (inaudible).

Judge Greg Granger: No, no, no. They want each, seven ($7,000.00) each.

Greg Richmond: Seven ($7,000.00) each?

David Heal: Correct.

Charlie Christmas: For ten thousand ($10,000.00).

David Heal: So this is...

Paul Rudolph: And what's the five ($5,000.00)? I missed the five ($5,000.00).

Paul Rudolph: That's right. That's right.

Krystal Powless: A few years ago. You put that in there.

Paul Rudolph: Um hum.

Krystal Powless: So now they're wanting to include that seven thousand ($7,000.00) more. (Inaudible).

David Heal: And I would stress this, go ahead.

Judge Greg Granger: They're funded in part by the State? No? No?

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Greg Richmond: No, it's probably...

Judge Greg Granger: User fees?

Krystal Powless: Oh, this is (inaudible).

Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Judge Greg Granger: Oh.

David Heal: And I would...

Judge Greg Granger: Probation Officers (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Yes, (inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: So as far as we're funding it's thirty thousand ($30,000.00) each out of the General Fund. Five thousand ($5,000.00) out of the other fund. Not sure which one (1) it is at the moment. And then, and then we're asking for another seven ($7,000.00)? So it would be forty-two ($42,000.00) total compensation, rather than thirty-five ($35,000.00) which is the current. Is that correct?

Kelly Ferguson: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Did you just say, Judge, that this is a user fee fund that we're using, taking this money out of?

Judge Greg Granger: Not totally.

Gary Meyer: Not totally?

Judge Greg Granger: There's, there's...

Krystal Powless: What they're asking for comes out of the Guardian...

David Heal: It comes out of our fund. Our fee. It doesn't come out of the County. It comes out of the divorce cases that we raise...

Gary Meyer: Which is a user fee.

Kelly Ferguson: Fee by funding...

Judge Greg Granger: So over the years, the user fee is roughly thirty-six ($36,000.00)...around thirty thousand ($30,000.00) just in fees generated. But that doesn't pay their total salaries.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Greg Granger: That's where the five ($5,000.00) is coming from.

Gary Meyer: This, this, this increase is a user fee fund. Yeah.

Judge Greg Granger: Yes.

Paul Rudolph: And what's in that fund total? Like right now?

Kelly Ferguson: Approximately thirty-two thousand ($32,000.00).

Paul Rudolph: Thirty-two ($32,000.00).

Kelly Ferguson: And that continues to go up.

Paul Rudolph: We've got thirty-two ($32,000.00) and we're adding, we'll say twelve ($12,000.00) a year.

Kelly Ferguson: Um hum.

Paul Rudolph: Right, so, and we're going to be pulling out fourteen ($14,000.00) a year.

David Heal: And what I gave you was the twelve thousand ($12,000.00) that we raised last year.

Paul Rudolph: Right.

David Heal: And we're going to raise our funds which will...

Paul Rudolph: Increase it.

David Heal: Which will increase.

Paul Rudolph: And this is the only thing we pay out of this fund is this supplement?

Kelly Ferguson: We also get our travel check. Cause we get reimbursed for our mileage that we drive.

Paul Rudolph: Um hum.

Kelly Ferguson: So we get you know, a hundred ($100.00) to two hundred ($200.00) every month or two (2). So, I mean, and then if we need any sort of supplies or anything like that...

David Heal: If our computer breaks down, whatever, we use that fee. We use the money.

Kelly Ferguson: We could use desks, chairs. But...

David Heal: It's been something that's come out of our Fund the whole...anything that we have in our office does not come from the County, it comes from all the cases that we generated ourselves.

Paul Rudolph: So this is a Personnel Committee matter I'm guessing. It is good for you to come before us. I would actually ask for next week. Be interesting to know, what does a Guardian Ad Litem make in Posey County, Vanderburgh County, Warrick County, Gibson County, just to make sure that we're funding at an appropriate level.

Kelly Ferguson: I believe, my understanding is that we're the only county that has Guardian Ad Litems on staff. There's Attorney Guardian Ad Litems that are hired on the side. There's people that have their own Guardian Litem services in other Counties.

David Heal: There are Guardian Ad Litems here in the County which our Judges can speak for. Which they charge a whole lot more than what we do. We charge a hundred and fifty bucks ($150.00). And that's for home visits, school visits, doctor's visits, surprise visits, going to Court. A hundred and fifty bucks ($150.00). That's it. To do everything. Where their fee would be, what, hourly? Their fee would be a lot higher than a hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00). And that's why we're going to raise our fee. We're going to raise it to, you know, two fifty ($250.00). It's still...

Kelly Ferguson: Which is still significantly less than Attorney Guardian Litems, and private Guardian Litems outside of the County.

David Heal: So to answer your question, it would be, it would range drastically.

Paul Rudolph: Are there other Counties that have Guardian Ad Litems that maybe not be as close but are still in Indiana? Right? So, maybe there's Hancock County or Wayne County or Vigo County. Somewhere I'm guessing. It'd be nice to get an understanding of what the correct amount is. Just trying to compare. I'm guessing there's got to be other Counties that have that.

David Heal: I'm not sure how I would ...

Paul Rudolph: Find out?

Kelly Ferguson: Find that out.

David Heal: I, I, I don't know. Cause there's a lot of Guardian Ad Litems, Attorney Guardian Ad and their fees are completely different than ours.

Judge Greg Granger: We'll research that one. Hopefully get you something by next week.

Paul Rudolph: I'd find that useful.

Gary Meyer: It sounds to me like if we, if we grant this, I know this is a Personnel issue, but you're looking at fourteen thousand dollars ($14,000.00) and then bring in twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00). Eventually, if that keeps going, you're going to run out of user fee money.

David Heal: Correct.

Kelly Ferguson: But that's, that's...

Paul Rudolph: But Gary, I, yeah, so what they said is that they're going to raise the fee. Right? So that's at a hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) per case. Increasing it to two fifty ($250.00).

Gary Meyer: Right, yeah. That will help it out. I understand that.

Paul Rudolph: Resolve the issue.

Gary Meyer: But it's still a user fee. What's your plan be if the user fee someday goes away?

Krystal Powless: Well it won't go away. You're saying if they run out of money.

Gary Meyer: If they run out of money.

David Heal: Well if we run out of money, we're still County employees and we'll get our regular pay and regular three (3) percent. We'll still, you know, and we'll have no money. But that means we won't get our [illegible]

Gary Meyer: I got it; I understand. Thank you.

Kelly Ferguson: So do we need to present this elsewhere?

Gary Meyer: Next at the Personnel Committee Meeting.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) you guys can give me some documents (inaudible) meeting...

Kelly Ferguson: So we wouldn't need to be present?

Krystal Powless: I mean, I don't think so. (Inaudible).

David Heal: Are you all aware of what a Guardian Ad Litem does? Just making sure.

Paul Rudolph: I wouldn't need you guys to be present. Would the Judge be there then?

Krystal Powless: The Judge would be there (inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: So I'm guessing he'd be able to carry that.

Judge Greg Granger: Okay.

Kelly Ferguson: So just get you the paperwork then?

Krystal Powless: Get it to me (inaudible).

David Heal: And to clarify, you're just wanting basic salaries of...

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Kelly Ferguson: Just a run-down of what we've talked about.

Paul Rudolph: Of non-Attorney Guardian Ad Litems, what they generally get paid. Right? So if there's some way to compare.

David Heal: I can tell you Amy Brandsasse's stood before you with me five (5) years ago and she charges four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) a piece for a case. We charge a hundred and fifty ($150.00). We were, we stood here five (5) years ago and asked for a raise and you said no, we can't do it, even though it was money we generated. It had nothing to do with the County. And she left thereafter. But what I'm saying is, her, if you want someone close it would be Amy Brandsasse. She's Vanderburgh County, four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) a piece.

Kelly Ferguson: And she owns her own business.

David Heal: She's got her own, she has her own Guardian Ad Litem Practice in Evansville. So...

Judge Greg Granger: I think what they want to see is if it is possible, if there's another County in the State that has a similar arrangement that we do.

David Heal: I can say no. There's no...

Judge Greg Granger: Throughout the whole State?

David Heal: No, we're the only Guardian Ad Litem program that works like this in the State of Indiana. That's why I'm like trying to answer Paul's question. If, I don't know that I can. I don't know...I mean I can call different Counties and speak to, well I don't know who I'd speak to.

Kelly Ferguson: And I can try, I mean I could probably call some of the Counties, just random Counties. And just ask if they have you know a Guardian Ad Litem Program or how that works. So possibly find out?

Paul Rudolph: I would see if there is something. Right? So the question is, is there a comparable? And what's the best comparable we have.

Judge Greg Granger: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: And if there isn't one (1), there isn't one (1).

Kelly Ferguson: (Inaudible) fee and salary?

Paul Rudolph: I'm not worried about the thirty ($30,000.00) versus the five ($5,000.00) or the seven ($7,000.00). I'm just saying total compensation. Cause at the end of the day it's what, what's reasonable compensation amount to be paying for the services you provide?

Kelly Ferguson: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: And I'm trying to feel comfortable that the number's not too high or too low and that we're paying what's fair.

Judge Greg Granger: Okay.

Kelly Ferguson: Okay. We'll get that work done this week, have it by next week.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Kelly Ferguson: Okay, thank you.

Paul Rudolph: Thank you.

Ted Metzger: Thank you.

Judge Greg Granger: Anything else on the budget?

Gary Meyer: No, I don't think so, Counsel. I was going to say Counselor.

David Hachmeister: Always.

Judge Greg Granger: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Ted Metzger: Thank you.

ADULT PROBATION

Paul Rudolph: Wait, we didn't go through Adult Probation or any of those, did we?

Gary Meyer: No.

Paul Rudolph: Was there anything in them?

Krystal Powless: The Guardian Ad Litem was what he was talking about.

Judge Greg Granger: Probationary Fees, my understanding is Statutory. State sets the...

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) salary.

Judge Greg Granger: Right, right. (Inaudible).

CASA

Paul Rudolph: Like I said, I only have one (1) last question. The CASA thing, the Auditor expressed some concerns. Should we touch base on that even though this isn't necessarily on that conversation today? Or...?

Judge Greg Granger: We can. Since I haven't spoken to Debbie since that issue arose, but I'm in the process of, of drafting some contracts so hopefully that will...

Paul Rudolph: Alleviate?

Judge Greg Granger: Alleviate what were her concerns.

Paul Rudolph: Perfect. Works for me. Unless the Auditor has another...? Did you...? Does that work for you?

Debbie Stevens: What's that?

Paul Rudolph: The idea of the Judge was going to...

Judge Greg Granger: I said I hadn't spoken to you on the CASA issue but I'm drafting some contracts that hopefully will take care of (inaudible).

Debbie Stevens: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: So rather than be employees, they'd be contract?

Judge Greg Granger: They would be Court contracted employees.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Greg Granger: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you. Thank you.

SUPERIOR II

Gary Meyer: Judge Aylsworth, we're out of money, Judge.

Krystal Powless: I want to apologize because I called him over here early (inaudible).

Judge Robert Aylsworth: You say that every year. Not every year.

Paul Rudolph: Sorry we're late, Judge.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: We try to make it easy on you. If you look to the right, if you've got my sheet there. Look to the right. I think we put asterisks next to the four (4) things. Everything else to my knowledge. We asked for three (3)

($95,000.00), the double asterisks down below on the first page, we're requesting the ten thousand dollar ($10,000.00) increase Public Defender money for each of the three (3) Courts. (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: If you use the same, you use the same pool, don't you Judge?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Pardon?

Gary Meyer: All three (3) Courts use the same pool for the Public Defenders?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: We each technically have our own appropriation. But it's divided up among...

Gary Meyer: Among the eight (8)?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Right. It's divided among the eight (8). Six (6)...two (2) are paid full out of mine and we split the other two (2) (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: I got you.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: So, but John Young's resigned as of August 31st basically saying because of the volume, his practice, he can't do any more.

Paul Rudolph: So it's not necessarily a financial concerns, it's just purely because of the fact he's got a regular practice that's...?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Well, you just have to balance it out.

Paul Rudolph: Sure.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Financially, economically, is it worth your while? And I think if you look down the second paragraph. Basically said I've seen an approximate twenty (20) percent increase in appointments between 2015-2016. And the 2017 caseload is on pace to surpass the 2016 appointments. And you know that's, the bottom line is we're a growing County. All the activity down south generates more stuff. That's just the way it is. It's not going to change here for us.

Gary Meyer: Are these drug related cases, that creating such an increase on them?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Massive drug problems. Yeah. Massive and I'm not, I'm not talking meth. I'm talking prescription too. It's the opioids and everything.

Gary Meyer: Really?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: But if, frankly, if, if you could cut out drugs and alcohol, about eighty (80) percent of our criminal docket would evaporate. Because it's drugs and alcohol related, like domestic battery. You know, just a multitude of things as we go by the wayside. But it seems to get worse every year. It really does. We're not seeing any improvement in that at all. And the last couple of years, I've noticed, if I had to point to one (1) thing. We see a lot more women using syringes. It used to be mainly a man's thing. And the last couple of years we've seen a spiked increase in the number of women that have gone to the needle. And I kind of see that at the end of the line.

Gary Meyer: Hum.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: You know when you get to that point, I think you're always closing in to the end of the line. You know you can snort it, you can sniff it, you can huff it, whatever you want to do. But when you start sticking the needle in your veins, that's kind of a, you're heading towards the end of the road right there.

Gary Meyer: I say, where else do you go from there?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Yeah, that's, where do you go from there? That's about, that's the bottom line. If you roll over to the second page, the triple asterisks. We're just asking the increase from three ($300.00) to five hundred ($500.00). Mainly I'm doing that because you didn't give it to me last year. So I've just doubled back on this year. And then the Jurors food and lodging and requesting of a thousand dollar ($1,000.00) increase from two thousand ($2,000.00) to three thousand ($3,000.00). Other than that, we're pretty stable. The main concern as far as my regular budget now, is the Public Defender increases. If you look, basically I've broke it down, the three (3) Courts, eight-five thousand ($85,000.00) a piece. That's two fifty-five ($255,000.00) total. That works out to thirty-one eight seventy-five ($31,875.00) for each of the eight (8) attorneys. They pay basically all their overhead out of that. That, they pay everything. Their office overhead, postage, long distance calls, whatever. What, basically what we pay are out of pocket expenses. If they have to take a deposition, they have to have a Court Recorder, if they have to pay for mental health records type thing, they get reimbursed for out of pocket expenses. What they actually have to pay. But other than that, they absorb everything out of this money. They don't submit separate billings on that. With an increase of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) per Court would work out to thirty-seven fifty ($37,050.00) each for the, for the eight (8). And that's less than twelve (12) percent for five (5) years not retroactive. That basically, that would work out, I think eleven point six (11.6) percent or something like that increase after five (5) years and getting nothing. That's what it amounts to.

Gary Meyer: Do they get this money on a monthly basis?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Yeah, it's paid by the month, basically. It's on a Claim paid basis. And it's paid on the monthly basis. It's paid on the gross. Nothing's taken out. And they have to obviously pay their, their self-employment tax comes out of that. So that's double social security rate. So basically everything that they pay except out-of-pocket expenses comes out of what they get. I think last year I gave Krystal the article from Knox County where they had already paid a million dollars and were appropriating more for their system up there. And they're not nearly as large a County as we are.

Gary Meyer: What's your, what's your opinion, we asked Zac his earlier. What's your opinion of the State Program?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Yeah, Paul came over. What? Last year or the year before?

Paul Rudolph: A couple years ago, yeah.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: And I've always said, you know, if you want to do that. That's fine. But basically you're gonna have an office and administrator who's going to have to be an attorney. You've got to have staff.

Gary Meyer: So whatever you save, you'd be spending...

Judge Robert Aylsworth: And there have been times in the past the State has said, we're out of money. Until our next fiscal year, we're out of money, you've got to pay. And then you get your money effective July 1st. Cause that's their fiscal year. And, and I think the Judges, I think it was Judge Kelley and Judge Meier and me that met with Paul at the time before Zac and Greg came on. But, and I said then, I really don't care. I don't have any great desire to be a part of the Public Defender system. But it's far and away the most economical. And if you don't believe that, start checking around. You know Jon Dartt over in Spencer County, they told me one (1) time, they pay by the hour. He said the hourly rate's killing him. And you know the bottom line is, if you have a young lawyer that doesn't have much to do he's going to go to jail and talk to people. You know, if you're going to be billing by the hour and you need to fill up an hour, you're going to bill for that hour.

Gary Meyer: Sure.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: And, and, and here like tomorrow morning, I've got my felony session. The other two (2) Courts do theirs on Monday morning. But basically these Public Defenders come and they may be there all morning. You know. So you're talking three (3) hours times "x" dollars per hour. I run them every Friday that I'm there. The other two (2) run them every Monday they're there. And you know you don't ever want to get an hourly billing. You just don't. You just don't want to get into that. And you know from this Council's point of view, what you're going to see is something like Vincennes saw last year where they were working into their second million dollars ($2,000,000.00) for that year. Which that dwarfs what we spend in our system in the year. And the big study Boston that came down and selected certain Counties. And if you want to see the report I can give it to you. But this was out of Massachusetts it came down and we were one (1) of the Counties. We met with them and talked with them. And they criticized virtually every system in the state, cause they want it to be a State run system out of Indianapolis with regional directors and this and that. So on and so forth. The one (1) thing they noted was stability of our system that we have basically maintained the same Public Defenders for five (5) years or more, which is a huge benefit. Like the Department of Child Services. They are costly, rolling over their attorneys cause the State doesn't pay enough and anybody who's any good is going to be picked off and gone. And then you have to go out and recruit other people. I had somebody driving up from Terre Haute to cover my DCS areas, cause they couldn't find anybody down here. And, and that's just the problem they have. But like I said, you know, if you want to especially look at that system, I certainly don't have any objection to it, cause at that point basically, you fund it. You fund a Public Defender Office, I'm out of it. And all I do, is when I appoint a Public Defender, I refer it to the Public Defender Office and I'm done. The problem you have is if you've got a big drug bust or something and they're conflicted out. Then you're going to pay other attorneys by the hour. If they get conflicted out, because they can only represent one (1). And you may have seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10) people and you're going to be paying those other lawyers by the hour. And that gets ugly pretty fast.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: So as long, just anything, you know, no matter what you decide to do, as long as you stay away from an hourly billing system, you're going to be better off. Otherwise you're just gonna get eaten alive like a lot of other Counties are.

Paul Rudolph: Two (2) quick questions for you, your Honor. First question is does it make any sense, so if I read John Young's letter, he really complained about the case load rather than the payment. So we're resolving the concern by payment. Is it possible, rather than do that, we need to add another attorney to the Public Defender list?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: And that, and that would be an alternative if you want to authorize a night slot. Basically we have eight (8) slots. Seven (7) of them primarily criminal. One (1) of them primarily civil and that's Sherry Smith who we appoint for the child need of services parents who have a right to Counsel. And, and what I've been doing is, if we have a conflict between the parents, I have to have another attorney then. I'll appoint Sherry to represent one (1) of them and I've been appointing David Zengler to represent the other parent and I think he bills like a ninety dollar ($90.00) an hour rate. Which is very reasonable and is very reasonable on his billing. And he does not, he doesn't abuse it at all. And like yesterday, DCS afternoon, walk in and set down at one (1) and get up and walk out at a quarter 'til four (3:45 PM) and David had a number of cases to start with. And I took his cases first because he's on the clock. So I got him knocked out in ninety (90) minutes and cause I know I'm going to get billed for that ninety (90) minutes. That's why I get him out first. Then we move on to all the others where nobody's billing by the clock. That's how I handle that. But I can't, I would never complain about him. He's been more than fair on that. But that would be the alternative, basically each of the Courts would have three of the Public Defenders. But you know our concern, our concern is just that they've had no increase in the last five (5) years. And you know their expenses have increased.

Paul Rudolph: So I would ask you to just double check if maybe that's the best option, the option you guys prefer, rather than to increase the pay.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: I will ask.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: You know, what would you prefer? This is what it's going to break down to if you get this. This is what, this is the increase. Or would you prefer basically to have another slot? And, and that would, that would, you know pro rate that out and make it a little lighter. I think one (1) of the problems John had was he was the Drug Court Deputy. You've got to have like a Public Defender Advocate for the Drug Court people who are in the Drug Court system. Which means that basically he has to attend every one of those Drug Court sessions. And Judge Meier asked Judge Kelley and I several years ago, said you know it's a big time requirement to attend all those Drug Court Sessions. Where he brings them in and decides you violated juvie jail for the weekend. Get you out on Monday, that type of thing. Now Judge Winsett's doing what Judge Meier used to do. And Judge Meier asked the other two (2) Courts, would you only

September 1st. I noted on there, Drug Court, PD, one half criminal case ratio. Just so everybody understands the Drug Court Deputy and, and, and it's nothing that the others particularly want to do to be honest with you. So the bottom line is, the Drug Court Deputy gets half the criminal misdemeanor and felony appointments cause of all the time he spends in the Drug Court. And you've got to have one (1).

Gary Meyer: Since I don't know, I want to ask, what is this Magistrate deal that we just got ahold of? Does he take care of some of the load for you guys?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Oh my gosh. It, my life is not worth living before we got our Magistrate. I'm serious. I was working seven (7) days a week. I was working pretty much all day Saturday. I was packing up my catalog case and taking it home. Sitting there watching NFL games and working on the basement table on Sunday afternoon to load up and bring back on Monday. The Magistrate basically takes the bulk of the small claims for the two (2) Superior Courts. Does the bulk of the infractions and the misdemeanors. On Thursdays and Monday nights, I take one (1) Monday night a month. Judge Winsett takes one (1) Monday night a month. The Magistrate takes two (2). Where before the two (2) Superior Courts Judges were taking two (2) each. So now, instead of having two (2) Monday nights. You know you do a jury trial on Monday, you go to Monday night Court. And now it doesn't happen nearly as often because the Magistrate takes two (2) Monday nights per month. Where each of the Superior Court Judges take one (1). But she does the bulk of the misdemeanors, the small claims, and the protective orders. If there's a protective order that comes in on a divorce that I have or paternity case I have, I do it. But if it's just a run of the mill protective order between two (2) unrelated people, she takes care of that. So the Magistrate is a tough job. It is a massive amount of cases. It is what I call the grunge cases.

Gary Meyer: Does she use Public Defenders also?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Oh, yeah, yeah. They serve her Court as well.

Gary Meyer: So they're in the, in the...

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: Same pool?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: They do the Misdemeanor Court.

Gary Meyer: Does she pay for this? How does this work out? Who, who pays this extra thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00) each Court's going to pay? Or ten thousand ($10,000.00), sorry, ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) that your Court...

Judge Robert Aylsworth: It's divided among the three (3) Courts. And she, she works for...

Gary Meyer: Now where does she come in? She...?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: She works for all three (3) Courts.

Gary Meyer: She works for them.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: And, and basically two (2) days, and on these weighted case load studies that the State does to say how hard a Judge is working, two (2) of her days are charged to me. Two (2) of her days are charged to Judge Winsett. One (1) of her days is charged to Judge Granger in Circuit Court. So that reduces our numbers because she basically is helping each of the Superior Courts two (2) days a week and helps Circuit one (1) day a week. Because you see we have all these small claims.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: We have the bulk of the traffic. Which is, you know, that's a huge, huge docket.

Gary Meyer: Sure.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: And so that's why I get charged with two (2) of her days, he gets charged with two (2) of her days, and Judge Granger gets charged for one (1).

Gary Meyer: Okay, I understand.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: But I, it...

Gary Meyer: I'm sorry, I didn't understand how that worked.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Life got, life got a whole lot better, and I, and I've told people, that you know, this job was worth having, frankly after the Magistrate came on. And, and you know, it's State pay. And, and we were lucky enough to get tagged on the, the end of the Marion County Bill where they were converting like seven (7) of their Commissioners to seven (7) Magistrates and, and it started out as our bill. And then all of a sudden it was their bill. We got tagged on as a second part. And I was talking to Warren Mathias and I said, I don't know if this is any good. Oh, yeah, he said. This is the dog that's wagging our tail now. And he said, he said their Judges are calling all the central Indiana Legislatures, Legislators telling how desperately this is needed for Marion County. So I mean this is good for us. And I thought, well if you say so. So we all three (3) went up in front of the hearing, the committee. And, and you know it was just like we were an afterthought at that point. It just rolled right on through. The Governor signed it. And it has been a massive benefit.

Gary Meyer: I just didn't understand how that worked.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: And, and the difference is probably more than anything, is the Judges actually have time to do some quality work now. Where before you really didn't. You know you actually have time. There was divorce cases, you know I have one (1) set in a couple of weeks, four (4) days, just for one (1) divorce case. Well that pretty much wipes out your week. I have Felony Court on Friday. You know so everything else is setting back there waiting to be done. And

before with all the small claims and the misdemeanors and everything. This was not a very good job. Now it's a pretty good job. Compared to what it used to be. But before it was pretty bad. I mean it was, like I said, life really was not much worth living before we got our Magistrate. It's made a huge difference. And I think our quality of work is probably better. We actually have time to stop and think about something. But yeah, it's been a blessing. And it's been a blessing to the County cause we get our cases done more efficiently.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. I can see that.

Paul Rudolph: So, Judge, with John Young resigning, are his current cases, case load going to be transferred to the new Public Defender?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Yes, basically all those cases they'll, it would be not fair to break them up among the others. It will go to the new guy.

Paul Rudolph: And do we know who the new guy is yet?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Yeah, right now, what we've always done here. You get on a list. And it goes just in order. It will go to Brennen Phillips, who was the next on the list. The next appointment will go, unless they withdraw, to the Mastison Law Office, George Ann Mastison in Newburgh and the Hannah Class with Long's Office is number three (3). So basically it's always just going whoever's next on the list. And it's always been you either, you have to have your primary office in Warrick County.

Paul Rudolph: Sure.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Basically either you practice primarily in Warrick County if you're a sole practitioner, your office in Warrick County, or your firm's office, primary office in Warrick County, in order to be a Warrick County Public Defender. The reason we've done that is, if you have a Vanderburgh County attorney, we're not going to be a priority. (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Oh, you think?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: That's just the truth. But Dawnya Taylor was trying to be a Public Defender down there and a Public Defender up here. She resigned. That's when John Young became a Public Defender to start with. But that's how that's always worked. Yeah, we had the meeting at 4:00 (PM) last night to discuss it, who was next up. That's, that's the appointment for the, and he will be a Drug Court Deputy. That's a condition of that employment. So.

Gary Meyer: Your other two (2) are going to get an increase as well?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: What's this?

Gary Meyer: Isn't it Adult Probation Administrative? That's...?

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) additional salary.

Gary Meyer: Additional, right. Okay. So everything else is the same.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Well the one thing I've always tried to point out, that Probation Salary is a State Mandate. There's nothing anybody can do about that. So it is what it is.

Gary Meyer: Okay. I apologize to you for running a little late. We asked you to come over a little early.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: No, no. That's...

Gary Meyer: Then we were running a little late.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: That, that, that's no problem.

Gary Meyer: Anybody else have any questions for the Judge?

Judge Robert Aylsworth: I'd rather come early than late if I have the opportunity.

Gary Meyer: There you go.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: Thank you very much.

Gary Meyer: Thank you very much.

Judge Robert Aylsworth: See you all later.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Charlie Christmas: Well.

Gary Meyer: Judge, Judge...

Paul Rudolph: Your Honor.

Unknown: Bob.

Gary Meyer: I think she wants to say something. Yeah.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

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