WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
February 2, 2017
6:00 PM

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Attorney Cliff Whitehead Attended.

County Auditor Debbie Stevens, Chief Deputy BJ Farrell, and Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

Council President, Gary Meyer, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gary Meyer: Roll call.

Krystal Powless: Gary Meyer?

Gary Meyer: Here.

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: Here.

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here.

Krystal Powless: Ted Metzger

Ted Metzger: Present.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here.

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here.

Krystal Powless: Paul Rudolph?

Paul Rudolph: Here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2017

Gary Meyer: Okay. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, January 5th.

Paul Rudolph: I have one (1) change. So under the Personnel Committee heading, I think it's page 2. I think there's a word missing. So you had asked about the Personnel Committee, 'Did you say you wanted off this? Did I hear you say that or not.' And I said, 'I think I didn't say that, or I don't think that I said those words.' So I think the word "don't" needs to go in there. I can see the rest of the sentence and the next sentence, 'I've never said that outright.' So I think the intention was to say, I don't think I said those words.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Greg Richmond: So that's the one (1), two (2), three (3), fourth conversation down? "I don't think?"

Paul Rudolph: Yeah.

Greg Richmond: On the first page, on the second, page 2, sorry. At the very bottom, right above Council Vice President, the very bottom of Council President, you didn't record who abstains.

Gary Meyer: Oh.

Greg Richmond: Gary Meyer abstained. And, let's see, I've got no motion down on page 5, right above Solid Waste in the Courthouse Renovation Committee. Now the President could probably just appoint the committee without a motion, but there, you said here, "Okay all those in favor," and then…

Gary Meyer: There was no motion.

Greg Richmond: The motion passed seven, zero (7, 0). But it didn't say, who made a motion or a second. And I don't remember us having a motion and a second for that.

Gary Meyer: I don't either.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) did. But I know they named who.

Greg Richmond: It's not anywhere in here. Yeah, we did name. So how do we want to do that, Counselor? Can we just leave it a Presidential Appointment?

Cliff Whitehead: That's what I would do. I remember discussing this in real time or thinking about it in real time. And because of the substance of what we were doing, I don't see an issue with just doing that. If it was voting on an appropriation I would change my opinion.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Greg Richmond: So should we strike, 'All those in favor of the motion, seven, zero (7-0)?' since there was no motion? Or just wanna change motion to something else?

Cliff Whitehead: Well I think you can do whatever you want. They're your minutes. These minutes I think are meant to be verbatim, so I think if you want to insert a note in there that at this second meeting or this meeting, the February Meeting the Council decided it was a Presidential Nomination, I think that would be fine. But changing these to reflect something that didn't happen, acting like it's verbatim, I'd caution that.

Greg Richmond: Okay thank you. On page 8...

Paul Rudolph: Just to be clear, I think, Greg, you liked his idea of inserting a note?

Greg Richmond: Yes, yes. That's fine. It was no big deal. I just thought I wanted to clarify. On page 8, one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), the fifth conversation down, Brad Overton, 'I'm not familiar with Alan. I think you know Alan, so you didn't say that, did you?

Brad Overton: No, that would not have been me.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: I probably said that.

Greg Richmond: Okay.

Brad Overton: I think it might have been...

Gary Meyer: I'm not familiar with him.

Greg Richmond: Anybody else think they might have said that? 'I'm not familiar with Alan Black?'

Paul Rudolph: I think that was me.

Brad Overton: That's what I...

Greg Richmond: Okay, so we change Brad Overton to Paul Rudolph.

Paul Rudolph: What is it tonight?

Brad Overton: I don't understand that at all.

Greg Richmond: It's hard to tell our voices apart sometimes.

Paul Rudolph: Mine's a little huskier.

Brad Overton: I'm a little wider.

Greg Richmond: I can't remember; I think that's all (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: You'll grow up.

Greg Richmond: Just two (2) seconds more. Yeah, that's all.

Paul Rudolph: I motion to approve as amended.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Paul and seconded by Brad to approve Minutes as amended. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven, zero (7-0).

TABLED ITEMS
APPOINTMENTS
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Gary Meyer: Okay, we've got under Appointments, Tabled Items, were you going to think about whether you want to stay on the, is that what...?

Paul Rudolph: So the Personnel Committee was fine. I wanted to stay on it, but...

Paul Rudolph: So I made sure no one wanted me off. I wanted to give some time to try to kick me off if they wanted to, but no one tried. Well, one (1) guy tried. But I beat 'em all pretty well. So, I'd like to remain on the Personnel Committee if at all possible.

Gary Meyer: Alright.

Paul Rudolph: That being said, there was my appointment to the...

Gary Meyer: We're going to do that later.

Paul Rudolph: From Area Plan I wanted to mention.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, that's coming later.

Paul Rudolph: So we planned that, I wanted to mention...

NEWBURGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Gary Meyer: Okay, Newburgh Economic Development Commission. Currently is Todd Titzer and I understand he is going to serve again?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Brad Overton: Motion.

Gary Meyer: Motion...

David Hachmeister: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Brad and seconded by David to appoint Todd Titzer...

Paul Rudolph: And me?

Gary Meyer: And you.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Don't we have to appoint me back to the Personnel Committee?

Gary Meyer: Oh, okay.

Brad Overton: I don't think we...

Gary Meyer: I didn't think we ever took you off.

Paul Rudolph: Okay, that works too.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. So we have a motion made by brad and seconded by David to approve Todd Titzer on the Newburgh Economic Development Commission. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven, zero (7-0).

Greg Richmond: (inaudible) motion.

Brad Overton: It was me.

Gary Meyer: It was made by Brad, seconded by David.

Charlie Christmas: Yeah.

RECORDER BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Gary Meyer: Okay, Recorder Business, Additional Appropriation, Postage, three hundred dollars ($300.00); Travel, one hundred dollars ($100.00). And I don't know if you want to do them all, look at all of them at one (1) time or what. But also under Recorder Perpetuation, Expense of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), Laredo Expense of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), and Miscellaneous for twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00).

Pat Brooks: Pat Brooks, Warrick County Recorder. This was taken for your consideration. I sent you an email earlier and this last addition, this was information I was waiting to get from the IT guy, which I got this morning, and I didn't read 'til around noon. I did email it to you, but it was so late I figured you didn't get a chance to read the email. So this is just something we've already, the computer and software recommendations from the IT, from Doug our IT guy. Don't know where I'll end up with that but I certainly don't want to use borrowed software so I will need to get that corrected. Under the Additional Appropriation, under the Expenses, the prior Recorder reduced it to five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) and in checking she spent seventy-four hundred and seventy-eight dollars ($7,478.00) last year. Laredo Expense, she reduced to five thousand ($5,000.00). She spent five thousand nine-forty-three ($5,943.00). And on the Contracts, she spent twenty-four thousand nine-seventy-two ($24,972.00). Now I'm not sure, I've not gone back and researched, I was told there was about six (6) line items that are in the wrong line items from last year. I have not done anything or worked anything on that. So it's entirely up to you on what you all choose to do. Again, as I said in my letter earlier, I believe we have a duplication of contracts on the computer because the Keller Schroeder, I'm waiting for a final from Doug. But when I got to looking into it, Keller Schroeder is our backup computer services. And I believe I'm covered under that and that's one (1) contract and now it's on a month to month cause I didn't resign it. So I will, if, as long as we're covered under Keller Schroeder, I'm going to eliminate the other five thousand dollar ($5,000.00) contract. When I get into it, I

may have enough. I do not spend money unnecessarily. But it's up to you, what you all decide to do.

Gary Meyer: Well, I would feel more comfortable if you come to us when you need the money. Because I do think you do a good job of saving money. So you may not need an additional at this point. Maybe in July you will. Maybe not.

Pat Brooks: Very well could be.

Paul Rudolph: Pat, I promise you, if you, if I feel you need the money, I have no problems granting it. And I think that the majority of this Council feels similarly.

Brad Overton: And I would think, given the circumstances of what, you know, that whole transition and the reduction, I mean normally we don't really look very kindly upon anybody coming back except for Inmate Medical (inaudible). But, so, I mean, I would think that, like Paul said, to kind of echo his sentiments, I think we would at least be open to that. And like Gary said, I don't think anyone's ever accused you of spending money more than you've ever needed to do. So...

Gary Meyer: I have a question. You probably can't answer me.

Pat Brooks: Okay.

Gary Meyer: The one (1) right below Miscellaneous Expenses, why did we increase that fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00)? Do you know?

Pat Brooks: No.

Gary Meyer: She spent thirty-five thousand ($35,000.00) last year and we made it fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00).

Krystal Powless: Well you, that was a frozen budget. The budget was fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00). She only spent thirty-five thousand ($35,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Oh. Okay.

Pat Brooks: I tried to go back a couple of years and in the prior years there was even more spent, eighty-nine hundred ($8,900.00) on one (1) of the accounts. The twenty-three hundred ($2,300.00) was taken care of for the personnel because it was overdrawn and it was moved out in December. An adjustment was made so that balanced out. But I have a lot of missing information at the present time so I can't give you absolutes. So the, and I'm sure the reason she cut the budget was because of circumstances in May. But I'll do the best I can. Not that I don't enjoy seeing you guys, but I really hate to come over here in the evening. It messes up my...

Gary Meyer: I can't believe that, Pat. Come on.

Pat Brooks: Not that I don't like to see you. But you know I'll do the best I can. If I can't pay the contracts, because I don't know, I don't know the cost of Monarch yet. I don't know what it's gonna take to get the replication system. Fidlar has been in contact, tried to be in contact with, to get information from, but we were kind of starting kind of from scratch on that. And in the next couple of weeks, due to the previous lawsuit and the amount that was awarded, I know that there is something in regards to replication but we can't, we haven't determined how to do it yet. That was for Black Knight.

Gary Meyer: I guess that's my thinking too. You may need more money than this. And that's...

Pat Brooks: No, I don't think I'll need more money than she spent, no.

Gary Meyer: Well.

Pat Brooks: But...

Gary Meyer: You may not need as much (inaudible). But I would feel more comfortable, this is just me speaking, is when you come to us with that account needing, you need the money and we can put more money in that account. I just hate to do it the first meeting of the year, an additional. I understand your circumstances at this point. I mean there is money in there to get you started anyway. Probably not enough to keep you going, not for sure that's true, but...

Paul Rudolph: So, Pat, just to confer with you, you're pretty confident that you don't need any of this money right today? Correct?

Pat Brooks: No. No, I don't have any contracts due for a couple of months yet. But I do know the Laredo, the previous year she spent eighty-nine hundred ($8,900.00) on it. And last year was fifty-nine ($5,900.00) so at five thousand ($5,000.00), I know that's not enough. You know, it won't be enough to pay that.

Paul Rudolph: But we're not sure exactly how much you'll need?

Pat Brooks: No. Because then again I don't know what the replication service and the other thing is the backup systems.

Paul Rudolph: Sure.

Pat Brooks: I don't have, I'm not sure where we need to be on that yet. So I'll, you know, do what I can. As I said, I have been negotiating with Fidlar to see if I can get those prices down.

Paul Rudolph: So, based on that, my, I'm going to ask you to trust the Council. Trust us, and, to give you that money when you decide exactly how much you need. And I'm going to motion that we table this until such time as we bring it back. So that's my motion.

Gary Meyer: 'Til who brings it back? She brings it back?

Paul Rudolph: Well, that it's tabled. So it will be tabled until we decide to un-table it.

Krystal Powless: Or, just throwin' this out there, I mean, she may change what the appropriation request is.

Paul Rudolph: Right.

Krystal Powless: And if that's the case I would need to re-advertise what the new request would be. So you could just either deny it, or not motion on it at all, and let Pat come to us whenever she...

Paul Rudolph: Maybe that's better.

Charlie Christmas: That would be better.

Paul Rudolph: No motion. I don't want to deny cause that implies we've said no and I don't, we haven't said no. I just wanna think, what we do is we don't motion, so I'll take that back. I'll take back my motion.

Gary Meyer: No action.

Paul Rudolph: No action would be what I recommend.

Krystal Powless: And that leaves the door open for Pat to come to us when she's ready.

Paul Rudolph: Exactly.

Gary Meyer: So no action on Item...

Paul Rudolph: 3 or 3B.

Gary Meyer: Or 3B, right.

Paul Rudolph: I think we do need a Salary Ordinance for the Recorder under number 4.

Gary Meyer: Okay, so you got that?

Pat Brooks: Okay, so come back when. As a side bar, sixty (60) seconds of your time, I will tell you that the second year that I was in the Treasurer's Office taking bids I reduced the cost of billing by ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) and in negotiating with the banks instead of having it all in one (1) bank, I negotiated last year. In interest alone I made a hundred and eighty thousand dollars ($180,000.00) for the County. I don't know if you all were aware of the increase that I have done through hanging on to money for four (4) days over the holidays before releasing and doing some creative, we had some instant account funds moved and we did a hundred and eighty thousand dollars ($180,000.00) last year. Just wanted to let you know.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Gary Meyer: Okay, Salary Ordinance, Deputy Vacation, two thousand five hundred and fifty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents ($2,559.84).

David Hachmeister: Motion to approve.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by David and seconded by Brad to approve. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven, zero (7-0).

WARRICK EMS BUSINESS

Gary Meyer: Warrick EMS Business

Pat Rauscher: Good evening.

Gary Meyer: Good evening.

Pat Rauscher: Pat Rauscher, Director for St. Mary's Warrick EMS. I'm here with the quarterly report and this is actually the year-end report, 2016. This is our review of our numbers that we're doing, finalized January through December of 2016 compared to 2015. Our total runs were actually up about two hundred (200) runs. We were fifty-six, twenty-one (5,621) verses fifty-four, twenty-eight (5,428) the year before. Our 911 calls to local hospitals were fairly flat, thirty-two, twenty-eight (3,228) to thirty-two, sixty-five (3,265) the year before. Refusals had a fairly big jump from ninety (90), nine-seven-four (974) this year compared to eight-'o-seven (807) the previous year. We have no idea what's causing that. We've looked around but we can't seem to figure out what the trigger is on that. But we are up a fair amount there to last year. Hospital transfers are down. These are transfers within the county, four seventy-two (472) compared to five-fifty (550). Others category are your patients that were either dead on arrival, we couldn't, no patient there, fire standbys, etcetera were three-forty-four (344) compared to ninety-six (96). Our private runs were six-'o-three (603) to five-ten (510). So overall a busy year for us. A couple of pieces of news just for you to be aware of. We, in May of this past year, we had two (2) new trucks that went into service. In November of this, of 2016, as well as, St. Mary's put a PO in, a purchase for a third truck. So we'll have another new truck coming to us in August, so they're supporting that fleet very well. In addition to that we are working, actually yesterday we had eight hundred (800 MHz) radios updated. We get to have new ones for handhelds. We know the four hundred (400 MHz) patching system is somewhat tenuous at times and there's always a chance that may go out and the eight hundreds (800 MHz) are a much more clear system. So St. Mary's has supported us to give that transition, get it going. We have all new handhelds in our possession right now. Planning is, for next year, put all the base radios in the trucks and the stations and change over as well. So we can (inaudible) the four hundred (400 MHz) now in trucks and use the handhelds, that's been taken care of this year, or will be full eight hundred (800 MHz), hopefully by next year, end of this year I guess being 2017. We're also working on some projects that we

hope to help in the County with infant deaths. We have a paramedic who went to some training in the State who's going to work at our fire departments and with our EMS personnel on, as we're in homes taking care of patients, if we see things that might be a safety risk for children with the sleeping areas, that way we can do some direct education right then and there for them. So that will hopefully help us if we have any issues with the infant deaths. But that will be a positive thing. I did put on the, the sheets that were sent out to everyone, contact information. I know we have two (2) of you that were re-elected this year, congratulations. And we've got a new Council Member so welcome.

Ted Metzger: Thank you.

Pat Rauscher: The information's there if you need to get ahold of us. Myself, Manager's on there, Tony O'Neal; and our Office Coordinator, Esha Roth; we'll be happy to help you, anything you need. Feel free to get ahold of us.

Ted Metzger: (Inaudible).

Pat Rauscher: And one (1) last piece of information, and I take it it's not on the list here but this came out after I presented this by email. Effective April 20, St. Mary's name will change to St. Vincent's. Really we've been, we've been in the process for this for a while. St. Mary's is a part of a national company called Ascension Health, which has multiple companies across the United States. In 2013, we were asked to work closely with St. Vincent's Health in Indiana to become a statewide system so we can work on things, legislatures and insurance, ways to reduce costs. We've done lots of work in the last four (4) years with this. So we're really at the point now we're, one (1) of the last things that are gonna be done is the name change. So it's not going to affect any of your services here. It's not going to affect any of the services at the hospital, but we will see the name change starting April 20th. And eventually we'll see on the ambulances and on our uniforms as well too. So I wanted to make sure you guys were aware of that. But as I said services will be the same and will continue to grow and stay strong but we'll see that change in logo coming up.

Gary Meyer: Will our name then be St. Vincent-Warrick County?

Pat Rauscher: Yeah, Warrick EMS will still stay on there as part of the contract. Now I think it's an important thing to be able to do, so how the picture of it will look, well I'm sure it will have the three (3) doves and St. Vincent's on there and we'll have the Warrick EMS title with it as well. But Warrick EMS will stay with that.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Any questions? Okay. Thank you.

Pat Rauscher: Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

DISCUSSION ON ITEMS MOVED TO FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MEETING

Gary Meyer: Okay, if you notice, Item 6, 7, 7B, 8, 9, and 10B, will be moved to our February 13th meeting. These were not, well the newspaper had the advertisement, but it didn't get printed. So we cannot act on any of these tonight. Now why it didn't get printed, nobody seems to know that answer but they did have the information in time, and hopefully they put in some checkmates down that this won't happen again. But those items will be moved. And by the way, you all can come back on that night, you can go to the Commissioner's meeting and our meeting and then Area Plan. You can hit the trifecta in one (1) night right there. So keep that in mind.

Paul Rudolph: Have we informed the newspaper about the impact of what their lack of publication…?

Gary Meyer: I think she did.

Krystal Powless: Trust me…

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Paul Rudolph: Stress the significance.

Krystal Powless: I believe Larry Taylor did also.

Larry Taylor (from audience): We both did.

Gary Meyer: This can be a lot of problems for us, or money to us. This is the reason we have to have a special meeting that night.

Paul Rudolph: Thank you both, Krystal and Larry, for addressing that.

Larry Taylor (from audience): We had to do all the bid documents and all the planning steps had to be reprinted (inaudible). I bet it cost us five or six hundred dollars ($500.00-$600.00) (inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible) they bill, see that they cut our bill down over there.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, but it was a problem, especially now that the Standard is being printed in Owensboro.

Krystal Powless: Um hum. Everything goes to Owensboro.

Gary Meyer: Everything goes to Owensboro. That could be a problem, so…

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Anyway, supposedly we got some safeguards in place. We'll see how they work out.

SHERIFF BUSINESS
SALARY ORDINANCE
SICK AND VACATION REIMBURSEMENT

Gary Meyer: Okay, so we'll go to Item 10. Sheriff Business, Sheriff's Ordinance, Jail, Sick and Vacation Reimbursement, nine thousand four hundred and two dollars and eighty-one cents ($9,402.81); Sheriff, Sick and Vacation Reimbursement, six thousand three hundred and ninety-four dollars and five cents ($6,394.05); Sheriff, Sick and Vacation Reimbursement, ten thousand eight hundred and ten dollars and forty-one cents ($10,810.41); Sheriff, Sick and Vacation Reimbursement, sixteen thousand seven-ninety-eight and forty-nine cents ($16,798.49); and Jail, Sick and Vacation Reimbursement, three thousand six hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-four cents ($3,639.74).

David Hachmeister: Are you having three (3) Deputies leave?

Mike Wilder: Yes. Mike Wilder, Sheriff's Office. Yes, we've got three (3) Officers, three (3) Deputies.

David Hachmeister: As per the Handbook, motion to approve.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by David and seconded by Brad to approve. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven, zero (7-0). Thanks, Sheriff.

Charlie Christmas: You've already announced, we know. So I'll make sure that everybody knows it.

Paul Rudolph: I wonder if there's a correlation there. You know he announced he's running for Sheriff and then a week later all these people have left.

Charlie Christmas: What's going on, Mike?

Gary Meyer: Interesting.

COUNCIL BUSINESS
AREA PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Gary Meyer: Okay, Council Business, 11 is Area Plan Commission, Paul has decided he can't do it.

Paul Rudolph: I have a conflict that night so I apologize.

Gary Meyer: So, conflict that night, so I've asked David if he would consider and he said he would...

David Hachmeister: I did?

Gary Meyer: Consider it, yeah.

Brad Overton: Motion to nominate David Hachmeister.

Paul Rudolph: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Brad and seconded by...

Paul Rudolph: Paul

Gary Meyer: Paul to nominate David. There we go.

David Hachmeister: For the record I would like to state that you asked me if I wanted to.

Gary Meyer: No, I really didn't say it that way.

David Hachmeister: Yes, you did.

Gary Meyer: No, I said you will, won't you. Okay, all those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven, zero (7-0).

Paul Rudolph: Thank you for your service, David.

Gary Meyer: That's right, in advance.

COMMISSIONER BUSINESS
WORKMAN'S COMP TRANSFER

Gary Meyer: Okay, we do have a transfer here that's on your table. The Commissioners transferred from 4314 Contractual Services to 4175 Workman's Comp of one thousand six hundred and ninety-nine dollars ($1,699.00). I assume that's because it was underestimated?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Brad Overton: Motion to approve.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Brad and seconded by Charlie to approve. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried

seven, zero (7-0).

SUPERIOR I BUSINESS
PART-TIME FIELD OFFICER

Gary Meyer: Okay, anybody from the audience like to address the Council? Yes Sir, Judge.

Charlie Christmas: Here comes the Judge. Here comes the Judge.

Zach Winsett: Good evening, Councilmen.

Gary Meyer: Good evening.

Zach Winsett: Mr. Whitehead, Ms. Powless. I'm Zach Winsett. I'm here as the Judge and Department Head of Superior Court I. I'm here asking that, we want to hire a Field Compliance Officer for our Drug Court Program. If you remember, we had our Field Compliance Officer quit late last year. And because of the financial situation and budgetary concerns of the program, we did not rehire him, or that position. So I still don't feel that we should hire someone full time. So we wanted to hire a part-time person. This is a person that goes out and visits people's homes that are in the program to make sure they don't have any alcohol in there. To make sure that the people living there are supposed to be living there and they're living a law abiding life. And that home verification component is very important. So I was kind of kicking around the idea of having a part-time person. It just so happened Community Corrections, Warrick County Community Corrections was looking for a part-time Field Compliance Officer as well. So what we've planned, is to have gotten together and collaborated, is to share a full time Field Compliance Officer. So that's what I want to do. The money will come from out of program fees. We wanna take it out of the Operating Expenses. And we believe it would be at the high level, it's thirty-five thousand ($35,000.00) for high salary and twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) for the benefits and so we split that down the middle, twenty-seven-five ($27,500.00) is what we're thinking. Twenty-seven-five ($27,500.00) is what we're asking for. And then that employee will work for Superior Court I, the Drug Court, and for Warrick County Community Corrections, half and half. We'll split it right down the middle. And so that's what I'm proposing. I know because of the timing and advertising and that sort of thing but that's just wanted to bring that to your attention as soon as we could so we could get that out there and start the process of talking to people and applying. Maybe get someone hired. I'd be happy to answer any questions that anyone may have.

David Hachmeister: Well, you mentioned part-time but it's only going to be part-time with the Drug Court?

Zach Winsett: Only be part-time with the Drug Court, you're correct. But, you're right.

David Hachmeister: Just part-time.

Zach Winsett: Yep.

Gary Meyer: What's changed since you let the other guy go? I mean at that time you said you didn't need one (1).

Zach Winsett: Well...

Gary Meyer: So what's changed? I mean...

Zach Winsett: We had a position that's no longer paid by the program. That's County pay, so that helped us out tremendously not having that Field Compliance Officer there for that long. And I'm more optimistic on the program. We're on the way up as far as numbers.

Gary Meyer: Are you down in numbers? Drug Court numbers?

Zach Winsett: The, the number of participants?

Gary Meyer: Well the dollars is all I'm...

Zach Winsett: I'm, I'm looking optimistic. We're, if we take out of Operating Expenses, we still have a Fund with a hundred nine thousand dollars ($109,000.00) in it. And then we still have another Fund with about ten or fifteen thousand dollars ($10,000.00/$15,000.00) in it. So, I am, and then we're still getting more participants. I think we just got three (3) in in the last two (2) weeks. So, so we, we have the money to pay for it. Oh, and also I forgot, we applied for a grant with Community Corrections. We'll get word on that in May/June. That grant won't kick in until July 1st. But if we get it, this position is fully paid for. But we're planning just in case we don't get anything that we can pay for this position. You know it might be a situation where we're just year to year and you know, can we support this position or not. But I'm rather optimistic about the grant as well. There's this particular grant that we applied for in collaboration with Community Corrections. They get money for it every year. So our hope is that this position is fully paid for and it'll be nothing out of our pocket. But that money will not come until July 1st. So we would have to pay it until then.

Brad Overton: Is this coming out of your User Fee Fund?

Zach Winsett: No. That's Court Probation User Fee and that is separate.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, but it's coming out of Drug Court, would be coming out of...not property taxes.

Brad Overton: Yeah, it's coming out of the Drug Court, okay.

Zach Winsett: Drug Court. This is totally encapsulated in the program fees.

Paul Rudolph: And, Judge, same question that we frequently ask, if Drug Court Fees dry up, the position dries up as well, correct?

Zach Winsett: Absolutely. Absolutely, Councilman. That's why you know, we're, we're really hitting this grant hard and

saw last year. I didn't come begging to replace the position because I knew we didn't have the money to do that and...

Gary Meyer: How's your operating expenses going out there where you are?

Zach Winsett: Um.

Gary Meyer: Are they reasonable? Whatever reasonable means.

Zach Winsett: I, I think, you know, without getting into specifics, I think we're, we have forty-three (43) participants or so. I think we're adding another one (1). I would like to have fifty (50) to kind of breathe a little bit. But, with that being said, we're, we're doing okay. I mean we're comfortable. But we, we'll still need more, more, more, and more, but, before I can breathe a little bit, I think, and relax. I don't want to relax until we're really good. Okay? We're just kind of sustaining and we're fine.

Gary Meyer: How will this person be divided on time?

Zach Winsett: That would have to be worked out. But it would be split evenly. And, you know, he'd have to answer to the program and to me while he's working for us. I said he, or she. And the same thing with Community Corrections. But it would be evenly half and half, however we actually do that.

David Hachmeister: You mentioned it was a Community Corrections Grant. Could you still use that salary though to cover on your Case Manager?

Zach Winsett: That, yes, we actually were allowed to do an addendum with them on that grant and they know exactly what we're asking for, they know all their numbers for Community Corrections, they know our numbers, so this is what I'm actually asking you. We've already actually applied for and it's in there. So it's a Community Corrections Grant but we were allowed to attach ourselves to it. Because they didn't think they had the budget to hire someone full time either. So we just kind of hatched a plan and collaborated between departments.

Gary Meyer: That's something that has to be advertised, isn't it?

Krystal Powless: Yeah. I would have to advertise that the Salary Ordinance, the additional appropriation for the line item that he's requesting. It's too late to advertise for the 13th meeting. That's already been, so it'd be the March meeting.

Gary Meyer: So he'd come back, March 2nd?

Zach Winsett: March 2nd.

Krystal Powless: Before he could come before them. Um hum.

Zach Winsett: Absolutely, I'd be glad to come back, March 2nd, if that's okay with you, Gentlemen?

Gary Meyer: Okay. Good deal.

Zach Winsett: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Zach Winsett: As always thank you for allowing me to speak with you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Charlie Christmas: Thank you (inaudible).

DISCUSSION ON LATE FEES TO NOMAD IN PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Gary Meyer: Anyone else in the audience like to address the Council? Yes, ma'am.

Debbie Stevens: Debbie Stevens, Warrick County Auditor. I did want to come back before the Council just to address something that was, went on record last month, and it was regarding a Nomad claim and a late fee. I believe it was for two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00), two hundred fifty-two dollars ($252.00) for a late fee. And, so, I will put all of this, I scanned all this information. I will go ahead and email it to you tomorrow or later on this evening. You can take a look at it. But it is a follow up. I've gathered quite a bit of information. It's history on this Nomad account and the claims from 2015 where there were a number of claims paid late and charged a late fee, 2016 and then 2017. And we did reach out to Nomad on the one (1) that was in question at the last meeting. And what we were told, this is actually, I'll just read from the email, from Abby Stiles, she's an Account Support Advisor with Nomad. There's not a print out of conversations. We'd requested of some type of documentation on when they'd had conversations with the particular office holder or their, his staff. "There's not a print out of conversations that I'm able to send over. Sorry about that. I can tell you that we will waive one (1) late charge as a courtesy because we know things happen. Holidays, getting things in the mail late, or just plain busy. But on this agreement, we have waived seven (7) late fees, so we are not able to waive any more late charges." We have also discussed this, and I won't mention the employee's name, but it's an employee in that office, about this back in August of 2016. I told her then that there would be no future waivers. So, I have the documentation here and I have all of the dates, the dates that the invoices were received by the office, due dates, and the dates they were received in our office. Just so that, just to give you clarification that it was through no fault of the Auditor's Office. But there's been a history of late fees with this vendor in this department. So, I'll just...

Charlie Christmas: What's the bottom line, dollars and cents?

Debbie Stevens: Well...

Charlie Christmas: Surely you've got that.

Debbie Stevens: Currently there is on a 2017 claim, there is a late fee of two hundred twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents ($225.25). The claim was submitted to pay the current month on time, however, they short paid the claim by the late fee. Which could very well result in another late fee for next month. I don't know. We paid the claim as submitted.

Charlie Christmas: What's the amount of dollars that we've paid to this company in the last year and a half, two (2) years? It's my understanding it happens every month, so what's the late fees total?

Debbie Stevens: Well they've had, they've been successful in getting them waived each time with a phone call.

Charlie Christmas: Do they average out two hundred dollars ($200.00) a month?

Debbie Stevens: That is the charge for their late fee, is in the current month, two hundred twenty-five dollars ($225.00).

Charlie Christmas: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: Per month, for each month there's a late fee.

Gary Meyer: Who had made the contact to get it waived? From the department...?

Debbie Stevens: Well...

Gary Meyer: Where it came from?

Debbie Stevens: From their office. Staff members from their office.

Gary Meyer: Did I, not to change the subject, did I see another late fee on a credit card in an email I got recently?

Debbie Stevens: There was...

Gary Meyer: I can't remember what department it was.

Debbie Stevens: There was some back and forth with one (1) of the departments recently. The late fee and the interest was removed, but it was, really it was incurred, we gave plenty of notice. We received the claim on January 4th, we returned the claim on January 5th asking for personal reimbursement of a meal that was not covered by Commissioner's policy on meal reimbursement. So the claim was kept, ran through a Board meeting. The Board has no statutory over claims, so it was kind of an effort that really didn't have any bearing on what the Commissioner's policy says regarding meal reimbursement. We did, we received the claim back in our office on the 12th. The due date for the credit card was the 13th. So we contacted the credit card company to make and ACH payment but because they couldn't receive it, they can only come in and debit your account and we don't allow that. So they said because they could not accept an ACH payment they were most willing to remove those charges. So they were removed.

Gary Meyer: I'd just like to see...

Debbie Stevens: We made every effort we could to try and pay it on time. It was in our office one (1) day and then we did not receive it back until the day before the due date.

Gary Meyer: I'd just like to see us clean these up. I mean, this two hundred dollar ($200.00) one (1) sounds like it's a monthly bill. We should know...

Debbie Stevens: It is.

Gary Meyer: Whatever that bill is. I mean we know what it's going to be each month so...

Debbie Stevens: They receive their invoice on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd day of the month. And they receive it electronically into email.

Gary Meyer: And when's it due?

Debbie Stevens: It's due the next month.

Gary Meyer: Oh.

Debbie Stevens: Not for a month later.

Gary Meyer: Yeah. I'd like to...

Debbie Stevens: You can look at the history yourself...

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: And look at payment pattern. It's basically just due to claims not being submitted or two (2) or three (3) months paid at one (1) time. So it started in 2015.

Gary Meyer: I'd like to eliminate those as much as we can.

Debbie Stevens: I would too.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: We do all we can. We turn backflips sometimes to try and get claims paid and out the door on time.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Debbie Stevens: Alright, thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Debbie Stevens: Anymore questions for me?

Gary Meyer: Not from me.

Debbie Stevens: Alright, thanks.

Gary Meyer: Anyone else from the audience? Okay, any Council Member have anything to bring up? I'ljust remind you again, the trifecta is February the 13th, at 4:00 (PM), 5:15 (PM), and 6:00 (PM). Right?

Krystal Powless: And ours is at 5:15 (PM).

Gary Meyer: Ours is at 5:15 (PM). And I assume the only thing on the agenda for these items that we moved.

Krystal Powless: Yes. I'm not adding anything.

Gary Meyer: We're not adding anything else. There will be about six (6) or seven (7) items.

Charlie Christmas: It won't be long cause it was only forty-five (45) minutes (inaudible)…

Greg Richmond: And the advertisement in the paper, by the way, had the wrong day.

Krystal Powless: It had the right date but the wrong day.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Krystal Powless: But it's, it's okay.

Gary Meyer: We've got that straighten out so, okay.

Brad Overton: Motion to adjourn.

Gary Meyer: Okay, meeting's adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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