WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
February 13, 2017
5:15 PM

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

Attorney Cliff Whitehead was in attendance.

County Auditor Debbie Stevens and Secretary Kristine Georges attended recorded the minutes.

Council President, Gary Meyer, called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gary Meyer: Roll call.

Krystal Powless: Gary Meyer?

Gary Meyer: Here.

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: Yes.

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: *(Councilman Rudolph was not present for this meeting).*

Gary Meyer: Okay, as you know, this is the, thisis the second leg of our trifecta tonight.

Brad Overton: That joke's getting old.

Gary Meyer: I know, but I like it.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: We are having a special Council Meeting tonight to review some Additional Appropriatons which did not get advertised at, for our last meeting. So this is about all we'll address tonight.

TABLED ITEMS
NEW BUSINESS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS
ELBERFELD SEWER

Gary Meyer: So we'll go under New Business, Economic Development Business, Additional Appropriation, Elberfeld Sewer 2017, three million nine hundred, nine hundred forty-five thousand dollars ($3,945,000.00); Urban Transit, twelve thousand eight-sixty-two ($12,862.00); Utilities of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00); Motorized Equipment, thirty-four thousand dollars ($34,000.00); EDC Assistance for twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00); for a total of four million six thousand eight hundred and sixty-two dollars ($4,006,862.00). Good evening. I'm looking at you.

Larry Taylor: Oh.

Charlie Christmas: Wake up. Hello.

Gary Meyer: I know, I've, well, I've got a bad eye. Don't worry about it. It's up to you. You're, you're on.

Larry Taylor: Larry Taylor, Economic Development Director. Our first item is the Elberfeld Sewer Project. It's kind of unrelated to the other items. At the January Meeting, I came and we went into that in detail with the, with the engineers and everybody. But basically what that is, is we're building a line from the Interstate (64) up by Fibertech that goes down to their, down to their sewer plant. And, so that's one (1) portion of it which is two point-eight-seven-zero million ($2,870,000.00). And then the other part of it is a million dollar ($1,000,000.00) grant to Elberfeld, and they're using that as matching funds as they're expanding their treatment plant from one hundred forty-nine thousand (149,000) gallons per day to at least four hundred thousand (400,000) gallons per day. The total cost of what Elberfeld's doing on their part of it is five-point-five-nine-five million ($5,595,000.00). We've been working, the reason why this is needed is the North

Warrick Industrial Park has a limited amount of sewer available. This has been in our cash flow projections for at least the last seven (7) years to do, to do this project. We've already spent two and a half million dollars ($2,500,000.00) for the land and seven-point-seven million dollars ($7,700,000.00) on the North Warrick Industrial Park. And this provides the sewage capacity for that. Because really if anybody else comes beyond somebody that really doesn't use sewer, we wouldn't be able to accommodate anybody in the Industrial Park. So that's the, the first item. The total of it is three-point-nine-four-five million ($3,945,000.00) and that's the two-point-eight-seven-zero ($2,870,000.00) for the gravity line, the million dollars ($1,000,000.00) for the Elberfeld matching grant and then seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00) for the engineering review. Do you want me to take them one (1) at a time, Sir? Or...?

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, let's do that.

Larry Taylor: Okay.

David Hachmeister: Yeah, like I, Larry'd said, we've been planning on this since the inception of the Park up there, increase it to that capacity. Altogether this will give a chance to help Elberfeld out for future expansion up there as far as businesses are, residential, and I make a motion to approve.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by David to approve. Is there a second?

Greg Richmond: Second.

Gary Meyer: And seconded by Greg.

Brad Overton: And, Larry, is this pretty well tie up the Park then, or as far as put the bow around it, as far as additional things? Or does that put us in pretty good shape?

Larry Taylor: This is the major, this takes care of the major stuff. The only thing that would come up would be some of the interior roads in the Park. We've done the main road that goes down the middle of it. But the interior roads, we, we haven't done yet because we don't want to do those and then have somebody that comes in that's actually looking at it. Yeah, it pretty much does, it, except where, that if we had, we're kind of waiting to get a specific client, because whatever we guess, I'm afraid we would guess wrong and you have to tear it down and redo it. The other thing that might come up that's been very successful for us is doing the pad ready sites where we level them out and do the earthwork and compact it and everything. And that's, a lot of people in Economic Development are doing these shell buildings and, or, and, I wouldn't, I don't really, I'm a...or a proponent of that, but by doing these pad ready sites you really can come in and somebody can start building literally forty-five (45) days later like North American Lighting did. So that in the future, that may come. But the hope is, cause it's in a TIF area, that that area will start throwing off some TIF from the Pepsi that's in there and also North American Lighting has thrown off some TIF. And then they can start self-funding some of those improvements.

Brad Overton: Thanks.

Gary Meyer: Anybody else? Go ahead.

Charlie Christmas: Are we voting on the four million ($4,000,000.00)? Or are we just voting on the three (3), three ($3,000,000.00)?

Krystal Powless: Just the three ($3,000,000.00) (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Three-point-nine-four-five ($3,945,000.00),

Charlie Christmas: That's what we're voting on?

Gary Meyer: That's what the motion...

Charlie Christmas: It wasn't really spelled out.

Gary Meyer: That's what the motion was for.

Charlie Christmas: Okay.

Gary Meyer: Any other questions? Okay we have a motion by David and seconded by Greg to approve. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried six, zero (6-0).

Larry Taylor: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

URBAN TRANSIT (MPO)
UTILITIES
MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT
EDC ASSISTANCE

Larry Taylor: The other four (4) are items that I put in my budget earlier this year but as you know how the budget process went, it just froze all the budget items. There's, the first one (1) is Urban Transit. The Commissioners have a representative on that. That, there was I think seventy-two hundred ($7,200.00) and some change. That's in that budget line item today. But they had committed to take that up to, I thought it was twenty ($20,000.00), but Roger sent me the signature and they committed to take it up to twenty-five thousand ($25,000.00). Now the MPO is the one (1) where we get all the matching grants for the all the Federal projects and everything and everything has to go through the MPO. And so I believe that's a necessary thing. Again, it's one (1) of those things that resides in my budget, but it is, I believe it's necessary. The next item is Utilities. And last year they changed the law, that you can't use TIF revenue to pay utilities

any longer. So we used to pay some of the light bills at the North Warrick Industrial Park and we also, on the Warrick County Industrial Park, we paid the light bills and the water bills and also along Warrick Trails, some of the lights that are there. We were paying those out of TIF Funds and we're not able to do that because they changed the law now. So that was the increase in the Utilities Line Item. It's three thousand ($3,000.00) in there today and it's to take it up another three thousand ($3,000.00). Motorized Equipment, that's for a vehicle replacement. The last, the current vehicle is a 2013. What they typically do with that is redeploy, the Commissioners redeploy the vehicle that I had, the last one (1) went to the Building Inspector's Department. And that vehicle, I'm lead, I understand, it has over a hundred and sixty thousand (160,000) miles on it now. So this is to replace the vehicle Economic Development's using and then the Commissioners would redeploy it. I'm not sure where they would redeploy it, but that would be a pretty logical spot. And the last one (1) is Economic Development Assistance, that's the Southwest Coalition. And there it's seventy-eight thousand ($78,000.00), that's what it's been from the beginning and they had come and asked that that be increased by twelve thousand ($12,000.00) this year and that is, evidently they've asked all the different counties around to, to up it some, and they're trying to go with that. Might say, and I know that lots of times people ask, are we getting our money's worth on that? Well, there's the Economic Development stuff where they help me with the different deals and things and the stuff that has to do with the State and all that. But the main thing we get a benefit out of them is they have a whole group of people that do these grants. Warrick County over the last four (4) or five (5) years has received over twenty-two million dollars ($22,000,000.00) in grants. And this goes to sewer projects, water projects, the, the tear down where they're taking on the dilapidated houses. Debbie Bennett-Stearsman has been here for some meetings. The, those are included in that pro…that money. The Boonville Square, which I know they're looking at doing some stuff and they're looking at some grants, they're helping them with that. The Regional Cities Program, we benefitted to the tune of a million and a half dollars ($1,500,000.00), direct benefit from that. And that was put together by the coalition for our benefit. And then the Elberfeld Sewer Agreement that we just talked about, the Elberfeld portion is five-point-five nine million ($5,590,000.00) or so. We put a million ($1,000,000.00) in for the matching grant. Well, the other part of it is, that is partially funded by grants, are actually funded by their rate payers. But the Coalition helps put that kind of thing together.

Gary Meyer: Give me a little bit better, and maybe you can't, an explanation on this Urban Transit deal. I don't understand that. If they do grants, are we doubling the grants with the Coalition at the bottom of this?

Larry Taylor: No.

Gary Meyer: Are we doing the same grants twice?

Larry Taylor: No, these are the Highway, the Highway Department's, the Highway's grants. So they have a department, the Evansville MPO, which is a regional MPO. Maybe you can explain it better than I?

Bobby Howard: Bobby Howard, Warrick County Engineer. The Evansville MPO is where we get all of our funding in the urbanized area for our Federal Aid Projects, our eighty percent (80%) match for construction and preliminary engineering…

Gary Meyer: So that's only Highway, only roads?

Bobby Howard: These are all for road projects. These are Lincoln Avenue, Bell Road, Oak Grove Road Projects. So we get millions of dollars each year for these projects for that cost.

Larry Taylor: And when we put, when they put a, when Bobby and them put a program together, then the Evansville, this MPO organization has to do their own research to provide traffic studies and all different kinds of things that puts it together.

Bobby Howard: They will also take care of citizen's complaints, we also, all of our subdivisions, we will give them the plats for review, the entrances, they will review the entrances, give suggestions to our departments. They review stop signs, right-of-way control, traffic counts. They, they do quite a bit of work for us.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Roger Emmons: Roger Emmons, County Administrator. I would also add that the road projects that Bobby's talking about, we have some (inaudible) coming up for those. They're in the Capital Improvement Plan. So, which will be amended probably April of this year. But just wanted to point that out for you.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Roger Emmons: That EDIT Funds are allowed to be used for those.

Gary Meyer: Did I hear you say that they want to raise it to twenty-five thousand ($25,000.00)?

Larry Taylor: Yeah, I thought it was twenty thousand ($20,000.00).

Gary Meyer: This won't be enough then, right?

Larry Taylor: No, and we put it in, and we advertised that.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Larry Taylor: So what we decided on was, I should let you know, that it's actually twenty-five ($25,000.00). This appropriation only takes it to twenty ($20,000.00) and I'll have to come back cause we'll have to advertise it again.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Larry Taylor: That was my mistake. I thought it was twenty ($20,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Larry Taylor: I did the math right. I just had the starting point wrong.

Gary Meyer: Right. Any other questions?

Ted Metzger: I have a question about this Motorized Equipment. Can you be more specific on what that thirty-four thousand ($34,000.00) is...?

Larry Taylor: It's for a four (4) wheel drive, sport utility that seats seven (7). And the reason why it has to be four (4) wheel drive is lots of times we'll take, numerous times that you have a whole group of people, including our engineers in that. So you put everybody in the four (4) wheel drive and you drive them out to a spot on the Industrial Park, that's not paved, and take 'em up, you know there's a hill out there, you can go out and show people and they can just decide which plot, which land they want (inaudible).

Ted Metzger: Thank you.

Brad Overton: Have you, have you bid that out, Larry? Or is that just a number in your ballpark or something? Cause I mean you mentioned a specific vehicle. I didn't know if you'd, you said something about that one (1), or you're just going to go out and look for a good SUV to...

Larry Taylor: Well, the one (1) that's worked is the Dodge Durangos, have worked well...

Brad Overton: That's what you had.

Larry Taylor: Because they're more of a truck base. I think they're all car based now, but they're more truck-y. So they sit up a little bit higher. So you don't have the, you really can't take some of the four (4) wheel drives, the car based four (4) wheel drives up in what you need. And then what we would do, we would give that, that specs to County Purchasing, Joe Grassman, and he would bid it out.

David Hachmeister: Well, you mentioned Durango. We don't have a Dodge Dealer in Warrick County. In Economic Development, I'd prefer you bought something from Warrick County.

Larry Taylor: What dealer do we have?

David Hachmeister: We don't have a Dodge Dealer in Warrick County. So that's the reason I'm kind of not specific on a Dodge. You've got, like I say, you got Ford and General Motors in the area. Where again you can, from what you described, the twenty-six to twenty-eight thousand dollar ($26,000.00-$28,000.00) range, as far as an SUV, that will carry seven to eight (7-8) passengers. Whatever you need.

Roger Emmons: A Suburban or something like that?

David Hachmeister: Well, yeah, Explorers, Blazers, they'll still give you (inaudible).

Larry Taylor: Well General Motors, General Motors you have to go into a Tahoe or Suburban which ends up being about another ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00)...

David Hachmeister: Well as far as (inaudible) and Traverse.

Larry Taylor: and the Ford...pardon me?

David Hachmeister: Like a Traverse is still third row seating.

Larry Taylor: But the Traverse is really low, more of a car based.

David Hachmeister: Smaller, yes. But like I say, I'd like to see a purchase from Warrick County. You know you're exploiting Economic Development and we should for all vehicles look for, although as far as Dodges, Dodge took away our Dodge dealer.

Larry Taylor: Really, Warrick County owned you only have Law Chevrolet. The other...

David Hachmeister: And General Motors. You have D-Patrick Ford. I hate to give names, but there they are. (Inaudible).

Larry Taylor: D-Patrick is not a Warrick County ownership is it?

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Ted Metzger: But it is a dealership in Warrick County.

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Larry Taylor: I don't care. I'll do the specs and let 'em bid on it.

Roger Emmons: I believe Joe could probably prepare a generic specifications...

Larry Taylor: Yeah.

Roger Emmons: That would allow for any, anyone to bid on.

Greg Richmond: Why don't you bring that back after Joe has looked at that?

Larry Taylor: Do you want him to bid it out? Or, or, look at the...the last time we looked at this, we looked at Chevrolet, Ford, and Dodge. And Toyota, because Toyota has people in town. And Dodge was the lower of all them, including D-Patrick. And, I mean, to get a better number or...?

Greg Richmond: What I was thinking was, if you could get with Joe, take what you want, what you need to Joe, let Joe

call the dealerships or put out the specs to the dealerships and give them a chance to give you some numbers. And perhaps what's going to come back isn't going to qualify for what your needs are. Maybe the Dodge is the only thing that will qualify. But I'm thinking if you come back with a specific number, rather than us just blindedly give this now, I'd rather see some comparisons.

Larry Taylor: Sure.

Greg Richmond: That will put you back a month, but surely that thing will go a little bit farther.

Larry Taylor: Doesn't matter to me.

David Hachmeister: How many miles do you have on it?

Larry Taylor: By the time we get something in here it will have sixty (60,000). It has like fifty-two (52,000) on it.

David Hachmeister: Oh, I thought a budget time it was more than that on it.

Larry Taylor: No.

Brad Overton: Motion to approve the twelve-eight-sixty-two ($12,862.00), Urban Transit; and the Utilities for three thousand ($3,000.00).

Gary Meyer: How about the EDC, it says…?

Brad Overton: Well the EDC Assistance for twelve thousand ($12,000.00). I didn't know if we needed to do them in order or not. You guys can…

Gary Meyer: So you want to make a motion to approve everything except the Motorized Vehicle?

Brad Overton: That's the way it sounded like it was going.

David Hachmeister: Yeah, I'll second that.

Gary Meyer: Okay, motion made by Brad and seconded by David to approve the Urban Transit for twelve thousand eight hundred sixty-two ($12,862.00); Utilities for three thousand dollars ($3,000.00); and EDC Assistance for twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00). Any further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries six, zero (6-0).

Krystal Powless: So would you maybe make a motion to table the…

Greg Richmond: That's what I was going to do. I make a motion to table the thirty-four thousand ($34,000.00).

Charlie Christmas: I'll second that motion.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Greg and seconded by Charlie to table the Motorized Equipment for thirty-four thousand dollars ($34,000.00). All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries seven (7), zero (0)…six, zero (6-0), I'm sorry.

Larry Taylor: Okay, thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS
EDIT CONSTRUCTION
BELL ROAD, LINCOLN AVENUE, OAK GROVE ROAD

Roger Emmons: Roger Emmons, County Administrator for the Warrick County Commissioners.

Bobby Howard: Bobby Howard, Warrick County Engineer.

Gary Meyer: Let me go ahead and mention this first. You're at Item 2, aren't you? Highway Business?

Bobby Howard: Yes.

Roger Emmons: Um hum.

Gary Meyer: Is that where you are?

Bobby Howard: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Bell Road, five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00); Lincoln Avenue, three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000.00); and Oak Grove Road, one thousand, fifty thousand ($1,000, $50,000.00)…one million, fifty thousand dollars ($1,050,000.00); for a total of one million, eight hundred fifty thousand dollars ($1,850,000.00). This is for EDIT Construction.

Roger Emmons: That's so we can continue these Federal Aid projects that are in the CIP and to continue paying engineering and right-of-way acquisition costs.

Greg Richmond: Is that Bell Road North?

Bobby Howard: Yes.

Greg Richmond: Lincoln Avenue…?

Bobby Howard: Lincoln Avenue, that's the portion that we just let for construction. This is the continued construction.

Greg Richmond: Between Bell and...?

Bobby Howard: Bell and Lenn.

Greg Richmond: Lenn? Okay.

Bobby Howard: Yes. And then Oak Grove is a larger dollar amount because that construction of Phase III of Oak Grove Road is scheduled for the fall of this year.

Greg Richmond: In what direction does that go?

Bobby Howard: Where we stopped there...

Greg Richmond: East of...?

Bobby Howard: East of, east of Bell, down the hill to (Hwy) 261.

Greg Richmond: The ALCOA Highway?

Bobby Howard: To State Road 261.

Gary Meyer: Oh, that's Oak Grove?

Bobby Howard: Yeah, on Oak Grove.

Roger Emmons: There by the school, comes out on...

David Hachmeister: Motion to approve all three (3) at the total of one (1)...one million, eight hundred fifty thousand ($1,850,000.00).

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by David and seconded by Brad to approve. Any further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried six, zero (6-0).

Bobby Howard: Just for informational purposes, I'll be back in May for the Local Paving Funding EDIT as well. We're putting that together still, so it will be May before we're ready for that.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Krystal Powless: And he'll also...

Charlie Christmas: I'll come out and see you before then.

Krystal Powless: He'll also be back next month for the purchase of the land for the...

Bobby Howard: The Additional Appropriation, I believe, the appraisals will be sent to your office.

Roger Emmons: Todd's going to email them to Cliff.

Bobby Howard: To Cliff, yes.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT
VANN ROAD BRIDGE

Greg Richmond: Cumulative Capital Development, Bridge, Vann Road, one hundred seventy (170)...one hundred forty-two thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars ($142,432.00).

Roger Emmons: I'll let Bobby address this.

Bobby Howard: This is for construction of the bridge there on Vann Road that's just west of ALCOA Highway. That bridge is a narrow bridge and it is in need of replacement and with this appropriation we should be able to move forward and do that this summer when school's out.

Roger Emmons: It's a very high volume traffic road as well.

Brad Overton: Motion to approve.

David Hachmeister: And a second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Brad and seconded by David to approve. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried six, zero (6-0).

Roger Emmons: Thank you, Gentlemen.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
ANIMAL CONTROL, VAXCARE

Gary Meyer: Health Department Business, Additional Appropriation, Animal Control Expense, one thousand thirty-two dollars ($1,032.00); Vaxcare, one thousand thirty-three dollars ($1.033.00); for a total of two thousand sixty-five dollars ($2,065.00).

David Hachmeister: Motion to approve reimbursement, correct?

Gary Meyer: Motion made by David and seconded by?

Charlie Christmas: I'll second that one (1).

Gary Meyer: Charlie. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried six, zero (6-0).

CIRCUIT COURT BUSINESS
JUVENILE PROBATION

Gary Meyer: Circuit Court Business, Additional Appropriation, Juvenile Probation Circuit, Circuit Juvenile, one thousand dollars ($1,000.00).

Judge Greg Granger: Judge Granger, Warrick Circuit Court. This is an additional from user fees to cover in part, cost of a new computer.

Brad Overton: Motion to approve.

Gary Meyer: All you want is one thousand dollars ($1,000.00)?

Judge Greg Granger: And you made me wait this long?

Gary Meyer: Yes.

David Hachmeister: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Brad and seconded by David to approve. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried six, zero (6-0).

Judge Greg Granger: Thank you, Gentlemen.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Judge Greg Granger: Let me, let me tell the Councilmen who weren't here earlier, we're having a Call to Action for CASA. Kind of a community, informational program, and it's going to be April the 4th, at the 4-H Center. And we hope to get as many Councilmen, Commissioners, Law Enforcement, State corporations, community involved, provide information, and hopefully get new volunteers. I'll send you more information.

Charlie Christmas: I was gonna say, re-remind us.

Ted Metzger: What was the time on that?

Judge Greg Granger: 5:00 (PM).

Ted Metzger: 5:00 (PM).

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Okay.

David Hachmeister: I would like to state, that is user fee money on that.

Gary Meyer: Yes.

SHERIFF BUSINESS
REDUCTION
SICK DAY, COOK, DEPUTIES

Gary Meyer: Okay, Item 5, Additional Appropriation, Reduction Sheriff, Sick Day, minus nine thousand four hundred and two dollars and eighty-one cents (-$9,402.81). For a total reduction of minus nine thousand four hundred and two dollars and eighty-one cents (-$9,402.81). The jail and the cook, nine thousand four hundred two dollars and eighty-one cents ($9,402.81) for a total of nine thousand four hundred two dollars and eighty-one cents ($9,402.81). Sheriff Deputies, thirty-three thousand nine hundred and thirty…nine hundred and ninety-three dollars and ninety-five cents ($33,993.95) for a total of thirty-three thousand nine hundred ninety-three dollars and ninety-five cents ($33,993.95).

Brad Overton: Motion to approve all three (3).

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Brad and seconded by…?

Gary Meyer: David to approve. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried six, zero (6-0).

Brett Kruse: Thank you, Gentlemen.

Gary Meyer: Thank you, Sheriff.

PROSECUTOR BUSINESS
NOMAD LATE FEES

Gary Meyer: Anybody from the audience like to address the Council?

Brad Overton: Man, you bent over, I was gonna (inaudible).

Charlie Christmas: You didn't have to bring so much paperwork with you.

Mike Perry: Mike Perry, Prosecutor. First of all, I want to make sure someone is here from the Auditor's Office is here. Give them the courtesy that I was not afforded the other night to respond to these statements. I'm here again on this late fee. I know you all received a huge packet of papers from the Auditor, as did I. I also sent a spreadsheet that I went through, from the information I received, to address some of these allegations that were made by the Auditor at the last Council Meeting and in an email addressed to me. First of all, in an email sent to me on February 3rd, which was a day after she addressed this body, Mrs. Stevens alleged that some of the claims had two (2) and three (3) invoices to pay one (1) claim. As I looked through all of the information that I received from her office and also that was in my office, I saw one (1) occasion of which there was three (3) invoices that were grouped together. I talked to my individual who's responsible for preparing my claims in my office. The reason why that happened was that Nomad was sending them to an employee that no longer worked for my office. So there's a three (3) month period of time that they stacked up in this unopened mailbox until we got that cleaned up. Another claim that was made in the email that Mrs. Stevens sent to me was a few claims, paying only one (1) month, was submitted after the due date. That is an out, an out, false statement. As you can tell from the spreadsheet that I sent to you, there was never a time that one (1) of our invoices was sent to her after the due date. She also claimed in her email that because this was a contractual obligation, and again I'm going to remind the Council, that this was an obligation that was foisted upon this County and my office in April of 2014 by the then Prosecutor, JoAnn Krantz, one (1) month before the contested May primary, where she locked this County into a five (5) year contract with this company, that requires my office to pay approximately twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) a month for IT Services. And it doesn't appear that any of this contract was ever vetted or brought for the Commissioners approval. So I just wanted to point that out. Every claim that we submitted, we submitted a day or two (2), with maybe one (1) exception, after we received the invoice. If you look at my spreadsheet, the dates submitted was fairly short in time to those dates that we signed it. It was processed by the Auditor's and in some occasions it was processed on the same day submitted, sometimes it was several days or a couple of weeks later, but almost on a regular basis the check was not cut to this company until the latter part of the month. It was not submitted immediately or within eight (8) to ten (10) days. The Auditor also makes claims that there was seven (7) late charges that were waived from this company for the Prosecutor's Office. As I look through the information that was presented by her, I have this document that says payment history. I have no idea who the author of this is. I have no idea where this information comes from. As I was looking through this and trying to compare this with all the claims and invoices that were submitted by the Auditor to this body and to myself the day after she met with you, it appears that there's at least four (4) of these if not five (5) of them that are all related to the one (1) charge, of the month that we had the three (3) months, of the invoices that we had stacked together and it simply just rolled into the next month. And so it was waived, it was waived all at one (1) time. In my review of all the documents that was submitted to me by the Auditor's Office, there was three (3) occasions in which there was either late payments or non-payment. All three (3) occasions were done at the assistance of the Auditor. The first occasion was when she contested that the fact that a property tax was due (inaudible) to this company for equipment that we had in our office. That was later paid. There was a second time on the, there was a six hundred and seventy-three dollar ($673.00) payment that was missed by her office that was later rectified about two (2) or three (3) months later. And finally, the one (1) that we're here talking about. There was an invoice submitted to her office for the full amount of the invoice that she cut a check for two hundred dollars (200.00) less because she indicated that it was not part of the contract. Because she did that, that resulted in the two hundred twenty-five dollar ($225.00) late fee that, that we're talking about. Now, she also talks about January of this year being less than what the invoice says. And in that, I actually agree with her, because it is less than what the invoice is. We submitted the invoice on January 2017, less the two hundred twenty-five dollar ($225.00) late fee that we do not believe should be paid out of our budget. I have emails going back and forth from my individuals that handles these claims and the individual in Mrs. Steven's Office that is responsible for not paying the two hundred dollars ($200.00). And it clearly shows, clearly shows, that the two hundred dollar ($200.00) was not paid at the insistence of the Auditor, even after this Elected Official, myself, submitted a proper claim and invoice and requested that that be paid. I certainly hope that this is the last time I have to address this body about this. The dollars and cents that Mrs. Stevens thinks she's saving this County are, is being eaten up by the lost production by every department head in this County that has to deal with these issues. I can't tell you how much time I spent going through all this paper, all this paper, simply because the Auditor would not honor a properly submitted invoice by an Elected Official. Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you, Mr. Perry. I for one (1), and you guys can chime in on this, I don't want to get in the middle of a squabble between departments in this County. And that's what we have right now is a squabble going on between, at least between the Prosecutor's Office and the Auditor's Office. And I don't think it behooves us as the Council to get involved in this. I would like, I would just like to see this late fee paid and preferably not out of tax money, cause it wasn't the taxpayer's fault doing this. But it just seems like this has been the third or fourth meeting we've had that this issue's been up. And I just don't think that that's the Council's responsibility to get involved in a dispute. I understand both sides of it, I understand there is a two hundred dollar ($200.00) or two-twenty-five ($225.00) late fee that somebody's gonna have to pay. I understand that. But like I say, I'm not sure what we can do about it. I'm not sure why we would want to get involved in it. But it is taking a lot of time for the Department Heads to, to clarify this, or to argue about it, whatever they're doing, and it's taking our time. And I think we have a lot more constructive things to do than, than do this. That's just my opinion. Anybody else like to address this? Okay.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

Gary Meyer: Mr. Weisheit? Is he here?

Marlin Weisheit: Yes.

Gary Meyer: You're on the, you're on the docket here. You wanna take it off?

Marlin Weisheit: Is that on Krystal's list?

Krystal Powless: I don't know. You signed the sign-in sheet.

Gary Meyer: You signed the sign-in sheet but you left it blank. I guess that means you can talk about anything.

Marlin Weisheit: (Inaudible). Sure it's my name?

Gary Meyer: Huh?

Marlin Weisheit: Sure it's my name on it?

Krystal Powless: It says your name on it.

Gary Meyer: Well...

Krystal Powless: Somebody sign it for you?

Gary Meyer: Somebody may have signed it for you.

Marlin Weisheit: Somebody signed me up (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: You don't want to talk to us?

Marlin Weisheit: I'd be glad to talk to you, but (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: Anybody else from the audience like to address the Council?

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS DISCUSSION

Gary Meyer: Any Council Member have anything?

David Hachmeister: Well, Greg, Krystal, and I met with Roger Emmons, Joe Grassman, and Marlin Weisheit over the Courthouse, excuse me, over the Courthouse Renovation. And they brought up some of the ideas that, things that needed desperately to be done, and few of the things they'd like to be done, and we've already instructed Joe to go ahead and get some preliminary estimates on the concrete work and things like that that would give us an idea on where we need to be on money.

Gary Meyer: Right.

David Hachmeister: So, I don't know if Greg wants to add anything to that, but...

Krystal Powless: I believe Marlin is planning to come to the March meeting and we're going to discuss this at length when we find out where we're at. So...

David Hachmeister: Yeah, that's one (1) of the things we wanted Joe to get, get a (inaudible).

Gary Meyer: I knew you wanted to talk to us.

Marlin Weisheit: And I'll be glad to address that issue. We did have a good meeting, it was very constructive. We all pretty well agreed on what the County's part would be. I have expressed that to the Mayor; he's not real happy. He's wanting a lot more. He's wanting heated sidewalks, inside/outside, and I just don't see us doing that. And they was kind of requesting around six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000.00) on our part. I told him what we're willing to do. And as a committee I think we came up with a good plan and to do it economically and we agreed to move the wall in three (3) feet. That will be a little controversial but it will help with traffic and hopefully use county equipment to take out the wall. I talked to County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, Bobby Howard, about using equipment to do that if we can do it early. The contract to put a new wall in and pay half of the existing sidewalk to go back and take bids on it. As far as the building, I think our, on this building our main concern is going to be heating and air and electrical. And we've got to look at bricks and mortar, windows and doors, and some cosmetic issues. So I think we can do it economically and do it reasonable without doing a big engineering study. I voiced my concerns about the heat pumps over in the building at the Judicial Center and we've met with Harshaw Trane. I think we can probably phase them out. We have about seventy-seven (77) that needs replaced. Maybe five (5) to ten (10) a year, just get the worse ones and just do a little at a time with that building as opposed to trying to go in there...it'd be a nightmare to pull all them all out and get 'em in. But that's going to be something that we'll schedule with. But we'll be getting bids and keeping you posted.

Gary Meyer: Great

NEW VEHICLE DISCUSSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Marlin Weisheit: And if I could add one (1) thing on Larry Taylor's vehicle. We've got three (3) or four (4) needs for that vehicle. We did talk over different issues today. Be glad to discuss them with you. You know one (1) possibility is to get EMA another truck over here. They're really in dire need of one (1). One (1) would be, they need heavier truck than the Durango, but we could move the County Engineer's three-quarter (3/4) ton over there and put Bobby in that. One (1) thing is that we'll be talking to you later about, Dennis Lockhart needs a vehicle, whether we give him this one (1). I think his budget last month, they took in forty thousand dollars ($40,000.00) in permits. I really think we can afford to buy him a new one (1), and hopefully one (1) of my goals would be to talk to you about, is maybe put him on the rotation like the Sheriff's Department does with the new Dodge pickups, where you trade them out every other year after you make your initial investment. I think his budget would withstand that. But we'll be talking to you about that. Unless you have any other questions, that's all I got.

JUDICIAL CENTER THIRD STREET ENTRANCE RAILING DISCUSSION

Marlin Weisheit: Yes, Sir?

Charlie Christmas: Marlin, since you brought it up, over in the Judicial Center the entrance way off of Third Street…

Marlin Weisheit: Third Street, yeah.

Charlie Christmas: Third Street, the handicap bars.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, we've looked at that.

Charlie Christmas: They're up on the top side.

Marlin Weisheit: Yep.

Charlie Christmas: But they're not on the bottom side starting up.

Marlin Weisheit: Yep.

Charlie Christmas: And I can testify by personal experience, in the last six (6) months plus, that they really need it.

Marlin Weisheit: Okay, yep.

Charlie Christmas: And I was told that Joe was supposed to be looking at them, looking at it, this, of course the administration has changed.

Marlin Weisheit: Um hum.

Charlie Christmas: But I know when administrations change, things like that get dropped.

Marlin Weisheit: Things do get dropped, yeah. We'll take a look at that. I'll make a note here.

Charlie Christmas: Like I said…

Marlin Weisheit: We'll get a bid on it.

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible) I'm kind of employed, what about the public out there? That's…

Marlin Weisheit: And you're talking about the hand rails on the latter side?

Charlie Christmas: (Inaudible).

Marlin Weisheit: And he may already be getting bids on that. He might have some quotes. So I'm sure it's something he can knock out real quick.

Charlie Christmas: I mean they did, when you make that turn, they're there and they're great. (Inaudible).

Marlin Weisheit: Any safety concerns, pass them on and stay on us. Yeah. Anything else?

Gary Meyer: Okay, I think it's time.

Marlin Weisheit: Okay, thank you for your time.

Charlie Christmas: Thank you, Marlin.

Gary Meyer: Any, any other Council Member have anything? Our next meeting will be March the 2nd, at 6:00 (PM) in this room. Looking for a motion.

Brad Overton: Motion to adjourn.

Charlie Christmas: So moved.

Gary Meyer: Meeting's adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

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David Hachmeister

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Paul Rudolph

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes transcribed by Kristine Georges

Sec. 1 Be it ordained (resolved) by the Warrick County Council, Warrick County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the proposed specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

FUND	APPROPRIATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT REQUIRED\
Edit Construction	4903-000-4380.70	Bell Road	$500,000.00	500,000
	4903-000-4380.10	Lincoln Ave	$300,000.00	300,000
	4903-000-4380.15	Oak Grove	$1,050,000.00	1,050,000
Total Edit Construction			$1,850,000.00	1,850,000
Health Department	1159-000-4225.00	Animal Control Exp.	$1,032.00	1,032
	1159-000-4220.00	Vaxcare	$1,033.00	1033
Total Health			$2,065.00	2065
Economic Development	1149-000-4512.60	Elberfeld Sew. 2017	$3,945,000.00	3,945,000
	1149-000-4335.10	Urban Transit(MPO)	$12,862.00	12,862
	1149-000-4351.00	Utilities	$3,000.00	3,000
	1149-000-4443.00	Motorized Equipment	$34,000.00	34,000
	1149-000-4503.00	EDC Assistance	$12,000.00	12,000
Total Economic Dev.			$4,006,862.00	3,972,862
Juvenile Probation Circuit	2051-000-4100.00	Circuit Juvenile	$1,000.00	1,000
Total Juvenile Probation Circuit			$1,000.00	1,000
Reduction Sheriff	1000-113-4120.20	Sick Day	-$9,402.81	-9,402.81
Total Reduction Sheriff			-$9,402.81	-9,402.81
Jail	1000-114-4113.00	Cook	$9,402.81	9,402.81
Total Jail			$9,402.81	9,402.81
Sheriff	1000-113-4112.00	Deputies	$33,993.95	33,993.95
Total Sheriff			$33,993.95	33,993.95
Cumulative Capital Dev	1138-000-4310.80	Bridge Vann Rd#374	$201,529.00	142,432
Total Cumulative Capital Dev.			$201,529.00	142,432

Taxpayers appearing in the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action.

Adopted this 13 day of Feb., 2017

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ATTEST: Deborah Stevens
Auditor Warrick County