WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
July 11, 2019
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 and Administrator Krystal Powless was in attendance.

Auditor Debbie Stevens and Chief Deputy Auditor BJ Farrell attended and recorded the minutes.

Council President, Greg Richmond, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Greg Richmond: And time for Roll Call.

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: Yes.

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here.

Krystal Powless: Cindy Ledbetter?

Cindy Ledbetter: Present.

Krystal Powless: Ted Metzger?

Ted Metzger: Present.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here.

Krystal Powless: Richard Reid?

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

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2019

Councilman Richmond: First item of business, no Tabled Items. The Approval of Minutes, the Regular Business Meeting, June 6th. And Cliff already had one (1) correction that was called in. I think that's already been noted. If you haven't, it's on Page 7, about half way down, changing has to hasn't. It's under Community Corrections, Salary Ordinance requirement by State Board of Accounts. One (1), two (2), three (3), fourth (4th) speaker down. Second (2nd) line. And then, I need to add right above that on Page 7, Council Business Transfer, Council Business Administrator, the one (1), the one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), fifth (5th) speaker down. I'm speaking, motion to approve, 8B and 8C. But, I didn't say by who. And it was by Brad. That's all that I found. Anybody else find anything? Do I have a motion?

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Christmas: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad to approve. Second by Charlie. Discussion? All those in favor? Six, zero (6-0).

PARK BOND ORDINANCE
SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 2019-02

Councilman Richmond: Okay. Next up is the Park Bond. And this is the Second Reading. And the way this will work is I'll ask, you can go ahead and identify yourself. Stand up and identify yourself if you want to.

Steve Roelle: Good evening. Steve Roelle, Economic Development.

Councilman Richmond: And I'll ask for a motion for the Second and Final Reading.

Councilman Overton: Motion.

Councilman Christmas: So moved.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad.

Councilman Christmas: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Charlie for the Second and Final Reading. All those in favor? One (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), to one (1). David. Five to one, David. (Motion carried 5-1 with David Hachmeister opposing).

Councilman Richmond: And next I would call for a motion to pass the Bond Ordinance. I need to read the title. And is this still '02?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Cliff Whitehead: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: A Warrick County Council Ordinance 2019-02, An Ordinance of the Warrick County Council as Fiscal Body of Warrick County, Indiana, Approving the Issuance of the Warrick County, Indiana, Park and Recreation District Bonds, Series 2019. The Appropriation of the Proceeds Thereof and Certain Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Metzger: Motion to pass the Bond.

Councilman Richmond: I have a motion by Ted Metzger to pass the Second Reading and Final Reading. Is there a second?

Councilwoman Ledbetter: I'll second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Cindy. Now, any discussion on that motion? All those in favor? One (1), two (2), three (3), four (4).

Councilman Overton: You got enough?

Councilman Richmond: All those opposed?

Councilman Overton: Is that enough?

Councilman Richmond: What?

Councilman Overton: Four (4) is enough, isn't it?

Councilman Richmond: Yes.

Councilman Overton: Okay.

Councilman Richmond: All those opposed? Two (2). So four (4), two (2) and the two (2) were David and Brad. (Motion carried 4-2 with David Hachmeister and Brad Overton opposing). Four (4) is a majority, isn't it? I want to double check with that to make sure it's correct with our attorney.

Councilman Christmas: Yes, it is.

Councilman Overton: Cliff, he was, Greg…

Cliff Whitehead: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilman Overton: Greg was asking if that was a majority.

Councilman Richmond: Just double checking to make sure four (4) was enough then.

Cliff Whitehead: Yes, you're good to go.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Christmas: He's (inaudible) down there.

(Ordinance 2019-02 is located on Page 25 of these Official Minutes)

Commissioner Business
Courthouse Additional Appropriation
Custodial – Janitorial Supplies

Councilman Richmond: Okay, Courthouse Additional Appropriation, and this was something that we discussed the last time.

Councilman Overton: Oh, Roger. Coming from that side. That's a little spooky. I don't, I don't even know if that works.

Roger Emmons: Good evening, Mr. President, Council Members. Roger Emmons, Commissioner's Office. Greg, correct, the amount here for the Custodial is to pay for the remaining thirteen (13) pay periods for our new full time Courthouse Custodian.

Councilman Hachmeister: Motion to approve both.

Councilman Overton: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Dave. Second by Brad. Any discussion? This is an additional appropriation of Custodial, thirteen thousand four hundred sixty dollars and fifty cents ($13,460.50). Janitorial Supplies, three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500.00); for a total of sixteen thousand nine hundred fifty dollars and fifty cents ($16,950.50).

Roger Emmons: Real quick, the thirty-five hundred ($3,500.00), we had to add that back because the previous custodian was a professional service and brought their own supplies per the contract. So, we have to add some more back for the remainder of the year.

Councilman Richmond: Any discussion? All those in favor?

Councilman Metzger: I have a question about the money appropriated previously for the contract service to the Courthouse. What happens to that?

Roger Emmons: It stays in there. You know, it was included in our request for this year. And that contract was terminated.

Councilman Metzger: Right.

Roger Emmons: So, it will stay in there. We'll definitely need to use it for other items. I mean it, there's other things that crop up during the year that we don't know about.

Councilman Metzger: So, it's going to take that amount plus this amount?

Roger Emmons: No, no. The J-4 was paid from Contractual Services. This is a payroll line item for the Courthouse. The Contractual Services is in the Commissioners' Budget. So all we need is the custodial. But, what we were paying J-4, twenty-four hundred ($2,400.00) a month? That amount stays in the Contractual Services. It's just unspent at this time.

Councilman Metzger: Right. So, this was under the Commissioners' Budget?

Roger Emmons: Right.

Councilman Metzger: And since we hired a full time employee, it's an employee line item that requires an Additional Appropriation?

Roger Emmons: Yes.

Councilman Metzger: And the other cash would be used for, from the...?

Roger Emmons: It'll, you know, we don't know, when we, when you approve an amount for Contractual Services, often times we have to come back during the year because it's not enough. So...

Councilman Richmond: Are there several contracts coming out of that line item?

Roger Emmons: Yes. Yes.

Krystal Powless: So, Ted, when he, (inaudible), when he did submit this, I discussed whether we needed to do a reduction within that fund to appropriate into this fund and the Commissioners did not want to do that at the time cause they said they would need that money in their Contractual. So, that's how I presented it to you.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: Any other questions or discussion? All those in favor of the additional? One (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5). And opposed? One (1). Okay. And the one (1) is Ted. (Motion carried 5-1 with Ted Metzger opposing).

HEALTH CLINIC DISCUSSION

Councilman Richmond: And next up is the Discussion of the Health Clinic which really is, it will all come out of the Commissioners' budget. You're not asking us to fund anything.

Roger Emmons: That's correct.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Roger Emmons: The Commissioners have signed a contract with Tri-State Community Clinics and that will be coming out of the Health Insurance Fund. Okay, the monthly payment. It's six hundred twenty-five dollars ($625.00) per plan participant per year and it's going to be approximately fourteen thousand five hundred ($14,500.00) per month. The Commissioners have been encouraged over many years to take steps, implement policies to reduce our costs for our health insurance. And moving to establish a clinic is one (1) of those steps. It's similar to the School Corporation. We feel like we've got a lot of our current employees that would be champions of this because they're familiar with the School Corp's Clinic. I know you are, Greg, and Krystal is. And it will save money for reduced physician's costs and lab costs which will be done in the Clinic. I think minor medical issues are taken care of, wellness exams and, I mean, you know, I think Krystal's probably the best champion in understanding how the clinic works to save money.

Councilman Richmond: Anybody have any questions for Roger on the clinic? I think there was a meeting Monday that kind of explained it to the Departments.

Roger Emmons: Tuesday.

Councilman Richmond: Tuesday?

Roger Emmons: We had it Tuesday morning. It was a Department Head meeting.

Councilman Richmond: And then there's going to be meetings next week to explain to…

Roger Emmons: Next Tuesday. There are two (2) sessions in this room. One (1) at 2:00 PM and one (1) at 3:00 PM. And representatives from Tri-State Community Clinics, our broker, Dave Waltz will be there. Representatives from TrueScripts. We're moving to a new pharmacy benefits manager on August 1st, and that's really projected to save a lot of funds. Not only for the County but for the participants.

Councilman Richmond: And from what I understand, a lot of this, the reason for clinics is wellness. And if you have a healthy group of people working for you, there's less medical costs. And one (1) of the things that was shocking to me, I don't know whether I'm repeating myself or not, but out of the five hundred (500) belly-buttons as they say, that's the count of people on our insurance. Only thirty-seven (37) got physical exams?

Roger Emmons: That's correct. And that's a free benefit at no cost.

Councilman Richmond: That's a free benefit. Yes. So, this clinic can help in that where people will come in and get kind of a wellness program going for themselves.

Roger Emmons: Initially they will be measured, weight and height and measure for body mass index. Blood pressure taken. And they'll have a finger stick for a CBC. From that they'll analyze the person's issues if they have any and then advise them from there and treat them. So overall healthier workplace would mean less cost to the workplace. And you know, it's good to be healthy. You feel better.

Councilman Richmond: And with our interviews with the School Corporation, it has helped them quite a bit.

Roger Emmons: Yes. Yes. And one (1) of the main things to me is the Elected Officials and Office Holders, your employees, rather than lose them for a half a day or sometimes even a full day, this clinic takes about twenty (20) minutes for an exam, forty (40) at the most. So each plan participant that goes through the clinic should be back to their office in an hour at most.

Councilman Christmas: Where does the clinic gonna be at, Roger?

Roger Emmons: Pardon me?

Councilman Christmas: Where you having it?

Roger Emmons: Well, Commissioner Phillippe and I went out today. I don't know if you know out by Walmart where the old Deaconess Clinic was? We went in there and viewed that. Tri-State is looking at that and it's…they'll pay for all the build out repairs. It's not any cost to the County. So, it's close enough right here in town for everybody to be handy. I think half our employees go out to Walmart after work anyway. So, it's, it's perfectly set up for our needs.

Councilman Christmas: They're already set up there medically.

Roger Emmons: Pardon me?

Councilman Christmas: Already set up a medical facility there anyway.

Roger Emmons: Well, they've got a new on the south side of the highway.

Councilman Christmas: Yeah, I know that. That building is.

Roger Emmons: This is the old…yeah.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Will the employees be required to have this testing or incentivized to go?

Roger Emmons: They are incentivized by, if they can get their Health Risk Assessment, which is the wellness screening done by November 30th, we need to have the month of December so the Auditor's Office, Heather, can set these up, set the things up in payroll. That will cost every plan participant the first year if they don't do that, a hundred dollars ($100.00) a month. So, if they do that, even if they submit, if they get an annual physically from their regular physician, and by the way, the participants are encouraged to stay with their regular physician and to at least visit once or twice a year just to stay as an active patient. But, if you can bring in a statement from your doctor for your annual physical, then you would also be waived and wouldn't have to pay those.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Thank you.

Roger Emmons: Thank you.

Councilman Metzger: Roger, how does the insurance company know whether or not I got a physical?

Roger Emmons: Well, that's what I just said. If you're gonna, we, we know, I mean, Dave Waltz, our broker and Meritain, Aetna, they'll have the records as well. So, if you wanna, if you don't want to pay that hundred dollars ($100.00) a month, you'll take some time to get proof of your physical to us.

Councilman Metzger: No, I mean before that. You said there was only thirty-seven (37) out of five hundred (500) and something?

Roger Emmons: That's from the data that (inaudible) by Meritain Aetna and Dave Waltz received those reports.

Councilman Metzger: I just wonder how many employees know to notify Meritain that they got a physical?

Roger Emmons: They don't have to notify Meritain.

Councilman Overton: They can tell from, it's just a claim.

Councilman Richmond: If you go to the doctor and ask for a physical and they've got your medical insurance on record. And it's billed, it's coded as a physical exam.

Councilman Metzger: I understand all that. How did you get to the only thirty-seven (37) got physicals?

Roger Emmons: That data came from David Waltz, our broker. They keep detailed records of every patient, every plan participant.

Councilman Hachmeister: Well, the other cost savings, that I really believe, is our CDL's is going to require approving for the employees to leave work plus the cost of getting it done.

Roger Emmons: Good point, Dave. They are certified; this clinic is to give those commercial driver's license physicals. And that will be a cost savings. Not only will it be a cost savings, but it will reduce, we will no longer have to reimburse each Highway CDL or Solid Waste CDL. It's a policy now where they get reimbursed up to sixty ($60.00) or seventy ($70.00), Dan? Do you remember? Anyway, we won't have to do that any longer cause it will be covered by the clinic.

Councilman Metzger: What about the drug testing to the courts? Are we getting any help through there?

Roger Emmons: The courts could probably participate. I know the judges set up their own. Like in their probation department, they'll buy a large quantity of these rapid screen tests, versus a urine screen or a blood draw. They've got reasonable suspicion on that. They could take it further and have those additional tests. But that's something we can discuss. It's a good question. It hasn't been brought up about that, Ted. So, I appreciate you bringing that up.

Councilman Metzger: That would be good if we could eliminate redundancy in that area.

Roger Emmons: Yes. Absolutely.

Councilman Metzger: Right.

Roger Emmons: So, if there are no further questions, I appreciate you taking the time to listen. Hopefully, I, we fully believe it will be a success.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Roger Emmons: Thank you.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT II BUSINESS
PROBATION USER FEES – TRAVEL

Councilman Richmond: Superior Court II Business. This is User Fees. Probation User Fees, Additional Appropriation, Travel, five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

Councilman Overton: Did they supply any information for you?

Councilman Christmas: I didn't see none.

Krystal Powless: Other than just saying it's travel expenses for the Probation Officers from within. Of course there's quite a bit of cash available in the fund.

Councilman Overton: Right.

Krystal Powless: And it can't be moved anywhere else.

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad to approve.

Councilman Christmas: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Charlie. Any discussion? All those in favor? One (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5). Opposed? One (1), Ted.

Councilman Hachmeister: I opposed.

Councilman Richmond: You opposed? Okay, I thought your hand went up. So, it's four to two (4-2 with David Hachmeister and Ted Metzger opposing). And that's David and Ted that opposed.

CIRCUIT COURT BUSINESS
ADULT PROBATION – DRUG SCREEN SUPPLIES

Councilman Richmond: Same thing for the Circuit Court. Judge Granger could not be here. He's ill.

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad to approve.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: I'll second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Cindy. Discussion? All those in favor? That's all six (6) of us. Six, zero (6-0). That's Drug Screen Supplies, four thousand dollars ($4,000.00). My apologies, I didn't read it.

Councilman Overton: And my apologies for cutting you off.

Councilman Richmond: That's okay.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – VACATION PAY BACK

Councilman Richmond: Highway Business. This is a Handbook issue. It's an Additional Appropriation of two thousand twenty-eight dollars and ninety-six cents ($2,028.96), the Assistant Superintendent. And then the Salary Ordinance, we could do both those, 6A and 6B together, Salary Ordinance of two thousand twenty-eight dollars and ninety-six cents ($2,028.96).

Councilman Overton: I'll make a motion to approve 6A and 6B. That's pursuant to the Employee Handbook.

Councilman Hachmeister: I'll second.

Councilman Richmond: Brad makes a motion. Second by David. Discussion? All those in favor? That's everybody. Six, zero (6-0).

RECORDER BUSINESS
RECORDER PERPETUATION – MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

Councilman Richmond: Recorder Business, this Perpetuation Fund is a User Fee and you got a letter from her that she was unable to be here tonight. It is an Additional Appropriation, Miscellaneous Expense of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) due to the flood that was in her office. And it will be reimbursed by insurance.

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Christmas: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad to approve the five thousand dollar ($5,000.00)…fifty thousand dollar ($50,000.00) Miscellaneous Expense. And second by Charlie. Any discussion?

Councilman Metzger: Pat did tell me that the insurance has paid like thirty-two thousand dollars ($32,000.00) of it.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, so it's coming in.

Councilman Metzger: It's coming in.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. It is a user fee. All those in favor? Six, zero (6-0).

TRANSFER
TRAVEL TO PART TIME CLERICAL

Councilman Richmond: And then the transfer from Travel, three hundred fourteen dollars and fifty cents ($314.50) to Part-Time Clerical, three hundred fourteen dollars and fifty cents ($314.50).

Councilman Metzger: I'll make a motion to approve that.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Ted to approve. Is there a second?

Councilman Overton: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Brad. Any discussion?

Councilman Metzger: She just ran short in her part-time help category. That's why she's transferring that.

Councilman Richmond: And all those in favor? Six, zero (6-0).

PROSECUTOR BUSINESS
PRINTING

Councilman Richmond: Prosecutor Business. Is the Prosecutor here? Someone from the office? This is pre-murder trial expense.

Krystal Powless: He did message me. I estimated he would appear a little later than what time it is. So maybe he's going to show?

Councilman Richmond: It's for printing. Additional Appropriation, two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00). So, do we want to move this down?

Councilman Metzger: Motion to table 'til a little later?

Councilman Hachmeister: (Inaudible) just bypass it.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. Instead of putting it on the table, we'll just come back to it, if that's okay.

Councilman Metzger: Sounds good. That works for me.

Councilman Richmond: Less complicated that way.

Councilman Metzger: Yeah.

Councilman Richmond: Just don't let me forget it.

HEALTH BUSINESS
VAXCARE – ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE

Councilman Richmond: Health Business, 9A's an Additional Appropriation, VaxCare, two thousand six hundred fifty-seven dollars ($2,657.00). Animal Control Expense, four thousand seven hundred forty-five dollars ($4,745.00); for a total Additional Appropriation of seven thousand four hundred two dollars ($7,402.00). And this is a reimbursement.

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Metzger: I'll second that.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad. Second by Ted. Discussion?

Councilman Metzger: And they are both reimbursements; that, it's not an Additional Appropriation.

Councilman Richmond: And the way that works is it comes back in and goes back into their fund and then we have to appropriate it back out for them to use is.

Councilman Metzger: Completes the circle.

Councilman Richmond: All those in favor? Six, zero (6-0). Five (5), yeah, six, zero (6-0).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE – VACCINE

Councilman Richmond: Additional Appropriation, Local Health Maintenance Fund, Vaccine, three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) and that, is that a user fee?

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Councilman Hachmeister: Yeah, (inaudible).

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad. Is there a second?

Councilman Metzger: I'll second it.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Ted. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's all six (6) of us. Six, zero (6-0).

SHERIFF BUSINESS
LONGEVITY – CIVILIAN SECURITY OFFICER

Councilman Richmond: 10A, Sheriff Business, Additional Appropriation for Longevity, four hundred seventy-seven dollars ($477.00). Civilian Security Officer, eleven thousand one hundred seventy-five dollars ($11,175.00); for a total of eleven thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars ($11,652.00), Additional Appropriation. And this would agree with the Salary Ordinance we approved at the last meeting for a retire.

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad.

Councilman Hachmeister: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by David. Discussion. Sheriff Wilder.

Sheriff Wilder: Sheriff Mike Wilder.

Councilman Richmond: Thank you. Any questions? All those in favor? Is that…?

Councilman Overton: That was…

Councilman Richmond: Everybody six, zero (6-0). Okay.

Councilman Christmas: You sure talk well, Mike.

Sheriff Wilder: At least I was here.

SALARY ORDINANCE
SHERIFF CONTRACT INCREASE

Councilman Richmond: And then the Salary Ordinance for the Sheriff is a contract increase, two point seven percent (2.7%) on July 1st. This is a mandate that, according to the State Statute, an increase of one thousand three hundred ninety dollars and seventy cents ($1,390.70).

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve based upon the contract that was signed.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Cindy. Any discussion.

Councilman Metzger: Since we're forced to do it, I guess not.

Councilman Hachmeister: You don't have to vote for it.

Councilman Metzger: I don't have to?

Councilman Richmond: All those in favor. That's all six (6) of us. Six, zero (6-0).

COMMISSARY REPORT

Sheriff Wilder: President, I also, I delivered my Commissary Report. I think everybody got a copy of that. It's not on the agenda, but I also gave that to Krystal and passed that along. There'll be a month I'll add that the guy that takes care of the books, he's on vacation a week or two (2). But that brings us up to July 1st, we're supposed to by law bring you guys the reports. So, that was given to you all for this meeting. If there are any questions on that or anything?

JAIL COMMITTEE

Sheriff Wilder: And then you had an issue. If you want to cover that later, I thought maybe…?

Councilman Metzger: Sure, I had asked the Sheriff if he could give us a roundabout ballpark figure what a new Jail might cost the County so we can start plugging figures into formulas to see where we were going to come up with the cash. And that's pretty much where we're at.

Sheriff Wilder: Did you get my email back?

Councilman Metzger: Yeah.

Sheriff Wilder: Basically, Ted had asked me that and I told him I apologize. There's no way that I can really come up with a number because it could be, you know, the size of jails, size of office spaces, what we do, location and if it's County. So, for me, I just would think it would be kind of, me, cause if I (inaudible) and be closer and not even in the same ballpark. But the first step, what we need to do, and as we kind of discussed in a meeting previously, we don't need a new jail tomorrow. But we're going to down the road. So, the first step would be a Jail Committee to kind of determine those things so we can kind of get those quarters in place. I've spoken with the Commissioners and that's what I think they're going to do is set up a Jail Committee and eventually that ball will get us some of those numbers and different things like that eventually. So, I know there's a lot of discussion about LIT Tax and through those meetings. What we need and what would it cost. I just don't know what would be an effective number just to tell you. Because it could be too high or too low and not (inaudible).

Councilman Metzger: So, we pretty much need to cool our jets for a while.

Sheriff Wilder: At least on a dollar figure, you know, to where you can put some stuff together. And that Jail Committee, I think, you know, talking to other Counties that have put Jails and Jail Committees together, it's a process I think by Statute you have to do before you can build a Jail. It kind of does a study that's needed, if it's feasible, location, all those things. I think we're starting to get that ball rolling. So, (Inaudible).

Councilman Metzger: Okay, I thank you very much.

Councilman Christmas: How many prisoners are you taking in from other Counties now?

Sheriff Wilder: Currently, right now, we're holding about twenty (20) of Vanderburgh County's. Our population just went up again. So, it kind of, it varies on our population when our numbers are up in the summer. Our bed count, we have about a hundred sixteen (116). Yesterday we had a hundred and sixteen (116) people in our Jail which puts us at full capacity. But you know a lot of them, it was Fourth of July weekend coming through and a lot of that. So our numbers, so we're staying right over a hundred (100) right now. And that's with anywhere between twenty (20) to fifteen (15) of Vanderburgh County's prisoners.

Unknown: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: And the Auditor did send this out. I forgot what county. I have papers somewhere.

Auditor Stevens: (Inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: Let's see, yes. I'm ready for you anyway, so, yes, you could.

Auditor Stevens: Yes, that was from Hancock County.

Councilman Richmond: Hancock County.

Auditor Stevens: In our grouping of similar size counties. So, it was realistic, anyway, something we can learn from. A county we can learn from.

Councilman Metzger: It was eye opening.

Auditor Stevens: Dollar-wise, yes.

Councilman Metzger: Yes, very expensive.

Councilman Richmond: And David and I went with Sheriff Kruse to, was it Perry County?

Councilman Hachmeister: Perry County.

Councilman Richmond: Perry County. They just built a new one (1). Of course they're smaller than us. But it was state of the art and well done and wasn't that expensive.

Councilman Hachmeister: Inexpensive the way it was done.

AUDITOR BUSINESS
DATA PROCESSING – CONTRACT SERVICE LICENSE FEE

Councilman Richmond: Okay, Auditor Business, 11A, Additional Appropriation. This is a Contract Service License Fee. It's split between three (3) budgets. The Auditor, the Treasurer, and the Assessor, I believe.

Auditor Stevens: Correct. This is in our computer budget. And yeah, it's contractual. It's a service contracted through the IT Department for IT Storage. The cost has continued to go up every month. So what we paid last year is not going to get us through this year. So, this is just based on our current expenses and projecting out to the end of the year what we're going to need.

Councilman Overton: So, are your costs based upon the amount of storage you're using?

Auditor Stevens: Correct. And it's for three (3) offices.

Councilman Richmond: That amount is nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00) additional.

Councilman Christmas: What are you paying right now?

Auditor Stevens: Pardon?

Councilman Christmas: What are you paying out right now if you need nine thousand ($9,000.00) more?

Auditor Stevens: You know what…

Councilman Richmond: One thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars ($1,695.00) a month is what, the figure I've got. And we budgeted twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00). So, sixteen-ninety-five ($1,695.00) a month's, twelve thousand ($12,000.00) will run out.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Motion to approve.

Councilman Christmas: What's the amount, Debbie?

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Cindy. Is there a second?

Councilman Hachmeister: Yes, Sir.

Councilman Richmond: Second by David.

Councilman Christmas: Will this be enough?

Auditor Stevens: I think, I believe, yes. But, that's hard to predict because storage just continues…

Councilman Christmas: Nine thousand ($9,000.00) and you come back in two (2) months and come back saying three ($3,000.00).

Auditor Stevens: Yeah.

Councilman Christmas: I'd rather give you twelve ($12,000.00) now, than wait three (3) months, you see?

Auditor Stevens: You can give us all you want. I'll take it.

Councilman Christmas: I withdraw the question.

Councilman Richmond: Any other discussion?

Councilman Metzger: Are we, are we storing data as required or is this just something we've been doing all along. We just keep doing it. Are we required to store this data with Storage Guardian like this?

Auditor Stevens: Well, it does kind of cause us to step back and take a look at everything that we are putting on the server that we're sharing, and I, I would say, yes, as Department Heads. You know, you just continue to put more

storage on. We probably all need to assess that and evaluate what could we have on that server. We added software. We still have old software. So, we had that happen, with the software that we just converted to for both financials and taxes. We do have some storage on the server that we really can't, we really don't want to lose that we can't get rid of it. It has a lot of our historical data on it.

Councilman Metzger: Right.

Councilman Overton: I'm assuming most of these costs are not necessarily due to, because I can go out and buy, you know, a server and store terabytes of data. The costs are, you know, it's basically minimal. So, it's got to be, they're actually obtaining, and, you know, that whole process. I mean it's a shame that we wouldn't be able to honestly have some off-site servers ourselves. They've got to store some of this stuff. Because the cost, the cost of storing data, I mean if you were to go out, I could, you know, go buy out four (4) or five (5) terabytes for my own personal use and that doesn't cost me, you know, very much. Some of that...

Councilman Metzger: Not this kind of money.

Councilman Overton: No, no. That's what I'm saying.

Auditor Stevens: I would agree with that. It's a, it's a contract that was, that's not even within our control. It's Contractual Services.

Councilman Overton: I'm saying maybe I'm in the wrong business. Maybe I should be storing data somewhere. Hells bells, that's a lot of money.

Auditor Stevens: We really didn't have a say in the process.

Councilman Overton: How long is this contract good for?

Auditor Stevens: Um...

Councilman Overton: Or, when's this up for review? I guess we can talk about this at budget time. So, don't worry about it for now.

Auditor Stevens: (Inaudible) IT (inaudible) communication by email.

Councilman Overton: Yeah, just let us, if you could just bring it up to us in July or the 25th. I'd just be kind of curious.

Auditor Stevens: That's fair enough. I'll have to do that.

Councilman Metzger: (Inaudible) and see what's going on with it.

Councilman Overton: Yeah, cause it, cause it's, yeah.

Councilman Metzger: (Inaudible) get with IT (inaudible).

Councilman Overton: Yeah, I'm just curious.

Councilman Christmas: Next month we've got budget (inaudible).

Councilman Overton: For ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) I can buy a hellacious server for that.

Councilman Metzger: That's a lot of money for storage. Okay.

Councilman Overton: Anyway. Okay.

Auditor Stevens: Thank you.

Councilman Metzger: I'm done.

Councilman Richmond: Any further discussion? All those in favor? One (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6). Zero. (Motion carried 6-0).

SALARY ORDINANCE
SECOND DEPUTY – DEPUTY – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Councilman Richmond: Now the Salary Ordinance, 11B, Second Deputy, there, she is taking that position out at zero ($0.00). The Deputy Billing will be from thirty-one-five-ninety-five ($31,595.00) to thirty-seven-four-fifty-three ($37,453.00). And then Administrative Assistant would be zero ($0.00), taking that out. And this is a new Deputy, Accounts Payable. There would just be a Deputy, there won't be any Second Deputy, thirty-one-five-ninety-five ($31,595.00) to thirty-seven-four-fifty-three ($37,453.00). Do that first. That's a Salary Ordinance. Then the transfer, we'll do that separately. You want to tell us about that, Debbie?

Auditor Stevens: Sure. We recently had an employee in a position that was classified as Second Deputy. And really, the tasks, the job description and the tasks that are actually performed in that position are, they mirror another Deputy in the Tax Department. So, I, I feel like this is a good opportunity just to take that position from a Second Deputy to regular Deputy in the Tax Department. And then for the past three (3) years, we've had an administrative position that we actually transferred from the Tax Department to the Accounts Payable in order to implement Internal Controls, which just didn't even exist four (4) years ago. Well, that position, that person in that position does identical work to the other Deputy in the Accounts Payable Department. And I've asked during the Budget time to have the position upgraded because in fairness she's functioning as the other Deputies are with the same level of responsibility. So, it seems like a good opportunity to you know downgrade one (1) position and upgrade another and really get the jobs at the level of the

tasks that are required. It, as far as the money, it actually ends up being a tax payer savings of fifteen-forty-seven ($1,547.00) a year when you take the two (2) positions, one (1) down, one (1) up from what we were paying. Well, actually, it's a significant savings in what we were paying. Cause the former employee did have (inaudible) longevity and a higher rate of pay. We were paying forty thousand ($40,000.00) and some change and a Deputy position would be thirty-one thousand five hundred ninety-three ($31,593.00).

Councilman Christmas: I'm always interested in saving money.

Auditor Stevens: Pardon.

Councilman Christmas: I said I'm always interested in saving money.

Auditor Stevens: Me too.

Councilman Christmas: But I still think that salaries, budget time is next month. I would rather see Salary Ordinances taken care of a budget time is what we've done historically and I think, I don't see the change, one (1) month to go to budget, I just as soon wait 'til budget time. I'm not against it. But that would be the correct thing. Matter of timing right now.

Auditor Stevens: Well, I understand where you're coming from on that. However this is 2019, budget time will be for 2020 and our need is immediate to fill the position. And I, we must fill the position. It's, it went from a FMLA to nothing left and so we're at the point where we can fill the position now, but it also presents us with an opportunity of really evaluating these jobs and you can't really downgrade an employee. I mean that's pretty tough. And it would be hard to defend someone who's been in a position for a while to downgrade that. But this does give us an opportunity to do a little reorganizing in our department at really a net savings to the tax payers.

Councilman Metzger: How many Second Deputies do you have?

Auditor Stevens: This was the only position.

Councilman Metzger: So what will this do to the chain of command? The system is set up to be a chain of command. A break in the chain there and you're putting two (2) links in there.

Auditor Stevens: Actually, what it looks like on paper and what it is in reality are two (2) different things. We don't, everyone has to learn all of the tasks in the Tax Department. We don't have any one (1) person who was doing some of the responsibilities of Settlement. I was doing that. Some of the things that actually involve Accounts Payable tasks were in that job classification. And the person in that position and even going forward will, will never do that as far as this administration for Accounts Payable. The jobs are very, very different. The tasks are very different. The applications they have to use, that's two (2) different systems. You have the tax system; you have financials and payroll. So, I personally do not have a need for a Second Deputy position in the Auditor's Office.

Councilman Metzger: So nothing's ever came down to the decision of the Second Deputy?

Auditor Stevens: I've never seen anyone operate what some of the job, what's included in the job description. I've never seen anyone really function in that role.

Councilman Overton: So, I'd be interested in doing the downgrade right now. But as far as upgrading the other position, I would just as soon like split that with Charlie and wait 'til budget time. I don't have a problem with downgrading something. But as far as upgrading the other one (1) currently, I think I'd just rather hold off and look at that during budget review. That's my opinion.

Auditor Stevens: This is a 2019 issue. It's not a 2020 issue. It was a 2018 issue. We still have the same situation with the Accounts Payable Deputy or Administrative Assistant doing the equal, the same exact work as a Deputy. Different pay, different classification, but the work is identical. We just don't have the luxury of someone just being able to have an Administrative person and say you don't have to do all of these other tasks that are intervention and you know, doing the same things during vacations, if someone else is on sick day. You know has a sick day. We don't have that luxury to say, well you're an Administrative Assistant so you don't, you know, here's the difference in your job and here's the difference in your task, which is what you would assume would be if they're being paid less. And so there really is an inequity that we still have to have that human resource to keep the internal controls in place.

Councilman Metzger: Isn't this Second Deputy position vacant right now I read?

Auditor Stevens: Well, it is. It is now.

Councilman Metzger: So it's a good time.

Auditor Stevens: We weren't able to fill it. We've been without the human resource since the 14th of February. That's been very tough.

Councilman Metzger: So if we would put this off until budget time and you couldn't do this 'til next year, would you have to go back and fill the Second Deputy position? And then…

Auditor Stevens: I can fill it without the Council's help as just a regular Deputy. I can do that. Because it would be a lower pay and I wouldn't be asking for anything additional. I have the money in my budget to do that now. I'm asking for your help to get people paid and compensated according to the work that they do every day, which is a Deputy position in our Accounts Payable. So downgrading one (1) and then upgrading the other. This is where I'm at with the (inaudible).

Councilman Metzger: But I'm saying at this particular point in time, you wouldn't have to downgrade anybody, cause there's nobody in that position?

Auditor Stevens: Right. But I need to fill the position.

Councilman Metzger: Right.

Auditor Stevens: And I really don't want to fill it as a Second Deputy.

Councilman Metzger: I understand.

Auditor Stevens: And I won't. To Mr. Overton's point, I won't fill it as a Second Deputy cause it, the job description as it is, is not the role of the person in that job.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, are there any more questions? I need a motion to move this forward. Is there a motion? Is there a motion? For lack of a motion, we'll just by-pass this for now.

Auditor Stevens: Alright.

Councilman Richmond: And the second item is that transfer so that will also be by-passed.

COUNCIL BUSINESS
DORMANT FUND TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL
FUNDS 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916
ORDINANCE 2019-06

Auditor Stevens: Are you going to handle the Dormant Fund thing first (inaudible)?

Councilman Richmond: That's what's coming up next.

Auditor Stevens: Did you want me to…?

Councilman Richmond: Let's see. I've got to find the procedure on that. Okay, we have a Dormant Fund transfer to the County General. These are Funds that haven't been used in a long time and they're just lying there dormant. No use for them. And in order to put them back in County General where they can be used for something else, it needs a Resolution.

Auditor Stevens: I will add that we, you know, we did our due diligence on research. We tried to find Ordinances for the creation of the Funds and we weren't able to locate any kind of Resolution or Ordinance about any of these what the money was originally for. It, it's obviously some type of an investment because they were interest accounts that were (inaudible) with them. But they've sat dormant for about three (3) years.

Councilman Christmas: I don't have a list what Funds.

Auditor Stevens: I'm sorry.

Krystal Powless: I just handed it to him, Debbie.

Auditor Stevens: Okay.

Councilman Christmas: Okay.

Auditor Stevens: 4913, 4914, 4915, and 4916. One (1) named Warrick County Principles. So that would be some type of investment.

Councilman Hachmeister: Yeah.

Auditor Stevens: And there was an interest account with that. Perigo Principle the same with an interest account.

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible). I have no idea what Perigo Principle is.

Auditor Stevens: Principle would be your investment. It looks like it was probably some type of a CD originally. That's the best I can tell from the activity that I saw on that Fund. And then the interest of course went into a separate Fund.

Councilman Christmas: I know there used to be a lot of dormant Funds. They hadn't touched them from where I was tracking them for over ten (10) years. They haven't been touched. I said (inaudible) get rid of them, but we didn't.

Auditor Stevens: Yeah, yeah. I'm working on them. Little by little as I have time. I work or research and trying to figure out where the money came from.

Councilman Metzger: I'll make a motion to read the Resolution.

Councilman Hachmeister: You have a copy?

Councilman Richmond: Okay, yes, I have a copy. We have a motion by Ted. Let me write that down.

Councilman Hachmeister: I'll second.

Councilman Richmond: And seconded by David. And what I need; that is for the First Reading. And all those in favor of the First Reading. That's all five (5), six (6) of us. (Motion carried 6-0). And I need to ask, the First Reading, is it title only or the whole thing?

Cliff Whitehead: Title only.

Councilman Richmond: And this is Resolution number…?

Krystal Powless: (2019)-06.

Councilman Richmond: (2019)-06. Warrick County Council Resolution 2019-06, Resolution of the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana, Authorizing a Transfer from Certain Dormant Funds to the General Fund and those Funds again are the 4913, Warrick County Principle; 4914, Warrick County Interest; 4915, Perigo Principle; and 4916, Perigo Interest.

Councilman Metzger: Motion to pass the Ord…the Resolution.

Councilman Richmond: Well, let's pass this first. All those in favor? Six, zero (6, 0). Now, now motion to pass.

Councilman Metzger: Motion to pass the Resolution.

Councilman Richmond: All those…

Councilman Hachmeister: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second, is there a second? David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. And all those in favor? Six, zero (6-0 with Motion made by Ted Metzger and second by David Hachmeister). Okay. Same thing. Alright.

Auditor Stevens: Alright. Thank you.

Councilman Overton: (Inaudible).

(WC Council Resolution 2019-06 is located on Pages 26 through ___ of these Official Minutes) 8/2/19

PROSECUTOR BUSINESS CONTINUED
PRINTING

Councilman Richmond: The Prosecutor is here now.

Councilman Overton: Yes.

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible) we passed you over.

Councilman Hachmeister: Don't get involved in the Jail then (inaudible).

Councilman Christmas: Don't get involved, Jail (inaudible) vote.

Prosecutor Perry: Good evening.

Councilman Metzger: Good evening.

Prosecutor Perry: I was told to be here.

Krystal Powless: You were not (inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: Identify yourself.

Prosecutor Perry: Mike Perry, Prosecutor. We have an item on the agenda tonight. It's for an Additional Appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) for the cost of depositions and transcripts in various cases that are going on.

Councilman Overton: How much more are you expecting?

Prosecutor Perry: I don't know, Mr. Overton. We have currently three (3) murder trials that are pending. We have one (1) that will be commencing in November that I know there's going to be a few more depositions in that case yet. And then we have a case involving a young lady and two (2) co-defendants that we haven't started doing depositions on yet. So, it's, it's possible that we could be talking about another ten ($10,000.00), twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) at some point.

Councilman Overton: Okay, cause I was gonna say we can at least double that, but if it may be up that much, we might as well (inaudible) then. Alright. I was trying to save you some time.

Prosecutor Perry: Yes, Sir. Yes, I understand.

Councilman Metzger: (Inaudible) like this.

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Hachmeister: Motion.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad. Second by David.

Councilman Christmas: Aye…

Councilman Richmond: Discussion? All those in favor? Is that all six (6) of us? Yeah. Six, zero (6-0). Thank you.

Prosecutor Perry: Alright. Thank you. Sorry, I was late.

(July Appropriations are located on Page 24 of these Official Minutes)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSFER

Councilman Richmond: And we have also a transfer from Economic Development. You want to identify yourself this time.

Steve Roelle: Sure. Steve Roelle, Economic Development. And we have a transfer on the table. This has to do with the Broadband Project that's kicking off here in Warrick County. And the Economic Development Broadband Bond the Council approved of at the beginning of the year. Out of those Bonds a lot of times the fees get paid. We had a loan origination fee of five hundred dollars ($500.00). And so we'd like to make this transfer in order to make that payment. We have the opportunity here in July to make that payment and not pay any interest on that loan origination fee. I've gotten with Debbie about making that payment and making the transfer instead of doing an appropriation for those dollars. So that is what it's for. We plan to pay that and pay no interest.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, so this transfer is from 1112-50200, Tourism Development to 1112-34110 Broadband, three thousand six hundred forty dollars ($3,640.00).

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad.

Councilman Metzger: Second.

Councilman Richmond: And second by Ted. All those in favor? Is that six (6) of us? Did you vote for it?

Councilman Hachmeister: No.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. All those in favor again. Let me see your hands. I'm looking to see everybody. Five (5). And against? One (1), David. (Motion carried 5-1 with David Hachmeister opposing).

Steve Roelle: Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM COUNCILMAN RICHMOND

Councilman Richmond: Okay. Point of personal privilege just a moment. I, July's a bad month for me. Come Monday, I was facing surgery. And the doctor said well there may be a chance that you won't need it if you do this, this, and this. And I did this, this, and this and I'm here tonight thanking you all, friends, colleagues, constituents for prayers. Because so far, so good. We're going to continue doing this, this, and this and see if we can make it though.

LIT DISCUSSION

Councilman Richmond: Next up is, this is just total discussion. It's not even a hearing. No decision can be made. We're not proposing anything tonight. It's just a type of public discussion. One (1) thing that has come out of discussing this Local Option Income Tax increase is that I like, that I see happening, is Towns, Cities, Townships are communicating with one (1) another. That hasn't happened before. I mean the County Council's done its thing and they've all done their things and it's important that I think since we all deal with tax dollars in Warrick County that we do communicate needs and talk to each other. I know the general public is suspicious on how their tax dollars are spent. And something that's very important to me in all and always had been the number one (1) priority is accountability and transparency. And you know, rumors get spread around about this and that through all these. I get phone calls talking about these things. And I can't verify everything. We hear all kinds of things during this discussion. It's important that we gather facts. That's the most important thing. And it would be good to have actual figures, budgets to see how things are going in this discussion that's taking place. Nothing's going to be done tonight. It's just totally out for discussion. For me, during my last campaign, school safety was the number one (1) issue that I talked to everybody about. And that's one (1) of the reasons why I think this came up for discussion. And then public safety also is something that is very, very important. And here again the accountability, all that's being discussed for this money, if it was ever approved, is for public safety and perhaps the building of a Jail that's going to happen in the next five (5) years one (1) way or the other. It will be mandated. When the mandates come down, they say you have to or else you pay huge penalties and fees. Big bucks. More so than actually building the Jail and what it will amount to. So, no one likes property taxes because you don't really own your home here in the State of Indiana. The State does. If you don't pay your property taxes, you lose, even though you paid for your home. So property taxes come from Bond issues and if we are forced in five (5) years to go to a Bond issue, that means we have to raise property taxes. And I thought as an alternative, we could look at an income tax where everybody is taxed, not just property owners, but actually everybody is taxed. And it's mainly those earning and earned income that would be taxed. So, in this discussion, it's an alternative to a couple of things and it would be designated for things. That's the accountability that's being required for any of this discussion to go forward. And it may not go forward past tonight. It might go forward and continue in open discussions over months. Again, nothing is going to be concluded tonight. And I'm sure there are pros and cons on each side. And if we get a little redundant, I would reserve the right to stop the redundancy if it gets over and over again and saying the same thing. If you can bear with me on that, or we would be here all night with this discussion that would go on. Cause I know it's a lot of emotions involved in this when you talk about taxes. It's something that none of us really like. But it's something we have to live with, the responsibility of supplying the needs for our community that we can't supply ourselves. I can't supply an ambulance for myself or fire truck for myself and things, police protection for myself. So, it's something that we have to look at in the whole complete picture. I hope you don't mind me discussing this with you as a prelim to all this. But, if you will look at Warrick County's history, I know here in our County budgets, we've been frugal. We laid off some people, about eleven (11) people a few years back. And that was really a hardship on a lot of our County Office Holders and County Department Heads to lose that help. And it made other people to have to work harder. We have built up a cash balance that's healthy in Warrick County. So, we do have a backup, a bank account to cover if all of the sudden a disaster happens, there's not any money coming from the

State anymore; there's not any property taxes or whatever, we do have some money to fund our services for a little while. An adequate amount according to the State. We also have a Rainy Day Fund for emergencies that come up and it's a healthy Rainy Day Fund. So the County Council has really worked hard to build these things up over several years. Because as I recall, about eight (8) years ago, might have been ten (10), we were at the point where we had very little cash balance. We had some really hard hits that had to be paid immediately. We did not come to the tax payers for an increase in the Levy. Or you could do emergency increases if the State says, yeah, you have a real emergency. But, we did not do that. We chose to pay everything off and we were able to. It was a wakeup call to build everything up to where we're healthy right now. This is County. I can't speak for Townships, Cities, and Towns as to where you are at. You're responsible for your own budgets. We don't have anything to do with that. So, with this concept in mind as you speak, maybe you can cater your discussions to that. And please don't be longer than about five (5) minutes each one (1). Because it could really get long. Again if redundancy comes up and it's repeating the same thing over and over again, I'll ask that you perhaps ask for some other opinion on it and go from there. We have only one (1) speaker that signed up. I can't read the name, I'm sorry. John? Is it John?

John Wilson: Yeah.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. John, you want to come to the microphone and start this and then we'll let others come up. And identify yourself, who you are first.

John Wilson: John Wilson.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

John Wilson: I'm a, I had a brain aneurysm, sometimes I can't say the word I'm trying to say. I'm in court learning all this. And I got all the money that you guys got, like three million ($3,000,000.00) in the bank. You got like two hundred something million ($200,000,000.00) for the, when the County is not working on the (inaudible). I've got everything right here and I'm up here with, learning how much money they pay for everybody's twelve hundred dollars ($1,200.00) this year for their balance. One (1) girl got six thousand ($6,000.00) the other got thirty-five (35). That's no big deal. I'll fight for all that (inaudible). But the money they're spending, more money all the time is when I get upset. If they don't have the money, they shouldn't be able to spend it. Just like I'm always over here when he's in court. He gave Taylor, Scott, Larry Taylor a four hundred dollar ($400.00), he went on vacation in our vehicle, he gave it. Every time, I come in here and watch them, they use more money. I don't think that they should be able to take money and her time and take money and give it, okay. It should be coming to you, guys. Or maybe we need someone to come here that's real tight to come here and do all this. Cause I catch stuff all the time in that court. I've got all the paper. How much they can sell on that road thing. They got over seven (7), like (inaudible), so sixteen million ($16,000,000.00) on that. How we going to be able to make that if people keep doing that all the time. And I'm disability, and I had a disability for Storm Water for five (5) years, four (4) years, and he come up here this year. Him and his crew came in and took my name off of it. And that's what I'm saying, it's going to be a sue, cause Chris Skinner had her name on it, and I'm going to have to end up suing the County that money was involved of it. And they took it out of me. And I've got all that written on. I've got it all done now. That's what I'm saying. A lot of this stuff you guys do is not working like it's supposed to. So, when can we get a copy and get everything? Cause I go to the Courthouse and I get copies of everything. And, yeah, you're going to have to have someone else that will come and do all this for work for you guys.

Councilman Richmond: I don't know exactly what work you mean. We set up a budget every year.

John Wilson: I go there all the time and they get extra money to use all the time, and you guys need to go in there and get copies of that.

Councilman Richmond: They can't break our budget without coming to us. If they need more money...

John Wilson: So, they can allow that money all the time when someone goes on vacation with the tire?

Councilman Richmond: It, I know, I know that we budget a salary and that salary...

John Wilson: (Inaudible) bill (inaudible) that's a lot of money they get to use. That's what I said, I'm disability and we get...

Councilman Overton: Are we talking about the Local Income Tax?

Councilman Richmond: We're talking about the Local Income Tax. You want to talk about that?

John Wilson: Oh, I'm in here learning all of it. Just like taxes, I have to pay so much, but I used to not pay the Storm Water. You know the Storm Water?

Councilman Richmond: Yeah.

Councilman Overton: But I think tonight, we're specifically talking about the Local Income Tax.

John Wilson: Yeah, I know, if you're not in here, you can't talk to them. You have to tell everybody what's going on here. We don't talk about it. Everybody else don't know what's going on. So that's what our problem is. We need something on TV to show them this all the time what's going on. You know, just like if he was on disability of Storm Water you had for five (5) years, what would you guys (inaudible)?

Councilman Overton: Actually, that's not what we're discussing.

John Wilson: I know, I'm sorry.

Councilman Richmond: We need to discuss the Local Income Tax, but I do want you to feel assured that everybody gets a budget and has to operate within that budget. They can't just go frivolously out and spend money, because there's not any money floating around there. If they need something new that's not in their budget, it has to come through us for approval and each year they have to come justify their budget to us. They have to show us what they're spending it for or we would never approve it.

John Wilson: We have a lot of money that you're allowing them to do that. That's a lot of our money we're paying.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

John Wilson: You give them the go and someone goes on vacation and use our vehicles and have a tire blew out and they come here and done it. How is that? Why are we paying?

Councilman Richmond: Do you have an opinion on the Local Option Income Tax?

John Wilson: What's that now?

Councilman Richmond: The Local Option Income Tax to provide public service to pay for Sheriff's Deputies.

John Wilson: I pay it. You have to pay so much a year. Goes to the money. It's the same thing.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. Well, that's what we're asking for tonight. Opinions on the Local Option Income Tax.

John Wilson: Well, yeah, instead of using that, many people here from Kentucky, or Newburgh. Not Newburgh, but Evansville and all them, why do we have to take all them from different states. Why don't we let them do it? Then we don't have to buy new Jail out there for another five (5) or six (6) years. And we've got enough money. You can take it out of and pay, we, we, we could, the health, the Fire Department that we've got at Folsomville, Tennyson. We've got extra money, just take it out of there and get it.

Councilman Richmond: Well, we have rules and laws. We have to stay within parameters.

John Wilson: I know, that's the problem. That's why we're getting in a bind all the time.

Cliff Whitehead: Hey, Greg, it's been five (5) minutes.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, yeah.

John Wilson: Yeah.

Councilman Richmond: Thank you for your time. Someone else wish to speak? Identify yourself.

Prosecutor Perry: Yeah, Mike Perry, Prosecutor. I'm kind of late to the party on your discussion on the Local Option Income Tax. But I did hear the key word, build a new Jail. I've been in several jurisdictions where they have built new Jails and if you're a fan of the movie Field of Dreams, if you build it they will come. So, if it's a prison, if you build it, we will fill it.

Councilman Richmond: Yeah.

Prosecutor Perry: As you see, the situation, in Vanderburgh County they built without a long term plan of how to expand that. That's something that I think collectively as a government you need to think about if that comes down to the point where we need to build a new Jail. We need to build it with an eye to the future that at some point in time that's not going to be sufficient either. And have a plan in place to be able to expand that a little bit more easily than Vanderburgh County's finding the situation. So that's just what I wanted to add. I just, I actually gave some statistics to Ms. Powless on some issues that I'm going to be talking about in the Budget Hearings. And our filings are going up, the population of our County is going up. Once Interstate 69 is complete, that's going to be high flying from Detroit to New Orleans. That will increase, probably, the drug traffic. I would imagine very easily which will increase our statistics even farther. So I just, let's talk about this. Let's talk about it with a mind for the future. Not what, now, what's going to happen, what I think we see happening in the community, which is continued growth.

Councilman Richmond: Thank you.

Ron Whitledge: Hi, Guys. (Inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: Identify yourself.

Ron Whitledge: Ron Whitledge. Town of Chandler. Council Vice President. I'm not going to be very long. Be very brief. I have one (1) issue and I've heard it here several times tonight that I would like to address. I've got a, there's probably a lot of you guys, an email circulated from the Tea Party. Any of you get that? Yeah, I got it. It's going around. They were telling about this meeting. Now, my problem is, and you all have discussed it tonight. You call this an LIT. Okay? Local Income Tax. The issue before us is Public Safety, Local Income Tax. And what I would like to see us do in the future is to make sure we differentiate between the two (2). Because the LIT is something that you all are using all the time. You all have the ability to appropriate that where you see fit. The Public Safety LIT is to be used only for certain things. Law enforcement, fire protection, law enforcement pensions, fire fighter's pensions, things like that. There's a list. And that's all this can be used for. So, when I get an email saying that the LIT is going to raise from point five percent (0.5%) to one percent (1%), if I wasn't informed on what was going on, I'm thinking you're going to get the same thing. This extra money is just going to go in the same pot of what you all are doing now. But, I'd like for us to, I'd like for us to change the verbage from now on if we could, and call this Public Safety Local Income Tax if we can do that. Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: I'd like to mention since he did mention the uses for the Public Safety. It can be used for a police and law enforcement system to preserve the public peace and order. This is from the State Statute. Firefighting and fire prevention system. Emergency ambulance services, emergency medical services, emergency action, probation department court, confinement supervision services under Community Corrections, which has to do with the Jail. Juvenile detention facilities, juvenile detention centers, a County Jail, communication systems like our E911. And by the way, I think there's only three (3) on duty at a time. What is that three (3) each shift of three (3) shifts out there at the E911 at our Central Dispatch? And sometimes two (2) and when there's a big emergency and a lot of things going on, they are swamped.

Sheriff Wilder: Sheriff Mike Wilder. Our Dispatch Center, there's three (3) on day shift, three (3) on seconds. That's what's assigned and two (2) on third shift starts at 11:00 (PM) at night and runs 'til 7:00 (AM) in the morning. 7:00 (AM) to 3:00 (PM) and 3:00 (PM) to 11:00 (PM). There's three (3) and if we had three (3) in there all the time it would be perfect. But obviously like any other employee they have vacation time. They do have sick days and other issues arise. So, there's many days that we only have two (2) and it's very hard to cover those shifts with overtime and things like that. I mean we're a growing County. I don't want to get up here and preach. Everybody knows that we're growing. The calls are growing. We dispatch for all fire departments, all police, all EMS. So a lot of times we speak of Public Safety, we, I'm glad you brought this up in the meeting. We forget about the dispatching and the people that go in that room. Our Jail staff, you know, there's a lot of things that goes into Public Safety, not only just on the front line. We talk about the officers on the street cause that's what we see, but there's Jail staff. We have cooks. We're cooking for over a hundred (100) people. (Inaudible). I know it sounds silly but we have all these things that eventually the Public Safety could be used for. I can't speak for the County. We have enough money as things come up. But as a County, we, I don't know. But those are things we're going to have to fund coming (inaudible). BJ, if you don't mind, I'm using you. Neighborhood complaints about speeders in neighborhoods and had a lot of people call me. There's never an officer in the neighborhood. But the problem is, is we're so busy tied up on calls, we do, and we'll send out patrols. We encourage guys to be there, but I guess I'm trying to go with this vision, over time, we're going to have to add men and women to our department to cover the needs because of the growing population and what people want to see and have as Public Safety. Now, I'm not an expert. I don't know where we go with money, where it ends and where it starts. But there's a growing need from the community. As the Sheriff, I get the calls. You know they obviously love to see the officer on the accident. But they'd love to see an officer patrolling through their neighborhood and waving at them. With the call volumes we're up to, we don't have the manpower to be in the neighborhoods like we all would want for that safety feeling. School safety, there's all kinds of things going on. But just to stand up here and say I'm definitely in favor of it. I think Cindy was a pretty good advocate. She may or may not be in favor. But come with the needs, don't just tell us you need the money. We all need the money. Bring those needs so it's an easier decision for you guys if you get there. So I hope that everyone, as a Sheriff, I will be doing that. What the needs are for our office and some of our different, Jail and stuff. So, I definitely appreciate your bringing it up cause it's always the forgotten thing, the Dispatch Center and those people too. And those needs are probably, every single call that comes into our Center. And if there's only two (2) people and it's an emergency, but there'll be five (5) or six (6) calls at one (1) time. Plus they have to Dispatch it out.

Councilman Christmas: Mike, we have a problem with Dispatch. I personally feel we do.

Sheriff Wilder: What's that?

Councilman Christmas: I think there's problems with the Dispatch. Not the people, but not enough public.

Sheriff Wilder: Not enough funding?

Councilman Christmas: Not enough people. I really believe that.

Sheriff Wilder: Well, I agree, but I can only work with the funding you have.

Councilman Christmas: I realize that and that's why I think this is something that we need to address. It's something we need to address. But you need more people in that Dispatch area. There's been some times that you know being on the fire department fifty (50) plus years, police department thirty-five (35) years, I saw a lot of (inaudible). (Inaudible) and needed somebody and he just didn't have the people to answer the phone. So, you need more people there. I'm all for it.

Sheriff Wilder: It's a challenge. And I mean that's when, if you're…

Councilman Christmas: I worked out at Dispatch for a time.

Sheriff Wilder: When you're in that room when an accident happens it's (inaudible).

Councilman Christmas: I've been there.

Sheriff Wilder: And you know, we talked about a new Jail. We need a new Dispatch, but there's a lot of things, like we talked about the committee, cause that building that's there, if we went other directions that could be used to increase the Dispatch Center, but we'd still need the people to (inaudible).

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible) worked the (inaudible) one (1) night when the police officer (inaudible) shoot, you know, shooting (inaudible). Trying to keep people quarantined (inaudible) help him, that was a mess. And I was the only dispatcher there. (Inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: One (1) more thing, that deals with the Jail and medical and health expenses for inmates. This keeps going up every year because they, we have to provide the medical/health expense for them. And then Ron mentioned the police and fire pension payments also. And then law enforcement training is included. So all of those things are for your protection. Our own protection. Stuff that we can't do for ourselves. Alright. Who's next?

Christy Powell: Christy Powell, Town Manager for the Town of Newburgh. I just wanted to thank you for the opportunity to be able to open this conversation up. You know, it's come up in the past and it was not even addressed. So we're very thankful for just this opportunity. I appreciate your time, for attending these meetings, for putting these meetings together. Steve for facilitating these meetings. We've actually had an opportunity to as you said, Greg, to come together with City, one (1) City, and Town leaders to make some synergy to share things, not only what we're going through but maybe share assets. All those sorts of things. So, I'm very grateful for that. I just want to say that we'd take any request for an increase very, very seriously on my report to you, that the Cities and Towns will continue to meet. We're going to put together a Public Safety Plan. We're going to show the public where our needs are and how to transformative this money will be or would be if it were possible to get. And just like you said, transparency, accountability. We want to show the public that this is not a belt tightening issue; it's a revenue issue.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: Thank you. Anyone else wish to address the Council? I'll stop you if you get redundant. But if you have something different you want to say. Don't be shy.

Melinda Mitchell: Hello, I'm Melinda Mitchell. I live in the Town of Newburgh. I am concerned, I think it was forty-seven percent (47%) of the people that live in the Town of Newburgh live under the poverty level. So any increase for those people are working families that are trying to make ends meet. And even people that are above the poverty level, people are struggling. And each time there's a tax increase or fund or bond or whatever takes place, it's important that you guys don't forget those people. I've, I've got a local Newburgh Facebook page and some people are like well, I don't mind giving more. They can basically take as much as they want cause the money's not going to bother them. That's about fifty percent (50%) of the people that may have that kind of attitude. I don't know. But I'm speaking for the people that are below that fifty percent (50%) and it's hard. So, if an increase takes place, please don't forget those people. Cause it may be a tank of gas for them to get back and forth to work a week or two (2) or three (3) in a year. But it hurts. Five percent (5%) would probably be out of range with all the other taxes. And a lot of those people rent. Well, you don't pay property taxes. Well, actually they do because the landlord's going to increase their rent to balance that out. I mean they have to. And I understand that. So be cautious; keep that in mind. Cause everyone's going to be affected by this, our working families. I just wanted to bring that, bring that out. That voice.

Councilman Richmond: Thank you. Since this is your second time, I'll hold you shorter.

John Wilson: I'm sorry, I didn't think. You retiring?

Councilman Metzger: I'm sorry?

John Wilson: Are you retired?

Councilman Metzger: No, I'm not.

John Wilson: I know he is. Are you retired?

Councilman Richmond: Yes.

John Wilson: I know you ain't, Overton. You retired?

Councilwoman Ledbetter: No.

John Wilson: You're retired.

Councilman Christmas: I'm retired (inaudible).

John Wilson: Okay, we got you guys ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for our taxes on that. And you retire, you won't have to pay on that or you're going to have to make us pay on that too.

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Hachmeister: It's earned income, yes.

John Wilson: Okay, I'm making sure. If you're retired, you've got to put that extra money in your pocket. That's why I've got copies of everything you've done.

Councilman Richmond: And you are John Wilson. And we get the picture, thank you.

John Wilson: Well, I'm in there all the time. Yeah, every piece.

Councilman Metzger: You keep an eye on them.

Councilman Christmas: (inaudible). I've got a comment. All night long I've heard...come on (inaudible). Come on.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, go ahead.

Jim Miller: Jim Miller, City of Boonville. Mr. Richmond, I think it might be good just for you to go over the numbers again. At the last meeting you went over how much, if you made 'x' amount of dollars, how much that would cost. And do you have, have any numbers based on median income about how much this is going to generate? I think you went over that last meeting for the people who weren't here to hear those numbers.

Councilman Richmond: This is my stack of papers. You'll have to excuse me a minute while I find them. I have lots of emails.

Councilman Christmas: While you look at that, I'll make my comments here. All night long I've listened how the Town of Newburgh needs, the City of Boonville needs, the Town of Chandler. Folks, that's one (1) small area. (Inaudible) east part of the County. (Inaudible). Tennyson's the (inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: I need to (inaudible) affect.

Councilman Christmas: You've got a lot of Townships out there. Government Townships out there (inaudible) they're taxpayers. What about those people? How are we going to take care of them? They've got fire departments out there. No one's ever addressed them. Pigeon Township's got (inaudible) fire department.

Councilman Richmond: That's the amount of the increase that's five percent (5%).

Councilman Christmas: Yankeetown's one (1). Yankeetown's got one (1) of the biggest fire departments in the County. (Inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: (Inaudible) hundred thousand ($100,000.00).

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible) against tax. (Inaudible) all the people. Cause they need the money too.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: We need a comprehensive County-Wide Public Safety Plan.

Councilman Christmas: Yeah, not just the Towns.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: And I think from the Sheriff, he's talked tonight, the Prosecutor even mentioned that you know maybe part of that can be in the development of this new Jail, that we put something into place to look at all those.

Krystal Powless: I don't know what's in here.

Councilman Richmond: There you go.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) find that one (1). I might have to keep looking.

Chris Wischer: I just wanted to address something. I didn't plan on speaking, but I wanted to address the townships. There's...

Councilman Richmond: Tell me who you are.

Chris Wischer: Chris Wischer.

Councilman Hachmeister: Well, see if you want to answer Miller's question first.

Chris Wischer: Oh, there was a question?

Councilman Richmond: I do have some information to answer your question. Someone making thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00) a year, if it's a one percent (1%) total, this would be including what we have now and the half a percent (0.5%) more which would be a total of one percent (1%), it would be three hundred dollars ($300.00) a year. Right now they're paying a hundred and fifty ($150.00) a year. And if it's fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) a year a person makes, a one percent (1%) would be five hundred dollars ($500.00) a year. And then if it's seventy-five thousand ($75,000.00), one percent (1%) would be seven hundred fifty ($750.00) and this again, both this figure includes what is in place now plus if we added a half percent (0.5%) to make it the total one percent (1%). Someone making a hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) would be the five hundred ($500.00) we have now plus five hundred ($500.00) more, which is a thousand dollars ($1,000.00). And looking at the amount of funds that would come in, for Warrick County we presently make eight million dollars ($8,000,000.00). I'll just round it out a year. And that is split fifty/fifty (50/50) between Economic Development, which funds the Parks Department and ambulance service and different things like that. So, it's not all going to Economic Development. And the other half goes to Highway money to put in roads. And so if we went to one percent (1%) from a half percent (0.5%), that would be another eight million dollars ($8,000,000.00) that would be available for Public Safety. Again, we emphasize Public Safety. Boonville, for the City of Boonville, increasing a half a percent (0.5%) would give them almost two million ($2,000,000.00) more. For Chandler, it'd be about three hundred thousand ($300,000.00) more. If we went to one percent (1%) from a half a percent (0.5%) for Elberfeld would be sixty-five thousand ($65,000.00). Lynnville would have an additional fifty-one thousand ($51,000.00). Newburgh would gain about four hundred fifty-two thousand ($452,000.00). Tennyson would gain eighteen thousand ($18,000.00). So the total of a half a percent (0.5%) increase, this would be the extra money that's not there now, for the whole County, this is not Warrick County, this is now for the whole County. This is not Warrick County; this is all the Towns, Townships, and actually all the Towns and Cities would be ten million seven-ninety-one ($10,791,000.00). So those are the figures that are available. I hope you can understand, cause we're at a half percent (0.5%) now. And the maximum anybody's ever talked about is going another half percent (0.5%) to one percent (1%). We could go up to two and a half percent (2.5%). And I think we're not even thinking about that.

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible) bring it up, Greg.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, what did you want to say?

Councilman Overton: He's already done talked about it.

Councilman Christmas: I already said my point.

Councilman Richmond: Oh, okay. Alright.

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible) research.

Councilman Richmond: Chris?

Chris Wischer: Yeah, Chris Wischer. I'm sorry. I just wanted to address, Charlie asked a good question about Townships and folks out there. I mean, two (2) things really, obviously the County gets a portion of that LIT, so the County, Sheriff, and all the things that were discussed before would go to those benefits. More importantly, there is a way to know the numbers from Baker Tilly that already shows the Towns the Cities and the County. But there is a way to add the Townships in a statutorily way as I understand. We can add the Townships and they would get some portion of that money. And I think in our discussion, I know the Towns have been very willing to look at that as how this could be set up so that the Townships who do provide fire protection would benefit from this. So that's a good question and something that I think we ought to be working on. That's all I wanted to say.

Councilman Christmas: (Inaudible). I said, "What do you mean?" He said (inaudible).

Chris Wischer: But there's definitely a possibility that we could do something there.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Councilman Overton: I thought we were at point (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: I think that's what (inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: We're at a half a percent (0.5%). It's point zero-five (0.05).

Councilman Overton: Zero-zero-five (005)?

Krystal Powless: I know but this says percent. This side (inaudible).

Councilman Overton: Okay. I got you. Yeah.

Chris Wischer: Thank you.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Tonya Wester: Tonya Wester, Council President for the Town of Chandler. Once again, thank you, guys. Your, these meetings that we've had have been very informative, very helpful for us. First of all, I want to address what she was saying. That is why this tax is so attractive to us and the Towns. Chandler's not a rich Town, but this hits people on a sliding scale. It's not a (inaudible), you know, your property, you're paying for that. The more you make the more you pay. So, my next door neighbor who, who's retired, it's probably not going to hit them at all. You know, we think about that as Towns and representatives of the community like when we put water rate increases in and things like that. Things that we have to do that we don't want to do. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is the thing you don't want to do which is charge people more money. But in reality, it's going, life is going up. Things are going up. And I shared with most of you guys, we currently have fifty-two thousand dollar ($52,000.00) budget. (Inaudible) fifty-two thousand ($52,000.00) for our Fire Department. We have thirty-six hundred (3,600) people in our Town approximately. And then we have about a six hundred seventy-five thousand dollar ($675,000.00) Police Department budget, which most of that goes towards our salary and things that come along with salary. While this would be wonderful for you guys. You would be able to hit that. This is actually life changing for communities, for Towns, for small as the Town of Chandler and Newburgh and Lynnville. In 2015, just for example, the Town of Chandler took out a bond to pay for Safety. It was a Capitol Bond, to pay for things, to get things caught up. It was a band-aid. And some of those things have expiration dates on them. They will expire before that band-aid, before that bond is paid off. So, you know, that's why we as Towns, communities, are coming to you. Because this is our last resort. And I really do think that doing this Public Safety Tax is going to save in the long run. Cause what's going to happen is, if we don't do this, where are we going to be with our Public Safety in five (5) years? Ten (10) years? It's time to be proactive instead of reactive like the Town of Chandler was in 2015. And I'm afraid if we don't do this now, it's going to cost us a whole lot more in the future where we don't have those volunteer firefighters. When we don't, you know, all of the fire fighters in the County are volunteering except the Town of Boonville. And it's harder every year to attract them and especially if we don't have the tools for them to do their job. And I thank you once again for letting us come and address you and hope this stays on there and that we can possibly see some resolution and some help soon, because that is essentially what we're asking for from this Council. Thank you.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, we're about to wrap this discussion up unless there's somebody else different that would like to speak.

Councilman Metzger: May I make a comment?

Councilman Richmond: Yes.

Councilman Metzger: Somebody mentioned that ninety-seven percent (97%) of the people they talked to were worried about getting police officers in the School Corporation. Well they don't have to wait on us to raise taxes on people to do that. They can make a donation to County, to Warrick County to the Treasurer. They can make a check payable to the Treasurer and donate. I think Mr. Meyers during his term set up a line item. Is that not correct, where people can donate directly to the police officers and the schools?

Krystal Powless: We have a line item where we budget that and then the money would go in, I'm assuming, into the County General Fund to support that.

Councilman Metzger: Right, so, but would they have to write on the memo to make sure it gets into that Fund?

Krystal Powless: Debbie?

Auditor Stevens: The Donation Funds…

Councilman Overton: Oh my gosh. Not another Donation Fund.

Councilman Metzger: If they're worried right away; they can do something right away.

Auditor Stevens: It's a Home Rule Fund. It's already been established. And it's a, it's, a Donation Fund is basically what it is.

Councilman Metzger: Right.

Auditor Stevens: It can be used only for the purpose it is donated.

Councilman Metzger: So, they'd have to write something in the memo for School Police or something like that.

Auditor Stevens: Yes.

Councilman Metzger: Alright, thank you. The people can make donations right now if they want to, if they feel so obligated or the necessity is immediate. They don't have to wait for us to you know go through all these committees and have all these hearings and raise the LIT taxes. Make a donation.

Unknown: Just write School Police Officer?

Councilman Metzger: School Police Officer.

Auditor Stevens: Donation.

Councilman Metzger: And make it out, I guess, to Warrick County Treasurer? To Warrick County Treasurer?

Auditor Stevens: Yes.

Councilman Metzger: Warrick County Treasurer and in the memo, School Police Officer. And that money will be directly used right away for police officers and schools.

John Wilson: This is (inaudible) need help?

Councilman Christmas: No.

Councilman Metzger: You don't need to make a donation.

John Wilson: Okay.

Councilman Metzger: If you want to make a donation, you can. Anybody can.

Councilman Hachmeister: Yes, he can.

John Wilson: Because I didn't have, (inaudible) but it's been four (4) years now. (Inaudible) back on.

Councilman Overton: Better stop this.

Councilman Richmond: Hm?

Councilman Overton: I said, you better stop this.

Councilman Richmond: Um hum.

John Wilson: That's what I'm saying, how can they do that?

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Metzger: I'm not sure.

Councilman Hachmeister: Well, I'd like to thank, or almost maybe, I should thank the five hundred (500) plus people that emailed or called or came by to visit as far as their opinions as far as on the taxes involved. And I did find out that about half of those five hundred (500) plus don't even know what it is. Or even how everything works. And one (1) of the things I want to congratulate the people here tonight. You are here trying to learn about it anyway. So, again, learn everything that's going on before you start making comments or opinions, too, folks. I appreciate it.

Councilman Metzger: I just appreciate the comments. Thank you, folks.

Councilman Richmond: And to the Towns and the City, again, details for accountability is very important if you get some facts and figures, some statistics for this Board to review since we're the ones that make a decision rather to, and I say rather to or not. I mean it's not deciding no or yes, because it's not up for a vote. But to, everything needs to be justified. That's where we're at and I think that's where the public has told me. And I feel the same way. Expenses need to be justified. That's what this Council's all about every year during the Budget Session. Department Heads and Office Holders know how difficult we are.

Councilman Overton: Yeah, and just to add on to Greg's point. And I mentioned this the other day at the discussion that I was at. I think the biggest thing would just be to make sure and for the public to know, I mean, before I'd ever entertain anything, would be to make sure that we've got an itemized list, just like we do with any of the Departments and what budget they're looking at. So, I mean, just to give out a hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) to the whatever town it might be, before I'd ever even consider anything, I'd have to see where these expenses are going, what they're going to be allocated to, what's the time frame, priorities on things, how you're looking at that. And basically the other thing we have, and you know, we harp on people and I'd say a lot of them probably think we're a little bit hard on things, but I mean we basically when Office Holders come in for additional funding, we're looking for them to have exhausted every single thing they've got in their, in their tool belt to use before we ever look at adding additional items. And I think we've been pretty good at that. And kind of as a result of those two (2) things, you know, kind of a little bit of summary, I mean I'm driving to work yesterday, and it just kind of hit me. The realization of what a, granted there's problems in this County as there is with everything. But I drive to work, you know, takes me twenty (20) minutes to get to work, you know. And I drive through here. I don't worry about somebody stopping my car or getting carjacked. I walk into work at 5:00 (AM) in the morning. There's nobody out in the parking lot. You know, we live in a good area. I mean, granted, there's flaws. But, I mean this is a good place to be. I mean, you could question the air quality of things, but that's a different story. But, you know, it is a good place to live. You know, we come in here and we don't have to, I mean I can go out at 4:00 (AM) in the morning out running the streets of Boonville and not worry about somebody knocking me upside the head. So, I mean this is a great place to live. And the County, and thanks to Gary, whose been a big part of that since the time I've been on the Council, we've tightened things up and you know, we've got a good surplus. We've got Rainy Day Funds. We're not up here like Greg had mentioned earlier. I first got on the

Council, things were a little shaky there at first. But we made some hard decisions. I don't know, we've not necessarily made friends with everybody in certain areas. But we've done a good job. We're in good shape. I mean Warrick County, our Council Fund and our money's here and we're in good shape. You know, we're able to, you take a look outside at this Courthouse, we've, you know, this is a good improvement for the County. And you know, I think we're doing a good job hitting at things. So, just you know, before those things come before us, you know, we definitely would want to, we'd treat you no different, no better or no worse than we treat any other Office Holder that would come before us and making some type of request. Cause honestly if someone was to come forward and we approved an amount and we saw back, you come before us the next year and if we don't think things are going the way it is, I think, I'm sure everybody here'd just as soon quickly vote that increase back down to what is was before. I mean, just kind of be aware of that. And that's always my opinion and seeing how things have, how people have kind of voted over the last two and a half (2 ½) years, two and a half (2 ½) terms. I think that's probably a good, pretty good way to base things. So, I'll leave it at that.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: I'd just like to say that it was really great to see the Towns come together and have discussion and to talk about ways to pull money together. I think if you bring your numbers to the table to show your need and what you need, I think that we can probably move forward with that with thinking about a way to also bring the Townships in. There's a concern about inequities in the Townships as it relates to safety, Public Safety Service. And I think the County as a whole, we need to be involved in that to make sure when we do, do this Public Safety Plan, we do it so we meet the whole needs of the County. Like, like Charlie was talking about, that we make sure those services are equitable for everybody. I hope that we can meet again when you guys come forward with your plan and we can talk about those things. And I think part of this, somehow the Jail's going to be in that discussion as well. So, that would be part of this as a whole, for the County as a whole. Cause when we communicate like this, we make everything better for everybody. So, I thank all of you for coming and talking with us.

Councilman Metzger: I think somebody had their hand up? Is there another…?

Kevin Scott: Kevin Scott, Newburgh. I was just curious, what started the whole ball rolling on this? What caused this to be looked at? Was it the Council?

Councilman Metzger: Was the talk of needing a new Jail.

Kevin Scott: Oh, okay. I was just curious what…

Councilman Metzger: That's what originally started it.

Kevin Scott: That was the original idea behind this Public Safety and this tax? The possibility of the tax?

Councilman Metzger: Originally, the way I understand it.

Councilman Richmond: Yeah, to avoid the property tax that will happen down the road.

Kevin Scott: So then it's just kind of grown from there.

Councilman Hachmeister: From the time involved, we're, at this time we could increase it if we wanted to.

Kevin Scott: (Inaudible) lots of dogs coming out of (inaudible) to go after that bone.

Councilman Richmond: It isn't all that. Public Safety is very, very important to all of us and that came up.

Kevin Scott: Oh, no doubt. No doubt.

Councilman Richmond: And that's something, my eyes weren't open to until this discussion started. So, yeah, the Public Safety came as a result, we started out with the Jail and the School Safety. And then the Public Safety came and we looked at, in fact I didn't know all the different segments that were, you could devote it to. And this is the one (1) main concern people have talked to me about, the Public Safety issue.

Kevin Scott: Now, the other side of the LIT that's not, the Public Safety, can its funds be diverted into these things? Does it have certain grooves that it has to stay in?

Councilman Richmond: It, it's pretty much designated right now. I mean, yes, we could re-designate EDIT money someplace else, but in EDIT money, we pay our ambulance service right now. And we also pay a nice portion of the Parks Department's funds come out of there. And there's other things that it's used for here in the County as well as going out enticing businesses to come in. Setting up, getting our industrial parks ready, pad ready to have a business that wants to come in. The Broadband. We have an obligation there now to pay off. It's a three (3) year bond that's coming out of the EDIT tax money. So you know, if we pull that out of EDIT, we wouldn't probably have the money to pay all the services that we're paying right now.

Kevin Scott: Yeah. Okay.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: I would like to share that the other part of this is the Towns are seeking a way to increase their revenue. All the Towns are struggling financially. And that's the other piece of this. Not just the Jail.

Kevin Scott: Right.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: The Towns are all here tonight to put…

Kevin Scott: So are we as individuals who are struggling too. Don't forget that.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Yes. Yes.

Kevin Scott: Don't forget that. The Towns are made up of individuals. You know, our costs are going up too.

Councilman Richmond: Just as your costs are going up, so is the County. So is the County. We're all going up. Yeah.

Kevin Scott: Sure.

Councilman Christmas: We're all (inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: Fire truck that costs a half a million dollars ($500,000.00) fifteen (15) years ago, now is a million and a half ($1,500,000.00). It's awful.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: My emails, I think about sixty-five percent (65%) right now are no, do not raise taxes. Thirty-five percent (35%) is yes, please. And of that thirty-five percent (35%), half want to see a comprehensive plan in place to see where their money's going.

Kevin Scott: It would be ludicrous not to.

Councilman Richmond: Um hum.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: I agree.

Kevin Scott: But that's one (1) thing I do want to say about this Council, in the past, you know, I've been a pretty close watch on things for quite a while and you've always, as a whole, the majority of the time, you've always seemed to do the right thing. So, just do the right thing and people will be behind you.

Councilwoman Ledbetter: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: Thank you.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Tonya Wester: Can I say something real quick?

Councilman Richmond: As a repeat we'll limit you.

Tonya Wester: No, yeah, that's okay. I just, is there any way that you guys can write up something so the public knows exactly, you know, like what's going on?

Councilman Richmond: As we, as we gather this information, again, transparency is very important. And, and a lot of the public that I've talked to have no idea that the County's been very frugal. We've laid off people; we've put money away. We're doing things. They didn't know that we're holding our budgets that strong. They think that maybe we're wasting some money here and there, which we aren't. Locally you can watch things a lot more than you can Federally. And that's what makes everybody suspicious. But yeah, a good PR Program is necessary to inform the public as to the need. What it would be used for.

Tonya Wester: I think that would be very helpful to keep everybody…

Councilman Richmond: After we get this all pulled together and all these different budgetary proposals from different people as to how to use the money, then we would get somebody to construct a report and put it out to all the media sources and outlets.

Tonya Wester: Yeah, cause I'd love to share it on the local Facebook page.

Councilman Richmond: Yeah, and on our neighborhood pages on Facebook. Things like that. Yeah.

Tonya Wester: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Richmond: Alright, do I have a motion?

Councilman Overton: Motion to adjourn.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad. I need a second.

Councilman Metzger: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Ted. All in favor? We're adjourned. (Motion carried 6-0).

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Greg Richmond, President

Ted Metzger, Vice President

Charlie Christmas

David Hachmeister

Cindy Ledbetter (not present)

Brad Overton

Richard Reid (Not Present)

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 APPROPRIATION #	DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Courthouse	1000.11655.000.00162	Custodial	$13,460.50	13,460.50
	1000.22400.000.0162	Janitorial Supplies	$3,500.00	3,500
Total Courthouse			$16,950.50	
Adult Probation Circuit	2001.21202.000.0000	Drug Screen Supplies	$4,000.00	4.000
Total Adult Probation Circuit			$4,000.00	
Health	1159.21375.000.0000	VaxCare	$2,657.00	2,657
	1159.22500.000.0000	Animal Control Expense	$4,745.00	4,745
Total Health			$7,402.00	
Local Health Maint.	1168.21401.000.0000	Vaccine	$3,000.00	3,000
Total Local Health Maintenance			$3,000.00	
(4) Probation User Fees	2002.32300.000.0000	Travel	$5,000.00	5,000
Total Probation User Fees			$5,000.00	
Recorder Perpetuation	1189.31114.000.0000	Misc. Expense	$50,000.00	50,000
Total Recorder Perpetuation			$50,000.00	
Sheriff	1000.19500.000.0005	Longevity	$477.00	477
	1000.11440.000.0005	Civilian Security Officer	$11,175.00	11,175
Total Sheriff			$11,652.00	
Prosecutor	1000.33100.000.0009	Printing	$2,500.00	2,500
Total Prosecutor			$2,500.00	
Data Processing	1000.31411.000.0106	Contract Serv. Lic Fee	$9,000.00	9,000
Total Data Processing			$9,000.00	
Highway	1176.11380.000.0530	Assistant Superintendent	$2,028.96	2,028.96
Total Highway			$2,028.96	

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 11 day of July, 2019.

AYE

(4) David Hachmeister NAY

Brad Overton

(4) Ted Metzger

Greg Richmond

ATTEST: Deborah Stevens

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL, AS FISCAL BODY OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BONDS, SERIES 2019, THE APPROPRIATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF AND CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-10-3, as amended, the Warrick County Park and Recreation Board (the "Board"), governing body of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Park and Recreation District of Warrick County, Indiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 30, 2019, as confirmed by a resolution adopted by the District following a public hearing on May 21, 2019 (collectively, the "Declaratory Resolution"), determining that it is necessary for the public health and welfare and to be of public utility and benefit to undertake certain projects in the District, including all or any portion of: (a) certain works of improvement in the District, including an approximately 16,000 square foot new multi-use event center facility at Friedman Park and other improvements, all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution; (b) if necessary, paying capitalized interest on the bonds issued to finance such project, and (c) paying expenses incurred in connection with or on account of the issuance of the bonds of the District issued to finance the foregoing projects (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-10-3, as amended, the Board adopted a resolution on May 21, 2019 (the "Bond Resolution") authorizing the issuance of special taxing district bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,500,000) (the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds to finance a portion of the Project costs, which Bonds will have with a final maturity date no later than twenty (20) years following the date of issuance thereof, and bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding (i) five percent (5.00%) per annum, if the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, or (ii) six percent (6.00%) per annum, if the interest on the Bonds is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (the exact rate or rates to be determined by public bidding); and

WHEREAS, following publication of a notice of public hearing in accordance with Indiana law, the Board previously held a public hearing regarding the appropriation of the proceeds of the Bonds, together with all investment earnings thereon, and adopted a resolution appropriating an additional sum not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,500,000), plus all investment earnings thereon, to be provided for out of the proceeds of the Bonds and interest earnings thereon, for the purpose of providing funds to pay a portion of the Project costs (the "Additional Appropriation"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-17-20.5 and Indiana Code 36-10-3-25, each as amended, the Bonds may not be issued without the approval of the fiscal body of Warrick County, Indiana (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-5(j), the Additional Appropriation must be approved by the fiscal or legislative body that adopted the District's annual appropriation and annual tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Council (the "Council"), as the fiscal body of the County, now desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds and the Additional Appropriation as required in accordance with Indiana law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-17-20.5, Indiana Code 36-10-3-25 and Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-5(j), each as amended and in effect on the date hereof, the Council hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $2,500,000, and approves the Additional Appropriation, to be provided for out of the proceeds of the Bonds and any interest earnings thereon, in order to finance the payment of all or any portion of the costs of the Project, including all incidental expenses incurred in connection therewith and the costs of issuance of the Bonds, as set forth in the Bond Resolution.

2. Any member of the Council, and the Auditor of the County, and any other officer, employee or agent of the County is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the County or the District, to execute and deliver any contract, agreement, certificate, instrument or other document and to take any action as such person determines to be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution of such contract, agreement, certificate, instrument or other document or such person's taking of such action.

3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED and ADOPTED on this 11 day of July, 2019, by the Warrick County Council, as fiscal body of Warrick County, Indiana, by a vote of 4 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Greg Richmond, President

Ted Metzger, Vice President

Charles R. Christmas

David Huchmeister

Cindy Ledbetter

Brad Overton

Richard Reid

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
Warrick County, Indiana

DMS 14438842v1

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 06

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM CERTAIN DORMANT FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the County Council ("Council") of Warrick County, Indiana ("County") was made aware of the following four investment funds which have remained dormant since 2006:

- 4913 Warrick County Principle;
- 4914 Warrick County Interest;
- 4915 Perigo Principle; and
- 4916 Perigo Interest

(collectively, the "Dormant Funds");

WHEREAS, the Dormant Funds have unused and unencumbered balances in an aggregate amount of Six Thousand, Five Hundred, Nine Dollars, and Fifty-Three Cents ($6,509.53);

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-1-8-5, provides that once the purposes of a tax levy have been fulfilled, the unused and unencumbered balances remaining shall be transferred to either the County General Fund or Rainy Day Fund of a county; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it will be of public utility and benefit to transfer the unused and unencumbered balances of the Dormant Funds to the County General Fund and the Council now desires to do so as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council, as follows:

Section 1. The Council finds and determines that the purposes of each of the Dormant Funds has been fulfilled.

Section 2. The Council finds and determines that the remaining balances in each of the Dormant Funds is unused and unencumbered.

Section 3. The Council finds and determines that a transfer of $6,509.53 to the County General Fund is permitted under Indiana law.

Section 4. Because of the findings in Sections 1, 2, and 3, *supra*, the County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer the total remaining balances from the Dormant Funds for the purposes indicated herein.

Section 5. The President of the Council, County Treasurer, and County Auditor are hereby authorized to take all such actions and to execute all such instruments as are desirable to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, in such forms as such officer or member executing the same shall deem proper, to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof, and any and all actions previously taken, or documents previously executed, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this resolution are hereby ratified and approved.

PASSED this 11th day of July 2019.

Warrick County Council

Greg Richmond, President

Ted Metzger, Vice President

Charles R. Christmas

Cindy Ledbetter

Richard Reid Absent

David Hachmeister

Brad Overton

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
Warrick County, Indiana