

Randolph County Council

August 23, 2021

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President Gary Friend, Rick Brown, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkendofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Judge Toney Circuit Court

Judge Toney said as far as our budget most things are the same or similar. With regards to pauper attorney fees that is something that's changing somewhat, I know Mr. Winkle was here on behalf of attorney's and Judge Arnett could not be here that morning and they talked about raising the hourly rate to be in line with the surrounding counties.

Gary said we are raising the pauper attorney rate.

Judge Toney said the other issues, Psych/Medical and I know I probably mention this every year, we never know what's going to happen there. We've had at least three individuals that have been or will be evaluated as there are more and more mental health issues that seem to be arising and when the attorney's request that there be an evaluation then the court has no choice but to do that and we don't have attorney's around here who just ask for that for no reason. The other thing, professional services which we generally use for court reporters when they do appeals which they are required to do outside of their regular day, that's something different. Those appeals are normally, the appeal order is done almost always for termination of parental rights cases and those have obviously gone through the roof in the last few years, do to mainly drugs, drug issues. I don't know what number we had last year but there was an appeals court decision not to long ago but I think there are two or three more that are pending at least one of which she's still working on the transcript. So, that's the reason for that number. With regards to salaries again that's a number sort of, I don't want to say picked out of the air but just something where I look and say maybe this is appropriate considering again surrounding counties and what the court reporters do. The court reporters, being in court is not their hardest job, it's doing orders and things, they don't just process paperwork, their doing orders. We spend more and more time in court, whether it's for termination of parental rights or because everyone who sees children together want to argue about everything more and more, just like the rest of society in court you hear that lentigines words throwing around, it's here just like it's everywhere. Again, they are not just processing paperwork, they are preparing orders and doing a lot of hard work. So, that's what that number represents. The only thing I think is different from any other budget I've ever submitted is under per diem judge, I'm sure your aware that the county can pay

\$5,000.00. I've never asked for that, next year will be my 18th year on the bench and I just put that in. Our requirements for education, not to mention the 1:00 or 2:00 am phone calls, which this morning it was 1:00 am when they called. I put that in there, like I said I've never put that in there before but believe me it is appropriate at this point based upon how long I've been on the bench. I think everything else is pretty much standard and in line with what we've had in the past and what we have to have to operate the court. I'll be happy to try and answer any questions if there are any.

Gary said the numbers speak for themselves what you try to do there. Your saying the per diem judge was always there for you, you just chose not to request.

Judge Toney said I have never sought that, I know it was sought by at least one previous judge and actually we had a conversation this morning about why it's on that line, I'm not sure if it's something she got from Paula but that is where it had been put before I think that's the right place, it may or may not be. My understanding of how it works is the county, I better not say how it works, I think that's an auditor question. The other thing the reason that is put in there is that the last time I was given a number 80 or 85% of the judges in the state receive that.

Dave said Gary that is a recommendation of the state of Indiana to include that. He is right a former judge did request that years ago.

Gary said does anybody have any questions?

Dave asked on your equipment line, Judge, it's purchase. I think we were told in one of our meetings it's to purchase some safety.

Judge Toney said I know we added money in there for the vests, it turns out the vests for the bailiff was around \$1,000.00. We were told initially and thanks to the Sheriff for giving us a ball park figure on that, it turned out to be really close to that or just a little more. That's why the equipment increased.

Amanda said and the radios.

Judge Toney said so the two bailiffs can communicate if there is an issue. I will say obviously, I don't know hour to hour what Eric is doing in Superior Court but I would guess that he is very similar to Mike in very often they are out there keeping the peace. Someone will bring their boyfriend up and then the ex will bring his girl friend up and they want to be out there yacking at each other and that's what starts more serious issues. Those two are out there breaking those things up and sometimes just asking people if you're not involved in the case you just need to leave the courthouse. They do a good job and I appreciate both of them. Or maybe, this is a rare thing but somebody will call from one of the other offices and say theirs this person roaming around the hallway and we don't know why and they will go find out. Their primarily for us but I think they take it upon themselves and I'm glad they do to be security for everybody else.

Gary said like always Judge we will have to come back to all the salaries. Other than the salaries would someone like to make a motion to approve the Judge's requested budget.

Bev made a motion to approve the requested budget for Circuit Court less the salaries. Missy seconded. All aye voted. Motion carried.

Judge Toney - Supplemental Public Defender

Gary said the supplemental Public Defender, Council has already made a motion and approved raising that to \$90.00 next year.

Judge Toney said our attorneys are really good locally, the only regret I have about that is we send so much money to Wayne County and not as much to Jay County now because the attorney who did a lot of work is not the DCS attorney, but some to Delaware County. I appreciate those attorney's coming here to work but put out the word, I do whenever anybody ask, there is work to be done by attorney's in Randolph County, for people to come, get out of law school put out a shingle, it used to be that way, we had a lot more attorney's but everybody knows that group has gotten older, even older than me and there is not as many of them around. Anybody asked we could use a couple more to do the work and keep the money here in the county.

Gary said even though we are raising the rate for the public defenders, it's not affecting the budget because of the modernization we've done. Are there any questions on Supplemental Public Defender?

Max made a motion to approve. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Judge Toney, Deb McGriff-Tharp, Children's Advocate

Judge said I won't spend a lot of time talking about this, I say probably basically the same thing every time I come here but we have a director with a lot of experience, I think was trained originally in Grant County. It's a hard job for the advocates to do, some of them don't stay that long, it's really discouraging the things that they see and what they have to deal with. There is a constant training process, we just trained two advocates a few weeks ago, this is one. Deb know the exact number but as far as the advocate hours that have been put in this year, if we were paying attorneys at their rate, it would be like \$180 something.

Deb said \$183,000.00.

Judge Toney said it is a terrific program that not only helps the kids but it saves the county a tremendous amount of money that the attorneys don't have the time, if they did put in the time it would be an incredible financial drain on the county. So, I'm really appreciative of what Deb does and her advocates and also the Council has always recognized that and I appreciate that.

Gary asked does anybody have any questions for Deb or the Judge on this?

Bev said the advocates that do this, it's a voluntary job?

Deb said yes.

Judge Toney said yes, they can get paid mileage. We have so many people that go out and put in

all their time for what they do and Deb will say turn in your mileage. They say no, you don't have to do that. They just really do a nice job.

Max made a motion to approve the Children's Advocate Budget. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Judge Toney and Elizabeth Krieg - Probation

Beth said I just want to remind everybody that probation, I know you separate them out but when I'm talking about salary and things, there are two budgets, there is the general budget and the supplemental. As far as what I've submitted we always follow the probation officer's salary schedule and it's set by the state. I did turn in a copy when I turned in the budget, I don't know if that made its way to all of you. I followed that based on where we all stand on years of service. There's a lot of years of service. As far as the full-time secretary, I did put in a 5% raise for her and would ask that, I know that sometimes that's standard and that's what we ask for and sometimes it's not that sometimes it's less but I think with the increase that we've done with the supplemental I think we can afford to give her that 5%. I don't know what will happen in the future but she's worked hard to try to help us get those fees collected. The part time, it's my understanding that the part time hourly rate did increase, I have not filled that position, nobody wants to work. Hopefully I can get back on that in the future and get that position filled with that new hourly rate, so the new hourly rate is figured in the budget as well. I did not change anything as far as operational numbers. We cut those last year and we are doing okay with those numbers obviously if something happens we can make a request for adjustment with an additional if need be. I don't know if were still because of Covid, if that's kind of still impacting our operational budget, not spending quite as much so I didn't feel like I needed to put it back to the original amounts. We are still getting a small grant from Drug Free Randolph County to help with drug testing.

Gary said the probation line out of general, nothing changes but salaries?

Beth said correct.

Gary said of course your salaries are mandated, as far as the secretary goes, we're putting that in the category with, how were going to work with everybody.

Beth said I understand, I am just putting in that request. She has stuck it out and trying to help us and with the Covid we've had a lot of struggles this past year, I would like you to keep that in mind.

Gary asked does anybody have any questions on the probation? Does somebody want to make a motion to approve the probation, we can also now approve the probation officer's salary, it's a state mandate, however the secretary will have to wait on what we can do with everybody.

Tom made a motion to approve the Probation budget excluding the secretary's salary. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Krieg and Judge Toney - Supplemental Probation

Gary said I am aware that there is an increase in revenue coming in, in supplemental. How did you do that?

Beth said Lareina, one of the probation officers. I think we presented some of that at the end of last year when we were trying to get our part time secretary an increase to full time. She did some work with Delaware County and brought some information back over to us and we tried to implement our version of how that would work and it involves bill collecting basically. It is very frustrating, I will say that. But I think it has impacted. The courts help, because we notify the courts for fine and cost hearing, we been notifying them sooner rather than later, if people aren't getting their fees paid and also, it's been hard to do during Covid, because our people aren't in the office as much, that's kind of fluctuated, just trying to stick with developing a routine of hitting them hard when they come in. I can't speak for the other probation officer's but for myself, my approach, when they come in they know that's what they are going to get asked. It has taken a year to kind of get that implemented. That's usually one of the first things they start talking about as soon as they come in the office, is I either got it paid and they're very happy about that or telling me exactly why they couldn't get it paid for the month or what ever they are trying to get caught up. I think the number's dipped just a little this past month, I don't know why, I haven't had a chance to look at that. We are averaging, a good average is \$5,000.00 a month. It does go up, we've had some really good months in the past. That to me is safe and I like to give you an average and I like to keep it safe.

Judge Toney said actually that is something I could have talked about even in my budget, she's right, they'll call and say hey let's get a fine and cost hearing on Mr. X and so that takes up Amanda's time to do entries, takes up Mike's time, that's another thing Mike is really good at, he just talks to these people, hey why can't you pay, I know you do this, I know you do that, because he keeps track of who get's arrested, if they get arrested for being out drinking or possession or something, he knows that and he remembers and puts it in his little file and talks to them now don't tell me you can't pay because. He does a really good job with that and Lareina and Beth, I don't know if Jason was in that meeting but they actually set down and said here's what were going to try and do to start collecting, here's an example of the letter. They have put in some additional effort this year, it's working, hopefully it will continue to pay off for them.

Gary asked, Angela do you know what our probation is right now?

Angela said I have \$74,000.00 but that's been about a month ago.

Beth said obviously what's already appropriated for this year hasn't come out yet, it's usually about October when that starts happening.

Gary said the reason I'm asking is in the event that we would have to use some of it instead of general as we operate throughout the year.

Beth said I realize that and I just caution because you just don't know where the picture is going to go with. I get that that's what the monies there for, is to supplement services and supplement salaries and I'm not just sitting on it. Trust me I looked at the numbers when I put the budget together, experimented a little bit with can we do this.

Gary said I understand that.

Beth said it makes me very nervous.

Gary said I just want to let you know that we know that it is there, if we have to.

Beth said let me know and we'll talk about it I guess so I know what's going on.

Gary asked is there any other questions on supplemental probation?

Dave said I show about \$88,000.00.

Danita said it is probably close to \$90,000.00. I am trying to get it to pull up.

Gary said that is good work, thank you. Some years we didn't have that to work with. I understand your nervousness but we have obligations too and if we've done that and there is no money, then we've got to find it somewhere. Basically, what that does to help the County is it uses restrictive funds in restrictive areas to allow unrestricted funds to have more flexibility.

Judge Toney said when she gets really nervous about it she comes in and talks to me.

Max made a motion to approve other than any salary related items. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

David Daly
Prosecutor

Dave Daly said the only thing in the County General that is not salary related is I requested \$2,000.00 for child support training. The reason that's in there is because, when that's budgeted in the child support, we get 2/3 reimbursement. So, we get roughly \$1334.00 back, so the cost is only about \$666.00. That is the only item besides salary out of county general. I've changed my budget on the incentive portion of it. I don't know if that's reflected in what you've got.

Gary said we'll get the general approved first.

Max made a motion other than salaries to approve Prosecutor's general. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

PTD

Dave said I don't know what to say about this, there is a lot of money that is dumped into miscellaneous and that's because every year I really don't know until an expense comes up, I don't know what I'm going to be spending money on.

Gary said it's \$6.00 less than last year.

Dave said this is not tax payer dollars, this is just money that is generated through pre-trial

diversion user fees. I've always ask the Council to be open minded for what I submit. I cannot submit a claim without you approving it, so you do have a final say so as to what I spend money on. This is money I generate from offenders.

Missy made a motion to approve. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Prosecutor Incentive

Dave said this is the one that has changed significantly, I have been working with Angela and I'm withdrawing the request for insurance for my child support deputy prosecutor. We are not going to have the funds there to pay his insurance. This person has other insurance available for their family. That item of the \$31,400.00, I am withdrawing that request. Now I have noticed that on page two of my worksheet, I requested \$4,000.00 for miscellaneous but then the final dollar amount at the end, that is incorrect if you include that \$4,000.00, that would not be \$31,800.00. I think someone counted that as \$400.00 instead of \$4000.00. That's a big difference there.

Gary said ours in corrected. Basically, this page here is the \$4,000.00 request.

Dave said yes. It's not tax payer money and I have to generate it to spend it and I'm not committing it for anybody.

Gary asked does anybody have any questions on this?

Max made a motion to approve the Prosecutor Incentive as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said just so I make sure it is right, on page two of the county users fee, did the motion include both pages?

Max said yes

Gary said the second as well.

Dave said yes.

Commissioners

Mike Wickersham and Tom Chalfant are both here to present.

Mike said looking at the general budget, everything is pretty close but the personal services and those items related to that. Then we got farm maintenance were requesting another \$25,000.00, last year that was reduced to \$5,000.00. You see the new line at \$33,400.00 contractual services, that's are computer contract that is taking care of us. I think your aware he's found some holes in our system and were spending some money on that. Everything else, liability insurance a little bit more in there and I think part of that is for cyber. Everything else is running about the same other than health insurance and we are all aware of our situation there. I think it was two years ago we were approached by a company that wanted to put together a trust for county governments and much like the school system did several years ago and Covid hit and

that's kind of backed out. I've not heard anything from them. As I understand it those relationships can save participants a lot of money, I think they've saved the school corporations a lot of money over the years. The counties just can't seem to get one started. I really don't have anything to add to it.

Gary asked metal health is that a formula?

Angela said the state determines that for us.

Gary said is that a levy?

Angela said it's outside of the levy. That as well as the developmental disabilities also.

Gary asked does anybody have any questions for Mike or Tom?

Rick said I noticed Life Stream went down to zero, is there a reason?

Mike said we typically fund Life Stream out of EDIT, I think it was \$600.00 in the past is what it's been.

Rick said I don't know if you guys can answer this but I've heard, is Modoc still servicing the Southwest part of the County, the ambulance service?

Tom said Culberson.

Mike said we've had difficulty getting them to sign on every year, but they did agree last year and based on this budget were presuming they'll do it this year.

Rick said it was just a rumor that they were going to get out of the ambulance business. I don't know for sure.

Dave made a motion to approve this budget. Bev seconded.

Gary asked Angela will you make a note for me, we have \$2,000,000.00 budgeted for insurance, I want to know what we actually paid last year. How close are we to this appropriation meeting the need?

Angela said actually got that number from Paula.

Gary said we will.

Angela said yes.

Gary said a lot of time our cash reserves are strapped because we have not appropriated enough. You think this \$2,000,000 will do it?

Mike said I don't think it will, if I recall the quotes for the insurance, the actual cost last year was close to \$2.5 million.

Angela said this does not include what the employee's pay.

Gary said we have a motion and a second.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT – Economic Development

Gary said of course it is our duty on Economic Development to approve the money for the Commissioner's as long as it exists. Are there any questions on Economic Development?

Max asked is the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission going to continue that reduction in cost?

Mike said I don't think that has been discussed, but I think when we did it, I'm on that committee, I think it was for Covid and one year, it will be something that will need to be discussed before the end of the year at our next meeting. They will need to make a case for why they need the extra reserve. We do have some cash in that fund and like any organization like that, most of our cash is spent on personal services. It will be an interesting negotiation. There will be some discussion there, I appreciate you bringing that up. It was a one year only, so if we don't change it again it will come back. It is maxed out and it is .20 per population. The request wouldn't be any more than the \$10,154.00, it could very well be less.

Gary said my two questions are, one the \$10,000.00 for cities and town, that is just the graciousness of the county. Do you see that moving to perpetuity?

Mike said for a couple of them it needs to because they owe us that. It would be difficult to take it away from everybody if others are still paying it.

Gary said the reason I ask is because they also get their own.

Mike said right, I understand. It would be hard for us to take it away from somebody that hasn't borrowed ahead and keep it going for somebody else.

Gary said the \$2500.00 housing study, that's a new one here.

Mike said that we just paid, that was a housing study that was done by Tracy Cross and Associates and done for the region but we were able to get in based upon again percentage of population, we got in for \$2500.00 and that was delivered to the Economic Development office Randolph County United about two weeks ago.

Gary asked what will that tell us?

Mike said I've not seen it but it will tell us what nature, what style of housing, whether multi

family, whether it's apartments, whether it's single dwelling we need in the county and where those are needed. The tool obviously is for Randolph United but if we ever do have a situation where a developer would want to come in and look at a 30 acre lot or something whatever it might be and say I want to build houses here then that would be a resource for them to determine whether or not, what kind of house to build, what structure and cost to build and then whether or not it is going to be worth his money to build and then it would also advise in the municipal or county level of investment, whether or not it's worth the county or municipal investing in it. We were fortunate in Randolph County that we have local investors that want to do it. Not a big subdivision both I thin Union City and Winchester have them. I would say for our standpoint the housing study is going to be somewhat valuable but for a place like Wayne County which paid the bulk of the expense, it's going to be really valuable to them because they're in a larger growth than we are and they have investors willing to put money into it.

Gary said it would be interesting to see.

Mike said it is available, Ceann has it, so I'm sure she could share it with you. It's the County's property.

Gary asked does anyone else have any question on the EDIT fund?

Bev made a motion to approve the EDIT fund as presented. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT – Special Purpose

Gary said the LIT Special Purpose is the bond payments. This is expenditures from last year?

Angela said yes.

(Angela handed out the figures for the employee health insurance)

Gary said we expended \$2.6 and we got in \$650, so we were \$450,000 short last year.

Dave said it was \$2.625 last year with the employees at \$300,000.00, so it looks like it's at \$2.325, the way I look at it.

Gary said thank you.

Max made a motion to approve the LIT Special Purpose as presented. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Cum Cap Dev

Angela said as presented, if we expend what we have appropriated for this year, which we still have some in the Commissioner's budget and if we expend what was asked for this year, we will start 2023 with a little over \$100,000.00 and that will not carry us for six months. CCD, we get two distributions a year, a June and a December. We get around \$360 a year and we have had cash reserves. Now again, we still have some Commissioner's budget left but if people approach

for additional appropriations next year.

Mike said have we spent it.

Angela said not all of it, you have \$250,000.00, you haven't quite spent all of it. My comment was you'll start the year with \$100,000.00, you may not spend all that you have appropriated, just wanted to let you know that's how I have to budget. It says that you will spend everything appropriated.

Gary said I was going to ask you, I know we've been on a downward trend on it.

Angela said we are just spending more than we take in, it's a percentage of our levy.

Gary said we have other revenues of course that we can work with, that would be allowable. ARPA, some of it can go to help, it just depends on what they are and what we can do with it. If we were going to be below, how much do you need to go into the next six months?

Angela said we usually plan on half of the budget.

Gary said \$160,000.00, half the budget, you said we will go in with \$100,000. What would you need?

Angela said I would need at least \$60,000.00.

Gary said you need at least \$160,000.00 going in?

Angela said that's bones, that's no additional.

Gary said it's not that dangerous for the County to go in right on the numbers because we have other revenues that we can capture.

Angela said we do this time.

Gary said we have ARPA, we also have windfarm money if it becomes an infrastructure issue that were spending on.

Gary said right now were \$60,000.00 in Cum cap we need to get out. To make sure that we go into 2022 with the proper amount of money to get to the second draw.

Angela said yes.

Tom said is that \$60,000 we need out or is that just for the first half.

Angela said I need \$60,000.00 out or not spend all of it. However, you want to look at it. If you want to reduce your appropriations.

Tom said is that before the first draw we need \$60,000 in the first half the year.

Angela said 2023.

Gary said in 2023?

Angela said yes.

Gary said if we do this before we hit 2023.

Angela said in 2023 you have nothing.

Gary said how much do the Commissioner's have in their \$250,000.00 that is not spent?

Angela said I don't have that right now. I would say at least \$100,000.00.

Gary said how much do we not spend on a yearly basis of the allotment?

Angela said we have been carrying over at least \$100,000.00.

Gary said we need to stay on top of this.

Dave asked do we consider taking \$60,000.00 out now to building maintenance.

Gary said I think probably so and if we have an issue we can use other funds to get to it. Which would cure that issue we have right now. How much is carried in the Sheriff's Cum cap? They got their own right.

Danita said there is \$180,000.00 left in the Commissioner's line, in the building maintenance in cum cap.

Gary said Mike if we take this down to \$190,000.00 knowing if we have the liabilities, it will help us to balance. Any thoughts on that?

Mike said I am wondering, I guess the IT budgeted amount from last year went to the Sheriff's line. It's a matter of, like you say, if we have an issue that is going to spend more than \$190,000.00 this year, were going to find the money to do it. It's not like were not. You guys can make that decision and we'll deal with it. If the building administrator comes to us and says we need something, were going to fix it.

Tom said I agree.

Dave said yes.

Max said yes.

Rick said yes.

Bev said yes.

Missy said yes.

Mike said \$200,000.00 sounds a lot better but \$190,000 is okay.

Dave made the motion to reduce the Commissioner's Cum cap to \$190,000.00. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Communication bond

Tom made a motion to approve the Communication bond budget as presented. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Courthouse bond

Gary said when will this bond be satisfied, we got to be getting close don't we and are we carrying some rate forward as well?

Angela said we are. I will have to look, we don't have very much longer on that. The RCFFO we have quite a bit on.

Max made a motion to approve the Courthouse bond as presented. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Windfarm

Gary said windfarm economic development, this is the school corporation stipends that we give to the schools with the payments.

Dave made a motion to approve. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Clerk of Courts

Circuit courts

Mindy said I basically have no changes except for salaries of course, except for the bank service fee's, I decreased that by \$1,250.00 because our bank is not charging us fees, we carry a high enough balance to where were not being charged to have that account. But just to be on the safe side in case I need it I did leave a little. It is supposed to fluctuate, so if we get a bunch of return checks or something then we will get changed, that is why I left about half. Other than that, nothing else changed.

Gary asked is there any questions for Melinda on Circuit Court?

Missy made a motion other than salaries to approve this budget. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Superior Court

Mindy said it is basically the same, postage I decreased a little bit.

Gary said even though the post office went the other way.

Mindy said we are doing mostly emails now, I hope to be able to decrease it even more in the future.

Bev made a motion to approve this budget other than salaries. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Election Board

Mindy said I did want to point out that I am asking for my absentee voter board to be raised to \$10.00 per hour, it's still a \$360.00 decrease from 2020 because I didn't use the entire line item last election and I did not talk about that in the extra hearing.

Gary said it is still a decrease. How did you get that decrease?

Mindy said because we didn't use the entire line item in 2020.

Gary said in the 2021, 33550 is an off year. Where's that go. I guess I don't understand why in 2021 it's 33 and 2022 it's 70?

Laura said there was no election in 2021.

Mindy said there are several things that were zero this year compared to next year.

Gary said the third-year election for the Mayor's, how much does that generally cost?

Mindy said the municipal elections?

Gary said yes.

Mindy said I don't have those numbers in front of me.

Gary said I just wondered if you knew from history?

Mindy said no. I do know, I just don't have it in front of me. Assistant canvassing board, I'm asking for an increase of \$260.00 because we've had a large increase in travel board for elections, it's just basically another day of travel board than what we have budgeted for in the past. It is to accommodate the people at home that can't vote. The precinct board members we talked about in the additional budget hearing. The meals we talked about an increase for them. Postage is a \$2,000.00 decrease from 2020, I tried to budget it like the 2018 election because there won't be as many people voting, I'm assuming since it is not a presidential election. In our computer maintenance line, I've increased it by \$1,500.00, our service providers, our vendors have increased their fees and I ended up having to use \$1,280.00 from that clerical position that I cut early last year to pay for those increases so I just increased the line this time.

Gary asked is there any questions for Melinda on this?

Missy made a motion to approve. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Registration

Mindy said no changes.

Rick made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye voted. Motion carried.

Clerk RP

Mindy said no change.

Tom made a motion to approve. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Elected Official Training

Max made a motion to approve. Rick seconded. All aye voted. Motion carried.

Clerk Incentive

Mindy said I decreased the bank fees by \$400.00.

Max made a motion to approve. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Assessor

George said I have handouts for everybody here in case you have questions, it is mostly all in here. We covered it during the workshop.

Gary said on the 1001 general fund, you took out the software maintenance contract and it's going into reassessment. Other than salaries on this particular page does anybody have any questions?

Missy made a motion to approve the Assessor's general budget other than salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sales Disclosure

George said the training was from the directions of Council last year to move that over into this fund.

Gary asked is there any questions for George on the County Sales Disclosure?

Bev made a motion to approve this budget. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reassessment

George said it is an increase only because were wanting funds to convert to a new cama system, that would actually take the place of all the systems we are currently using now. In your handouts, the back of the third page is a breakdown of what our current system does versus what

the new system will do. Proval, what we currently have for our assessing program, it does do quite a bit of things, however you automatically also see right next to the Xsoft, there is an inhouse. Inhouse is all the things I create using excel or access to take data from Proval and convert it into usable data. You see all those in houses are spreadsheets and other things I've had to use to convert the data, it takes time but it's what we've got to do. With Xsoft, I don't have to do that, it's already there. AS2 is our program that does sales disclosures or sales, personal property. Proval also does sales disclosures but the problem is, we've got to take it from one program and manually put it in the other. It is a big waste of time. If I've got the data, why do I have to keep moving it around. Xsoft is once you put it in, it's there. It's a whole lot better, the service is better. They have over 77% of the counties in the state have converted to this. Proval is on its way out. The service itself is much better and I don't perceive myself doing much IT work that I pay for on this system. We pay an annual maintenance to them that they increase 5% every year but they can't show me what the 5% is for because I'm doing 95% of the work.

Bev said that is on the existing system?

George said existing system, with Xsoft it's done, I don't have to do imports, I don't have to do updates, I won't have to do any of the IT work. The downside is the cost, but they do break it down over a 5-year term. The initial cost is \$180,000.00 and it's also in the packet the break down of what they are costing.

Gary said \$36,000.00 for five years is what you are looking for, right?

George said yes, they will not increase anything for that period of time. Now once that five years is over, there may be, they said normally a 2% maintenance increase but they break out what your getting, they actually tell you what you're paying for. For the first five years you don't have to pay anything other than what I've listed after that the total budget would drop down to \$31,800 which is the maintenance plus possibly 2% per year.

Gary said you went over all this during your budget workshop.

George said right.

Dave said what your saying George, everything your doing inhouse currently, will go away when you get Xsoft.

George said I don't know if I am going to do away with it because somebody may ask me for revised data. But based on that, the efficiency will be lot more. Yes, we are able to do what we do and we do it quite well, with Angela's help, Randolph County was the first one this year to certify their net two weeks ahead of everybody else in the state and that takes a working combination. We're doing it with less people, the stress on these people to get this stuff done, it's going to be a result that could cause them to say I am done. This is an efficiency thing, I believe, it will help us remove the stress and provide better data for anybody who wants it. As Laura stated and again, we did cover this during workshop, but she stated they work very well with the Auditor so our Auditor interaction is going to be a lot cleaner and LOW also has the

ability to pull data from this new system and place it on a web site which has not only their tax bill but their form 11, which is a notice I send out every year, their property record card, all this stuff is right there, hands on, more transparency.

Gary asked does our rate cover this?

Angela said he does have \$6,000.00 he needs to cut somewhere in what was presented and the assessment of \$30,000.00 is actually \$36,000.00.

George said I told you I made a mistake of \$6,000.00. I'm assuming I can take that from the Sales Disclosure.

Angela said they will need to amend their motion.

Gary said we need to amend the motion to add \$6,000.00 to computer contracts in sale disclosure. Is that what we're doing.

George said yes.

Gary said that will bring your total into what was requested on the rate, right? Before we go any further, would somebody like to make a motion to amend the County Sales Disclosure to add \$6,000.00 to the computer maintenance.

Dave made the motion to add \$6,000.00 to Sales disclosure, computer maintenance. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said now going into reassessment, everything here has a rate and it balances. Any questions?

Missy asked on your page 1, property reassessment, the training/schooling was \$5,000 in 2020, you don't see that your going to need this, is that still at zero?

George said right now and I actually asked that last week. There is none in the foreseeable future at this point that there will be any additional cost outside of what we normally had for any training through the next year. After that they don't know because their contract could change.

Gary said all the training is in Sales disclosure right now?

George said yes, all that training is in that because it is a self-sustaining fund.

Missy made a motion to approve the property reassessment fund. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Surveyor

Gary said everything is the same except office supplies and maintenance on the vehicles?

Ed said I think those were the changes.

Gary asked if anybody had any questions for Ed? Why did the vehicle maintenance go up, what was the reason for that?

Ed said I am anticipating tire and brake work this year.

Gary said and then the office supplies?

Ed said we lowered it in 2020 and that is the only one I am putting back to where it was.

Rick made a motion to approve the surveyor's requested budget other than salaries. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

Rick made a motion other than salaries to approve the drainage board budget. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Surveyor CP

Gary said that's a big lift.

Angela said he has it, he does additional appropriation's every year, so why not start out with what you need.

Missy made a motion to approve the Cornerstone perpetuation as presented. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Elected Official Training

Rick made a motion to approve the Surveyor's training as presented. Max seconded.

Gary asked why are some at \$825 and some at \$1000?

Angela said it's what they put in for. However, this fund is pretty much first come first serve, it doesn't have a lot of money in it.

Gary said all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Area Planning

Gary said nothing changes except the salaries.

Rick said other than salaries, I will make a motion to approve. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Building Commission

Gary said same thing, other than salaries everything is the same.

Randy said at one point in time you did allocate something for a truck, I haven't got delivery on that yet.

Gary said that was last year wasn't it?

Randy said yes, they told me two weeks.

Dave said I think the price of used trucks are going down.

Max made a motion to approve other than salaries. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport – Greg Sickels represented

Greg said we went back to the 2021 requested for 2022. I don't know where you are this year, how much room we have to move. On the fuel line we went a little higher because fuel has gone up quite a bit and we put a line in there that we wouldn't have to come back and get an appropriation for fuel later, if that needs to be the case, we can work on that.

Gary said the receipts for the fuel deposit into the general account, don't they?

Greg said yes.

Gary asked what are your fuel deposit's, do you know? Your spending the \$130,000.00, what's the income on the fuel?

Greg said that would be a question for Eric.

Gary asked if the Auditor's office do you guys know?

Danita said I think we have collected this far \$112,000.00.

Gary said what was the expenditures out?

Danita said \$86,900.00.

Gary said when the fuel price goes up, do you go up accordingly?

Greg said yes, he keeps the margin the same. As fuel prices increase he is going to keep the same margin of profit, not on percent wise but on so much per gallon. That's how the prices are adjusted.

Gary said the margin is a cost per gallon?

Greg said I guess you call it profit. Also, with the cares act, there's another \$31,000.00 that's

come in for small airports like ours. We are wanting to, there will be an appropriation coming for that money. We're going to use it to do some equipment upgrades and so if we need to cut \$15,000.00 we could do that because we're hoping in 2021 we can go ahead and get our equipment needs taken care of.

Gary said so you would feel comfortable taking it out of the budget right now because you've got \$31,000 coming in behind it.

Greg said yes, so we can go ahead and chop that out if that would help.

Gary said the runway repair that was down in 2021 is back to what the 2020 was, is that just a normal cost to keep the runway running?

Greg said that's why it's been and I haven't been on the airport board, I don't have a lot of history with it, I know last year we took it down to \$8,000.00 because we had CARES Act money. The striping has been completed. As far as I know, I don't foresee anything that we would need the full \$12,000.00.

Gary said if the CARES can supplement the equipment line, can it also pick up \$4,000.00 of the runway?

Greg said it should be enough.

Gary said so we can set that at the \$8,000.00 like it was last year and not harm the airport?

Greg said I believe so. Unless there is something that is unforeseen to me but I believe we can do that because the equipment that we're looking at is going to come in around \$25,000.00, so there should be \$6,000.00 left on that appropriation.

Gary said like any of our departments, if something comes up short in the budget and it has to be, we just have to make it happen.

Greg said on salary, we went ahead and did 3% increase, but that's a later discussion.

Gary said we will approve minus the salaries and then we will come back to the salaries. Last year Angela and Danita we cut the fuel line down, knowing that we would have to re-appropriate to get it. Does that make any difference to the budget what so ever?

Angela said it is a wash. It's better to have it higher in case we don't have to do an additional, we have to pay to advertise for an additional. It takes so long because I have to advertise 10 days before and do to the newspaper restraints. We tried to make the budget the best we could this year so as not have to do those additional.

Max made a motion to approve this budget with the changes as discussed, reduce the runway repairs to \$8,000.00 and eliminated the purchase equipment, minus the salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport Fly in breakfast

Max made a motion to approve the fly in breakfast. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Rick asked how much money is in that account?

Danita said \$8,400.00.

Tourism

Gary asked is advertising the only increase you have?

Scottie said last year I decreased it \$10,000.00, didn't know what Covid was going to do to us, this year I moved it back up.

Gary said you have a \$60,000.00 budget; how much money is in the tourism account?

Danita said \$108,000.00.

Gary said RCU is figuring out through the Auditor's office the legal and proper way to cover the professional service fees, is that in this budget, that they are going to do it again next year?

Scottie said I don't plan on doing it again next year.

Gary said I'm just asking because there is no need to come back. Intentionally it's not in here?

Scottie said correct.

Missy said the hotel is doing really well, Covid didn't really hurt them, thanks to EDPR who has a lot of workers there, so that's what's making up the difference. So, in any given year, that \$108,000 may sound like a lot but she may need to go back on it when EDPR, I mean they are going to continue to do work so hopefully they will continue to stay at that hotel. If it weren't for that it probably would be hurt a little bit. I wasn't here during the \$20,000 because I had a zoom meeting. So, the \$20,000 tell me more about the transfer of monies.

Scottie said RCU has asked for \$20,000.00 from tourism to cover salary for tourism to be in their office. That has been approved by the board, it's been approved by County Council, so we are looking to appropriate that over additional spending.

Gary said that needs to be a claim properly presented.

Scottie said I have got that done, I am waiting on my two tourism board members to come in and sign, they just haven't been in to sign it yet.

Missy said the \$10,000.00 increase in advertising. Can you explain that?

Scottie said Kevin Shook is going to be doing some zoom promotions for the hotel and he's going to do it in coordination with tourism, we feel like if we go together we can do a lot more.

Missy said I know you have more billboards up too around the county.

Missy made a motion to approve the tourism budget as presented. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Auditor

Laura said other than salaries, obviously it looks like the GIS Coordinator is added in since we split those position when Fred left. I don't think there's a lot of change.

Missy made a motion to approve the Auditor's budget except for salaries. Max seconded. All aye voted. Motion carried.

Platroom

Laura said again, we didn't really change anything other than we pay a portion of the GIS Coordinator's salary out of this.

Gary said you bumped it up?

Laura said yes.

Max made a motion to approve. Missy seconded.

Gary said one question, you will put this amount into the wage no matter what the wage ends up?

Laura said yes.

Gary said all those in favor signify by saying aye. All apposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Elected Official Training

Rick made a motion to approve. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Veterans

Gary said do we have anyone for the Veteran's.

Laura said Mike Kennedy is back.

Gay said full time or part time?

Laura said part time.

Missy asked how many hours a week?

Laura said 21 hours.

Treasurer

Debbie said I did increase office supplies because, I'm assuming the postage increase went through. That helps with the printing of our coupons for taxes.

Gary said one question on the office supplies, you have a line for postage?

Debbie said your right we do. Office supplies I have to put the coupons, it doesn't include the postage for the coupons.

Gary said any reason why?

Debbie said I don't have an answer for that. I am just doing what the former Treasurer told me.

Missy said under the printing of the coupons, how many of those?

Debbie said we just print them once.

Missy asked how many households are there?

Debbie said around 21,000. The company that we use are on it, I don't know what is up with the post office, we get so many of them back with return for not the right address but it is the right address, were still getting return coupons back. I do have a question, I have a copier down there that I pay \$450.00 for maintenance, is there any way when copiers come back for renewal of contracts that the treasurer's office could be included in the copier.

Gary said I would not see why not but that is a Commissioner's item. You should probably get on the Commissioner's agenda.

Debbie said it just keeps going up and I don't know why I even pay it because they don't come and service it.

Laura said Deb get with me and I can check and see when the date is. We just renewed and I don't know how many years that is for.

Danita said it is 5-years. You can start your own lease, there's other departments that are not on with us.

Debbie said Adam came up and asked if we would like to have one that did everything, get rid of all our printers and all that. We don't want to do that.

Gary asked why?

Debbie said we couldn't get rid of the one's on the counter because those are the ones that print the receipts for the tax payers. The girls each have a printer that they print constantly different things.

Gary said I understand but if Adam, our IT guy can take us to the next level and it's cheaper, better and easier.

Debbie said we couldn't do the front counters at all.

Gary said I wouldn't know, I'm not Adam. As everything in IT advances, sometimes our hardware is not going with it.

Max made a motion to approve the Treasurer's budget other than salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Elected Official Training

Max made a motion to approve the training for the Treasurer. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Recorder

Gary said this is all salaries.

Jane said the only thing in my budget is the Elected Official and the appropriation from the Social security Identification fund.

Gary said on the salaries, we will just come back to that when we do all the salaries tomorrow. A decision will have to be made, you wanted to take one to full time, right?

Jane said yes, that would be ideal for my office for consistency.

County Security Identity

Rick made a motion to approve this budget as presented. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Elected Official Training

Rick made a motion to approve the Recorder's training fund. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I would suspect that you will get your answer as to whether we are going to allow another person tomorrow.

Sheriff – Art Moyster and Ken Hendrickson

Body and Mobile camera approval

Art asked before we get started on the budget, are you wanting to approve me getting the Axon program moving? Are you wanting to do that today?

Gary said yes.

Art said what I have for you to sign is the Axon package for the body cam and the legal package. The total is \$107,1655.00 is what they have. I believe it was a little higher than that when I sent the other to you. I am not necessarily looking for the funding right now but I know this is 4 to 6 weeks out from the commitment I make to them, I also know that the mobile package that we had discussed, if we start it now, were looking at January implementation. That's why I talked to you earlier about bringing it today. Just to get permission to sign.

Gary said you also sent out the information and the Commissioners have approved.

Art said the Commissioner's have approved and wanted me to move forward. They actually wanted me to sign it last week and I was hesitant to do so without Council's approval.

Gary said I am willing to entertain the motion for the Council to approve moving forward with both.

Tom made a motion to approve moving forward with the purchase of the body camera's and the mobile cameras. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said I would like to interject something here. I contacted Steven Cox the Homeland Security Executive Director and supposedly the funding for body cams or grants will be very shortly. What that means I don't know.

Art said we'll see.

Dave said I think I emailed you a copy of what I emailed him.

Gary said the question is, is it going to be reimbursable to ARPA if it comes in another form of funding. If it is then we'll pursue it.

Art said I will have some discussion at the next Council meeting with regards to how I would like to see this funded initially to see what we can use the additional money on the back side. I don't think we should fund it fully initially but we can discuss that more at your next meeting.

Gary said what you need to day is approval to continue to move forward.

Art said I need your approval to sign.

Gary said which you have.

Missy asked how long do you think it will take to get those.

Art said I know they said 4 to six weeks, I think Winchester had theirs in two. I'm hopeful, however I know everyone's doing this, so I don't know what that supply chain is.

Bev said I remember hearing all this before, but the name is Axon?

Art said Axon is the name of the company.

Bev said and what you are actually purchasing is?

Art said it's a body camera system, I'm purchasing a package that gives us a less lethal option with the taser plus the body cam package that also has the storage, we'll also have mobile cams or in car cameras and also have the storage for it. Giving the current state of the world this is something that we definitely need.

Sheriff – General

Gary said as we have stated to everybody, we will be handling all the salaries tomorrow and whether of not we can afford to put any extra people on, I know you have at least one in your budget for the jail.

Art said I do have. I think that's a position that's been asked for throughout my administration, I thing throughout form Sheriff Hendrickson's administration, he ask for that position also.

Gary said we are looking for changed in the budget that are significant and the reason why.

Art said Sheriff's general there was a legal service contract increase of \$1,000.00, increasing that to a total of \$4,000.00. That's a contractual increase for our legal deputy.

Gary said that is the only increase other than salaries?

Art said that is the only increase to that budget.

Max made a motion to approve other than salaries. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jail

Art said with that budget, the jail uniform that was in there, I believe that amount was \$5,000.00 was reduced out of the general budget and we will use the misdemeanor budget for that, so it will come out of the 1175 fund. The only other request was for the additional day shift position which would fill a hole that we have had for quite some time.

Gary said that is a good use for misdemeanor, we are looking for places to help relieve the general budget.

Bev made a motion to approve other than salaries and extra personnel. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Accident fund

Max made a motion to approve this budget as presented. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Cum Cap

Gary said the total is up from last year. Are you getting one vehicle out of misdemeanor?

Art said no, we purchase one out of commissary every year. Last year if you remember, we normally bought two out of this fund, you cut one of those last year, I'm trying to reinstate that, we were able to do that do to the situation we had in Lynn. If we don't put that vehicle back in we are going to fall behind in rotation and our maintenance is going to go up substantially. I would like to add back the vehicle to that fund.

Gary said I am not doubting you need a vehicle, I'm just looking at how to get it. Is ARPA allowable to buy vehicles?

Laura said we've asked the question, we have not got the answer, hopefully by lunch we will have it.

Dave said I thought I read where the City of Winchester may have approved.

Gary said you did read that, they sent in a list.

Laura said I haven't got an approval from Barnes and Thornburg yet.

Gary said what is your gut feeling about it?

Laura said they did the camera's out of lost revenue, so they may do it out of lost revenue.

Gary said we can go ahead and approve that vehicle out of Cum cap if the Council so desires, but we may take it out, if we take it out of here, it's because we know were getting from another direction.

Max said it sounds good to me.

Art said normally what we do is we purchase a three year to rotate them in, depending, the detective's vehicles, the administrative vehicles and the jail vehicle don't have to be rotated quite as frequently and then as they need we put them into the rotation. We stagger those as best we can.

Gary said I mixed up commissary and misdemeanor in my mind, what exactly is misdemeanor for, how is that fund collected?

Art said the state sends us those fees through misdemeanor charges. I know you were looking at this last time and that is one of those things that I'd asked Angela, I believe we receive about \$18,000.00 a year in that fund, so I have no issue trying to do some things out of that to try to help. However, I don't want to deplete that fund, knowing full well that we are not going to have it replenished.

Gary asked what's that fund sitting at this year?

Angela said \$95,000.00.

Gary said \$95,000 is a pretty good reserve.

Art said we've had a recent pay in, I know with part of that and Ken can probably speak to this better than I can, I believe the misdemeanor is spent for jail.

Ken said jail only. It is by code for anything dealing with the jail. The check usually comes in August, it fluctuates, I don't believe we've ever been over \$19,500.00.

Gary said I guess my question is it's up to \$90, wouldn't this be a good year to appropriate some more of it down. I don't know if there is any reason to carry nearly \$100,000.00 in there.

Art said we can look at places we could, if you wanted to appropriate more of that fund, we could look at places to spend some of that.

Gary said do you know of anything right now that we could easily move into there.

Art said there are some things that we are looking at within the jail, I'm not sure if they're permissible expenses with regards to some of the maintenance. I know there is a door there that has to be replaced shortly. I know I have people coming for the fire control panel on Thursday to give me a quote to replace that, it's as old as the building is and were starting to have faults with it and I think were down to maybe 15 sensors' to be able to use and can no longer get those. That system is going to have to be redone but that's some of the things that I'm looking at.

Gary said so if we had less building, the jail and the Sheriff's department can that be building be included as one in misdemeanor?

Ken said not exactly. You're talking about things for inmates.

Tom said what about jail computer maintenance contracts?

Ken said no contracts. I don't believe contracts has ever been involved in that.

Art said any of the contracts that we would have for the computers for the jail would also be, it's the Spillman system which is the same as everything else.

Ken said they are sticky on it, that's why we have to be very careful on it. Just like we are very careful with commissary. There are basically eight categories in commissary. Now anytime he spends out of commissary, he has to actually say what it is, letter it, number it.

Art said we have to report that to State Board of Accounts.

Tom said when it's time in a few years, could that be used to replace the jailer's vehicle?

Angela said the IC code says, operations of the county jail, jail programs or other local correction facilities. It is how you interpret the IC code.

Art said we would have to look into it and I would want an opinion from my legal deputy.

Gary said I'm just saying if it just continues to go up, it would be nice to use it.

Art said I don't disagree with you.

Gary said an even \$20,000.00 so you never drop it below. Right now, if I was looking back at the jail, I don't see a lot, you already put uniforms in it. Training and schooling, can that go in there?

Art said it would have to be some type of training I believe would have to deal with doing something with the inmates. Only in the jail.

Ken said you could never train a road officer in there.

Gary said back to the vehicle, if we get a ruling from Barnes and Thornburg, what says we can't buy two cars and knock down the Cum cap \$70,000.00. It's \$2,000,000.00, right?

Art said I hadn't got those numbers; did we get a figure on that?

Gary said we got a figure of \$2 million in lost revenues. However, we have to be careful, a bunch of it is going to be related to the Highway I would imagine, those are some of the most significant hits we took was in the Highway funding and the road money that was coming in. They got cut in half or 40% anyway.

Art said I would take the opportunity to remind Council that we have a radio purchase coming up too. I don't know if that is something that it can be used for or not. I know those funds are going to have to come from someplace.

Gary said from what I read, I think so.

Dave asked Angela do you know when we will get that report from Baker Tilly?

Angela said I don't know if they will break it out. An accountant would enjoy reading it, it's 840 lines. We are put together as a unit, as a County unit.

Gary said with that thought then, does it matter that the Highway took the significant loss, or does it just matter that the county as a unit. That actually opens it up a little bit.

Rick said once you get in the weeds, it's another story.

Gary asked does anyone have any questions on the Sheriff's cum cap?

Rick made a motion to approve the Sheriff's cum cap as presented. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Handgun Permit

Max made a motion to approve the hand gun permit budget as presented. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Rick asked will you take a loss on the handgun permit fees since it is going to lifetime free?

Art said yes, I actually received a letter, Angela and I talked about that, we received an opportunity to possibly get some funding back from the state, I believe that amount was about \$13,000.00 but the handgun permit fees have gone away completely. So, what's there is what we have there and depending on what the state decides to give us. I had submitted for reimbursement up to the amount we took in last year, I don't know what the state will give us.

Gary asked how would you get reimbursement on that?

Art said it is some type of grant that they have through the IOT. I think they are going to try and do this for a year, maybe two and then take it away from us completely like the state of Indiana is so notorious for.

Gary asked did you get any reason why they took it away? What's the logic behind it?

Art said I would love to talk to you after the public meeting.

Dave said it aggravates me that we are sitting here and the state of Indiana has a \$4 million surplus and were at the county level trying scrape by to get everybody their needs and it's frustrating.

LIT - Sheriff

Art asked is the Sheriff's retirement staying in LIT?

Gary said yes, we have to take it out somewhere.

Art said I was just asking because that's where it was at and the year before you split it. I am just clarifying for my own knowledge.

Angela said we are going to get around \$655,000.00 for 1170 and it looks like the budget is \$715,000, so it can sustain.

Gary said the discussion last year was making sure we appropriate every bit of the LIT because it's restrictive and not put too much general there which takes away our ability to move money around. Do you have any questions on 1170, Public safety LIT?

Max made a motion to approve this fund. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT - Jail

Art said hospital and medical contract had a 3% increase. Then we reduced institution/medical \$10,000.00, we are going to use the misdemeanor fund for that also.

Max made a motion to approve LIT jail as presented. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said it seems like medical stays pretty reasonable compared to the medical world out there. How do you do that?

Art said we do it through a contract, they negotiate some of that. We listen to our medical provider, do what they tell us to do. I know that there is probably going to have to be an additional appropriation or something moved, I believe we are a little bit behind right now with medical with what we normally put in it, with the contract there has been some ER visits and things of that nature that have to be done that will require some additional funding into that medical.

Gary asked are the inmates medical, is that a possible use of misdemeanor, if we would have to.

Art said I am not sure how it works with regard to the contract for the medical side, I know we can buy supplies and things of that nature for the inmates, things that are used for the inmates do to medical.

Kens said a lot of that is out of our control, if an inmate has a heart attack or whatever and we have to take them to ICU, there are some things that are out of our control. We do the best we can on getting them out of there. Fortunately, were under the sunshine law which is basically Medicare/Medicaid plus 3%. If it wasn't for that medical would be outrageous. Our provider, understand, we changed providers back in 2012 because the provider before was on a basis of how many inmates, we were normally over 25 to 30 a day and they were charging you by the day on each inmate, which was out of control. The provider we have now, they've been excellent.

Art said there are some things in the works that I'm hoping to do on a federal level, I read the other day where they are talking about doing something with Medicaid or Medicare which normally stops when a person is incarcerated, their looking at passing or trying to pass something that would allow them to stay on. That is one of those things that if that changes, I will give you that information, that would be helpful if that does.

Misdemeanant

Art said the only thing that's in it is the increase for institutional/medical, the increase is to \$20,000.00 in that line and the jailer uniform increase, increases it to \$10,000.00 for a total of \$30,000.00 to come out of that for the time being.

Gary asked if there are any questions for the County misdemeanor?

Bev made a motion to approve. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Cont. Ed

Gary said Law Enforcement continuing Ed is \$2,000.00 just like last year.

Max made a motion to approve. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art said I know you guys are going to sit on salaries until tomorrow and I would just like to take the opportunity to reiterate to the Council every surrounding County is increasing theirs, looking at that matrix. The Chief and I talked this morning, every time we put someone new on the road, we have two weeks that we pay them for pre-basic, we have guys that we give comp time to teach the pre-basic, they ride with another unit for two months at minimum, which is time that they are not productive to us and we send them to the academy for four months. So, you got about six months of basic lost revenue that, that person is not productive for this county every time we have that change. I just want you to keep that in mind. That is regardless of whether we are on the road or in the jail, were losing money every time we change.

Missy said I have a question completely off the subject. I know you couldn't do the law enforcement for kids this year with Covid but you really get some people that want to go into this type of work once they do that don't you. I can think of four right now that I know are in law enforcement some how even if it's a dispatcher.

Art said we talk to them every year and you have people that are interested in it. I have said before that a lot of them, I know Ken and I both started our career here because we wanted to be in law enforcement in our local community. When we started it was a little different than other but not as much different as it is now, when your 21 years old still living at home, that salary is not bad. As soon as you start to have a family, you start looking. We try to recruit all the time, I think we are going to turn into a training ground if we're not careful.

Missy said I agree. That is such a good camp.

Art said I know I have been asked to do some type of a job fair here in the next week or two. I can't remember when it is. We are struggling to get people right now.

Solid Waste – Shonda Soloman

Gary asked Shonda next year can you get your budget in the county format?

Shonda said I don't have that program.

Danita said that is printed through our budget projection from our software.

Gary said we had Community Corrections who collect outside funds to get on it, we got Tourism Department to get on it, why can't Solid Waste be in this book.

Angela said we can.

Shonda said I will give you the information so you can do that.

Tom said you are just creating more work for the Auditor's office.

Laura said he is good at that.

Shonda said our 2022 budget is very similar to the budgets we've had in the past, we've made just a few changes. It reflects some rising costs in recycling. Line 392, 399 which is our recycling and house hold hazardous waste disposal numbers, our costs keep going up on that, so we increased there. The biggest change in the budget is we have created a few lines for the possibility of purchasing a vehicle in 2022. It is not something we've done in the past but there is a definite need for the ability to be able to get out and let people know that we're actually out there paying attention and be at the bins and be able to do some clean up and other issues that we keep running into that are difficult without having a vehicle. We've put the line in there for a district vehicle and their capital outlays. We've also added lines for auto insurance, fuel and maintenance and our public relations line shows an increase because if we were to go ahead and go forward with the truck we would wrap it because the whole point is I want people to see me and see Tonya when were out looking at the bins, so that they know that we're paying attention. We hope that it will help maybe eliminate some of the abuse of the bins that we've got out there. People believe that there is somebody actually out there paying attention to them. Other than that, the budget is very similar to this year.

Gary asked what does your board think about the vehicle?

Shonda said they are open to the possibility, we've had a couple of good conversations we've talked about it for two or three years. We brought this up about three years ago and decided to pass on it then and the board is talking about it, it's not a done deal by any sense of the imagination but they understand the need and are willing to consider continuing the conversation. We figured if we didn't put it in the budget we wouldn't have the chance to do it. Let's put it in the budget and see how the year goes, see if our tipping fees or our host fees stay strong, see what our recycling fees do and see how we are doing at the beginning of next year.

Gary asked how does mileage go from \$905.00 to \$2,700.00.

Shonda said the \$2700.00 is what it has always been budgeted for, the \$905.00 is what we actually spent the year before. That first column is what we actually spent in 2020, \$2,700.00 is what it has been and we've actually spent more in the past but in 2020 we didn't go very far because of Covid. Our actually spending is usually \$1500 to \$1600.00.

Gary said that is why your going on the 2022.

Shonda said we've lowered that one because we wouldn't paying me or Tonya mileage for using our vehicles because we would have a district vehicle.

David asked did you get a chance to go out to the county highway and look at that truck?

Shonda said yes, we did, it's a mess. We went out and looked at the truck that the county

highway had that they're getting ready to replace and it's in pretty bad shape. It didn't fit our needs but they have another one that they may be moving out either this year or next and it's in better shape. Right now, trucks are pretty high so we're on the hunt but we're not in a bit hurry.

Gary asked your board has been over this budget?

Shonda said yes.

Gary said one of the questions I had with the budgeting format is your asking for \$408,000.00 in budget and in actuality you only spent \$317,000 last year, so why would you need \$80,000.00 of fluff?

Shonda said part of that is the truck, it's probably closer to \$50,000.00 and part of that comes because we don't know for sure what our recycling costs actually are, I just did a year to date for my recycling this year. So far, we have collected 102 tons more than we did this time last year. If we keep going the way we are going, we will be over in our budget and recycling by about \$10,000.00 maybe \$15,000.00. So, there is fluff in there because I don't have any control over how much recycling that we actually end up with.

Gary said but your overages are in almost every line. Is there any line here that you actually know what the yearly cost is going to be?

Shonda said rent.

Missy said bank fees going from \$95.00 to \$200.00.

Shonda said because we started using an automatic, we used to write the checks and now we don't write the checks anymore. It's automatic deposit.

Missy asked what is your total in reserves?

Shonda said the total in reserves is as of yesterday is \$370,000.00.

Missy said the educator increase is that a salary or do you pay her by the hour?

Shonda said she is hourly.

Missy asked what is that hourly rate?

Shonda said her hourly rate \$13.50.

Missy said she works a lot of hours in the end?

Shonda said no, she is 15 hours a week.

Dave said Gary if you add 2021 and the \$354,000 and \$34,500.00, you are pretty close budget

wise and I know there is a little additional in some of them but it's like Shonda said it's hard to judge, you know we had a new industry come on this year that's probably taking quite a bit of the recycling costs, it was free to the industry but it costs the county.

Gary said yes, and they have a board over looking it. To get the budget tight for budgetary purposes rather than use estimations, you want it to be exact and you reach for 500 over, you're asking for \$500 more than your actual rent. That doesn't make any budgetary sense. Why?

Shonda said to be totally honest, when I first came on about 8 years ago the budget was like way over, it was seriously inflated and so I went back the first year that I came in and I brought those numbers way back that seemed to be in line but to be honest, I've never really had any training on what was expected and what wasn't. So, I went ahead and made a budget because I budget in my own house, I always give myself a little fluff and that is how I did this. It's what I knew and I hadn't been asked to do anything any differently. I am certainly willing to go back and make it tighter.

Gary said you have a board, I think the things that are absolute in my opinion ought to show up on here absolute. If your rent is \$5000.00 for next year, it's \$5000.00 cut and dry.

Shonda said there's a couple of things also that come out of that same line, cleaning and windows and there's other things. I can probably tighten some of those up, it's no problem.

Gary said I would appreciate it being actuality as much as you can. I also respect the fact that you have another board that's overlooking it as well.

Missy asked on seminars in 2020 it's right at \$1035.00 up to \$3,000.00.

Shonda said one of the things we did, was we did a lot of virtual seminars instead of actually going to places but we hope to go back to some of the ones that we haven't been able to get to.

Max made a motion to approve the budget for Solid Waste. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Veterans - Cathy Shull

Cathy said it has been an off year and I am new so this has been a learning experience for me. It's been an off year do to Covid and also, I was the only one in the office for a while. I know that some of the lines are not quite full still. I was asking for a little bit because I would like to take out an ad to promote the office a little more.

Gary asked where does that show up on here?

Cathy said advertising.

Rick said everything else looks pretty much the same except for salary.

Gary said we are not passing anything in the salary sections of this until we reconvene tomorrow

and look at what we have available.

Dave said I see where Mike is coming back three days a week.

Cathy said his first day is tomorrow.

Max asked is that a temporary thing?

Cathy said right now, it's a done deal, he'll be here three days a week.

Max said great.

Dave said Mike Wickersham was negotiating his return.

Gary asked are you our veteran's officer now?

Cathy said yes, the interim.

Gary said so you are not the veteran's officer?

Cathy said I am, but that's how they titled me as the interim.

Missy said Cathy is doing a great job, she helped me with some things and when I was in there, there were two people from Wayne County who were wanting to come in because they came up to get service from Randolph County instead of the county they lived in.

Rick made a motion to approve the veteran's budget except for salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Coroner

Darren said I added a couple different lines, one is the communication equipment because I am not exactly sure what is going to happen with that, purchasing radio's and things of that nature, come to find out \$6,000.00 is not going to be enough anyway.

Gary said there is probably other funding sources that we would use on that. It would not have to be in the general budget, we have a radio issue that we are going to be dealing with at the Sheriff's Department too. I think if we use other funding to put that together, we should probably be including the coroner's office.

Darren said we haven't really had much as far as communication equipment, right now we've got two portables but I think it's important that we do have it. There was never anything in there for uniforms, I added a line in for that. I think normally it came out of miscellaneous supplies before. I did add a little more to miscellaneous supplies do to having to buy some more body bags this year. I upped the gas/fuel \$600.00, last year I don't believe it was enough.

Gary asked did you make it through?

Darren said no, I asked for an additional. I don't know if that's been approved or not.

Angela said next Council meeting.

Gary said your going up \$600.00 to \$1500.00?

Darren said that is correct.

Gary said 2 ½ times?

Darren said I actually don't know how it ever made it with \$600.00. I don't drive it unless I'm on a call, going to the courthouse, going to the jail and I went through that already. \$1500.00 maybe a little over, maybe I should have gone \$1200.00 on it I don't know. I went an additional \$800.00 on top of the \$600.00 for this year. Repairs I went down a little bit, knowing we got the new vehicle now so shouldn't have to use a lot in vehicle repairs.

Gary said one thing I would ask for Council to consider and look at is the communication equipment, I don't know that we need to put it in the general budget because we'll never going to be doing that, we've been discussing other funding that we have available and you would be included.

Darren said when I did this, I didn't know about that.

Gary said we are still getting information on how we could use some of that funding.

Tom said I am okay with everything except the communication equipment.

Dave said gasoline probably has gone up for this budget.

Darren said the autopsy fees, obviously you don't know what is going to happen but if things continue this year I think the \$45,000 will make it through. I think it's going to be really close. They haven't mention fees going up at the morgue, so hopefully they stay the same. Our toxicology fees, we now have another panel that we can use and it's free, it's paid through the Indiana State Department of Health. We can use that sometimes, not all the time but that's saving some money too.

Tom made a motion to approve this budget removing the communications line and except for salaries. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Health Department 1159 – Dr. Sowinski and Sherri Thomas

Dr. Sowinski asked Sherri to explain the one new line we have in there.

Sherri said we added a stipend in there for cell phones because when we are out, whether it's at the test sight, when we do our vaccine clinics, when Wendy has to go give TB, that type of thing, we have to have a phone to contact these people. A lot of the places we are at as far as the

vaccine clinics, they didn't have WIFI so sometimes we have to use our phones to hot spot. That is why we added that. We added it for Scott Enghaus too because, when he's out, he's on call 24/7 and when he's out he has to contact people also. Those are the reason's we added that in there.

Dr. Sowinski said it has always been that way but the last year and a half has made a glaring deficiency that we are really relying on people's personal expenses to meet really what is County business.

Gary said the only question I would have is how did you come up with the \$1440.00? What was the formula?

Sherri said we did the \$45 a month times 12 x 3 people.

Gary asked is there anything else?

Dr. Sowinski said we have excluded some things that have typically been in it. Mileage we pushed off to grant monies. Office supplies we pushed off to grant monies. We pushed everything off that we could. Of course, the only risk to that is if the grant money suddenly dries up, were going to have to add some of this back.

Gary said yes, you have obligation and we have obligation, if it happens, it happens and we deal with it and not leave you high and dry. Which is why, Sherri I don't know if you know this but sometimes your levies are less in some areas. We understand we have obligations, we are just trying to make sure we have less restrictive money more available and use all the restrictive up. Anybody have any questions for Dr. Sowinski?

Max said I would like to pay you a compliment, the vaccination clinic out at the 4-H grounds worked very well I thought. I was very impressed with the people out there.

Dr. Sowinski said thank you, it was a lot of hard work and we appreciate that.

Max made a motion to approve fund 1151 other than salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Rick asked have you guys ever had to use the violations budget?

Dr. Sowinski said the answer is we have not but we have discussed. We had a meeting just two or three days ago with the Mayors of Union City and Winchester as well as some of the law enforcement representatives and the reality is I do believe as long as the county is able to provide council as well as law enforcement for enforcement of these things, we may not touch that but I sure would like to have a little bit in there just in case we have forms to file, paperwork to do, we got a line to put it through.

Health Maintenance - 1168

Gary said this is a carbon copy from last year.

Max made a motion to approve with the exception of salaries. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Health Trust 1206

Gary said this is all salaries, so we will deal with it tomorrow. How's it going Dr., what are we expecting with the Delta.

Dr. Sowinski said Delta is in Randolph County and Delta is going crazy. The darkest days in Randolph County were in mid-November of last year and in the two or three weeks proceeding that our numbers have increased beyond what they were last October and we are going to see this wave peak in Randolph County in the next two to three weeks. We had a case rate in the middle of July of zero, our case rates this week is going to be close to 400. That's over a course of about 4 or 5 weeks.

Gary said it could multiply a couple times from there?

Dr. Sowinski said I don't think so, I think it will multiply once. Pure speculation.

Missy said any specific age group?

Dr. Sowinski said as I look at it, it's still in the middle aged to elderly as the predominately affected group, but the percentage of school age kids is a lot higher, more like a 1/4 to 1/3.

Max asked what percentage is non-vaccinated?

Dr. Sowinski said it depends, when we start looking at hospitalized and people that get critically ill, it's almost exclusively unvaccinated and I'm going to estimate because I don't get that data but just going by state and national data, it's about 96% or so that are unvaccinated. Maybe somewhere around 5% of the cases are break through cases.

Gary said is the third dose coming?

Dr. Sowinski said it probably is, but probably not until next year. The ASIP, Accounts for immunization practices which is what implements FDA recommendations after they look at the data. I follow those meetings and I would gage that by the new year they will recommend that the people that the people that first got their immunizations in December, January, start getting booster immunizations. Again, that is pure speculation on my part.

Gary said do you think we will all be taking some type of Covid shot, like the flu shot, in the future?

Dr. Sowinski said me personally, I don't think so. I don't think it's going to become an annual vaccine, I think what is going to happen is were going to get a few variants of interest that will tweak the type of vaccine as the virus evolves. I think we will be struggling with this for a few years.

Dave asked do you still recommend the flu shot?

Dr. Sowinski said I do, it is such an easy thing to get out of the way, I do recommend it. I will tell you that last year for those that don't think masks work. Flu was almost nonexistent last year and the mandatory mask, not saying I am in favor of it, not advocating it, but with mandatory masking flu almost went away.

EMS – Diane Sutliff, Duane Petry

Diane said I left my budget pretty much the way it was last year except I did put an ambulance in there because we worked so hard on getting the last one that we really needed two.

Gary asked was you here when I explained to Duane how we would probably take it out and buy it in other revenues that we got coming.

Diane said we have to keep coming back and begging. I was hoping I would be able to go back and say guess what guys, after all this time, they didn't cut it.

Gary said I don't think \$220,000 is going to stand in county general. We can use other funds to buy an ambulance this year. We have lost revenue opportunities coming from the ARPA funding. It is my suggestion for the rest of the Council that we take that out of the general fund. Not that you don't need it but we are going to definitely take it out of the general fund.

Dave said personally I think we need to consider another new ambulance since it's a year out before we can even get one.

Gary said so you don't go back and say you were denied a new ambulance, you are just not going to get it out of this fund.

Diane said I kept motor vehicle repair at \$20,000.00.

Gary said is that in Cum cap?

Danita said it is in LIT.

Gary said let's get through this one first. So, in the general other than the wages, we will be back tomorrow on what we have available to deal with the wages. I would suggest the \$220,000.00 be taken out but I'll ask the Council first before we move forward.

Tom said I would take the ambulance out.

Dave said we are going to have to take it out.

Rick said I am for buying an ambulance but we'll fund it somewhere else.

Dave made a motion to approve the EMS general fund minus the ambulance and excluding the

salaries. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Cum Cap Dev

Gary asked the \$30,000.00 in cum cap, what does it represent?

Duane said that is for a defibrillator, we've got two defibrillators' right now that in February, they are not going to service them anymore. We've got someone coming in Friday to do a demo on it, I think the price was already more than we have in the budget. Apparently, they really want to sell, I think it was about \$8,000.00 than what we had in the budget, so they are going to work on it and see what kind of price they can come up with.

Missy made a motion to approve the EMS Cum cap. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EMS Public Safety LIT

Gary said on the motor vehicle repair, if you get two ambulances, that is the repair for the other two?

Duane said yes.

Diane said I just stayed with the \$20,000.00, which we have \$5,000.00 left this year but I have an ambulance that needs to go in to replace the fuel tank and I already know that is going to be over \$2,000.00. The remainder of that money will be on hopefully just oil changes and routine maintenance, hopefully nothing else happens.

Gary said my question is if \$10,000 satisfied 4 ambulances why does it take 20 to satisfy 2?

Tom said it will be at least mid-next year before they get one of those.

Dave made a motion to approve the EMS LIT budget as presented. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Summary

Gary said that entails today's meeting. How are we doing?

Angela said \$355,000.00 to go.

David said after the \$220,000?

Angela said yes. Is there anything Danita and I can do to prepare for tomorrow?

Gary said give me a value of what all the raises are.

Angela said what was submitted?

Gary said yes, over last year, for instance hypothetically if there were no raises going out would

that make the \$300,000.00?

Angela said yes.

Gary said and then some?

Angela said yes.

Gary said I would like to have a sheet of those margins.

Angela said we have that, we can send that to you. We knew you would ask that question.

Gary said Council just needs to know what it will take to get down to and then what might be left to give increases. Also, are there any revenue streams that we are not seeing right now that could offset general.

Angela said no and actually an additional was done just at the last meeting. The cash I reported was as of July 31st and I added a few things in but there was an additional CARES of \$60 some thousand, so that is what we are cutting into today. Any additional from now on in general are cutting into what you need to cut today. So, \$600,000 is what I've got to have. Also like the Airport cares is in general already so when you do additional you're just taking from the cash that we're already using.

Gary said we had \$340,000.00 in permit fees come in and ¼ percent LIT for about \$500,000, \$550,000.00 in new monies, that's \$800,000 we had this year to operate with, \$300,000 of it is gone, \$550,000 of new money and we lost \$100,000.00 in LIT to \$400,000.00 but we got \$300,000 in new levy?

Angela said just about, that's if we can collect it all.

Gary said the insurance, we are spending more money in insurance than we put into our workable budget. Last year a \$1.5 million was in the budget and we spent lots more. We ended up paying out \$2.1 million in insurance. That's unbudgeted liability.

Dave said we are on track to do the same thing this year.

Angela said that's why we added a million in there.

Gary said it needs to be in there. That should get us closer to reality and that's figured into this budget so we get through this budget, get things organized, were not going to be slapped with more insurance fees. We could be, it can't be more than \$3 million anyway because our stop loss will take care of it.

Angela said if we hadn't increased the LIT we would be having a very hard budget right now. I will send out a list of what 2021 salaries are, what 2022 requested are out of general only.

Danita said it's about \$440,000 from what was requested from what was requested for next year. If we go back to no raises, none of the longevity, all that kind of stuff, it's about \$440,000.00.

Gary said that leaves about \$110,000.00 to the positive. What did the \$1500.00 salary increase across the board cost the county in total?

Angela said what those fees were.

Gary said \$300,000.00?

David said about \$340,000.00.

Gary asked where does circuit breaker show up in the budget?

Angela said it shows up in general. I think the county all together is 600 and some thousand.

Gary said that is an expense to the budget isn't it?

Angela said quick feed back on the budget workshop.

Gary said I liked them. I think them going through what they are going through sped it up for me today. I think it is something we probably should always do. I would encourage people to come but come prepared, come with every single thing you want to talk about in hand.

Bev said I felt bad that more didn't participate, but the ones that did, glad they came.

Gary asked does anyone have anything before we recess until tomorrow? Hearing none we will recess until tomorrow morning at 8:30.

Reviewed and accepted this 7 day of December, 2021.

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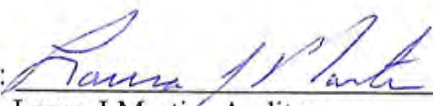
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