

**ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
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8:30 AM**

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Council/Commissioners Courtroom. The purpose of the meeting was for additional appropriations, transfer of funds in excess of the current budget, grants and any other business to come before Council.

Attending: Paula S. Hughes, President; Darren Vogt, Vice President; Roy A. Buskirk; Maye Johnson; Paul G. Moss and Robert Armstrong.

Also Attending: Lisa Blosser, Auditor; Tera Klutz, Chief Deputy Auditor; Jackie Scheuman, Budget and Finance Director; Nelson Peters, Commissioner and Becky Butler, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Paula Hughes with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Paula Hughes:** First, we have the Consent Agenda. Is there anything that a Council member would like to pull from the Consent Agenda for discussion? If not, I would accept a motion for approval.

**Darren Vogt:** Motion to approve.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** **We have a motion and a second. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed same sign. The motion carries 5-0-2 (Brown and Moss absent).** Next up we have the Economic Development.

**Darren Vogt:** Move for approval of the joint resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Allen and the Allen County Council, a resolution to provide funding to the Allen County Redevelopment Commission for the purpose of the Land Banking program.

**Paula Hughes:** **We have a motion, is there a second?**

**Maye Johnson:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** Okay, is there any discussion? This is a matter that there have been a couple of meetings between the County Council and the Commissioners and the Redevelopment Commission. We are all in agreement

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that it is a good compromise. **If there is no discussion, all those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed same sign. The motion carries 5-0-2 (Brown and Moss absent).** Next we have the appropriations in Economic Development. Scott, do you want to explain this? This is a part of the joint resolution that we just passed.

**Scott Harrold:** These are just the administrative part of what you just approved. Basically, in working with the Council members and the Commissioners, we have identified different courses of funding for the Land Bank Program. The ones that you are doing today are the ones that aren't already appropriated or encumbered. Two and a half million from the General Fund is part of your excess unappropriated General Fund dollars. There is \$1.4 million of unappropriated excess CREDIT. That along with some other funds, the Tax Abatement Development Fund and encumbered money from Shovel Ready sites for the last three years is part of the budget but was not spent. There is also some money in the Redevelopment Capital Fund.

**Darren Vogt:** I have one technical question. How is the money going to be transferred? We are going to appropriate it but then will the Commissioners transfer it?

**Scott Harrold:** Right. The way that the resolution was worded is that once you approve it, we will fill out a claim voucher and have it transferred that way.

**Roy Buskirk:** Do we want to make a motion on items one, two and three and do them all at once?

**Darren Vogt:** Sure.

**Paula Hughes:** Sure, is that a motion Councilman Buskirk?

**Roy Buskirk:** I will make a motion for the approval of items one, two and three which is listed on our agenda.

**Darren Vogt:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? **All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed same sign. The motion carries 6-0-1 (Brown).** Moving right along, we have an appropriation in the Hazardous Waste Fund. I believe that we have some representatives from the Fire Departments here with us. Please introduce yourselves for the record.

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**Don Patnoudé:** I am Don Patnoudé and I am the Chief of the Southwest Fire District and President of the Allen County Fire Chiefs Association. With me is James McIntosh who is the District Chief for Special Operations with the Fort Wayne Fire Department and John Bennett who is Chief of the New Haven Adams Township Fire Department.

**Paula Hughes:** Gentlemen, if you could give us an overview on your request and fill us in then we'll ask some questions.

**Don Patnoudé:** What we are requesting is the purchase of three high capacity foam trailers. These will be located in Allen County at each of our stations. Our proposal is that one will be located south, one east and one north. The one at our station is at Indianapolis Road and 469. The north one would be at Station 16 on Coldwater Road and the other one in New Haven. The reason for this purchase is that in the past, Fort Wayne has had a foam truck located downtown and was mounted on a 1979 or 1980 chassis. That truck is no longer usable. At this point, we no longer have the means of transporting large quantities of foam to a hazardous materials incident. The three stations that these are going to be staffed 24/7 and they would be available to any department in Allen County. Currently most departments, like ourselves, will carry usually about thirty gallons of foam. That is enough to extinguish a basic vehicle fire but if we get into a tank car fire or a semi-tractor trailer fire, we don't have enough to do that. That is where these come into play. They would be sent to the scene and we would be able to utilize the foam off those.

**Paula Hughes:** Okay, Council members are there any questions?

**Roy Buskirk:** I have a couple. In the information that was provided, they are referred to as trailers. What is the power that pulls the trailer?

**Don Patnoudé:** Each location that these trailers are going to have a vehicle that would be capable of pulling them to the scene. A standard 2,500 or three-quarter ton pickup truck would be able to haul these.

**Roy Buskirk:** Okay, the Airport has a foam truck.

**Don Patnoudé:** Yes.

**Roy Buskirk:** Is there any possibility of a working relationship with the Airport?

**Don Patnoudé:** Actually, that is a really good question and comes back to part of the reason that we are requesting these. I should have said, in the first

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place, the foam that will be on these trailers is called A Triple F, Class B and alcohol resistant. The Airport does not use that type of foam. They use a basic foam product for standard hydrocarbon fires. The problem that we have today is that ethanol is a key player and cannot be transported by pipeline and so it is either by rail or by highway. The foam that we would be putting on these trailers is going to be capable of extinguishing an alcohol or ethanol based fire. The Airport cannot do that.

**James McIntosh:** The other problem that we can predict with the Airport is that the Air National Guard has a very specific mission. If they have planes in the air, they are going to be unavailable to us in the event that we need them. The same thing is true with the Airport Fire Department. If they have planes coming and going in and out of Fort Wayne International, they are going to be unavailable to us should the need arise within our County.

**Roy Buskirk:** That is the arrangement that you have with the Airport? If they have planes in the air, they are not available and so in other words, the only time that they would be available would be a short period of time in the a.m. or at night or something when there are no planes in the air.

**Paula Hughes:** Planes fly 24/7 though, don't they?

**Don Patnoudé:** Basically what happens, if we need them, they will respond depending. There are two departments out there, the Public Safety side which is the Airport Authority and there is the National Guard side. Either one, if they can respond, they will. The one problem that they run into is when they take a truck off the Airport, their index drops which means the size of aircraft, passenger-wise, is reduced. They don't like to do that but will in an emergency and we have used them in the past. I think the key thing here is that if we had a tank car or a tank truck catch fire, the foam on their units would not work. The alcohol breaks down the foam that they use.

**Roy Buskirk:** So, in other words, the Airport has no ethanol?

**Don Patnoudé:** In aviation, they don't use it yet.

**Roy Buskirk:** The one other concern that I have is that this money is coming out of the Hazardous Waste Fund in which there is no more income to that Fund. We no longer have a hazardous waste landfill in the County and that was basically a tipping fee, correct?

**Jackie Scheuman:** Yes.

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**Roy Buskirk:** That is how that money was accumulated. It has been used, in the past, for cleaning up hazardous waste spills and things of that type. Hopefully we have been reimbursed by whoever caused the spill.

**Jackie Scheuman:** We do get reimbursed. We get checks from people.

**Roy Buskirk:** Right but does it cover 100% of the expenses that we had?

**Jackie Scheuman:** I don't know.

**Lori Mayers:** I can answer that. Lori Mayers, Homeland Security. If we do have a spiller, we will bill and most generally we will get back 100% of the cost. There is the occasional where the insurance company will say that this is billed too much or something. It has been probably two years or three years since we have had to bill a spiller. It has been pretty lax lately to where they are there and willing to work with it and sign an agreement that they are going to take responsibility and then it goes back to their insurance to fight over it. It has been several years since we have had to bill for it.

**Paula Hughes:** This has gone before your Board?

**Lori Mayers:** Yes, it went before the Emergency Management Advisory Council.

**Paula Hughes:** And they approved this?

**Lori Mayers:** They did and Larry Brown sits on that.

**Darren Vogt:** So basically, this is replacing the 1980 truck. Is that a fair way to look at it?

**Paula Hughes:** It seems like a good purchase.

**Bob Armstrong:** What would the cost be to dress out a foam truck?

**Don Patnoudé:** Probably more than this. In most cases, it would have to have pumping capability and that is what these trailers have. From the chassis aspect, I think you would be exceeding what this cost is.

**James McIntosh:** When we looked at this, it is certainly going to be a lower cost than purchasing a new vehicle but from a maintenance standpoint, it is going to be more feasible to go this route. We won't have the engine and transmission to keep up on an annual basis. In the long run, it is a lot less expensive to go this route for us. The other thing is that, with the agreement

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that each of these departments has, each department will become the sole owner of those pieces of equipment and will bear the responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of those. We wouldn't be coming back to you to ask for maintenance fees.

**Maye Johnson:** That was going to be my question.

**James McIntosh:** The foam concentrate product that we have been discussing can be billed to the responsible party.

**Roy Buskirk:** The shelf-life of the foam is what?

**James McIntosh:** There is no shelf-life. Let me read this to you so that I get it right. Essentially, for lack of a better term, it has a born-on date. If you store it as if it were paint, keep it in a warm and dry place and don't allow it to freeze, it should last forever. This is from Jim Cottrell with Combat Support Products and he does training around the United States. The date listed on the foam containers is the birth date and not the expiration date. Contrary to popular belief, Class A and B foams do not have an industry defined shelf-life. It is not uncommon to have thirty-year-old ARA Triple F perfectly suitable for use although its environmental profile may not be very attractive by today's formulation standards. The key to foam concentrate storage life is to prevent its evaporation. In other words, if we can store this stuff in side and prevent it from freezing and thawing and prevent it from evaporating, we should see it long after we are gone.

**Roy Buskirk:** So basically, in an enclosed container. How long has it been since there was a need for such a unit? How many years, in the County, has it been?

**Don Patnoudé:** Obviously the tire fire and we also had a tractor-trailer fuel fire on I-69. Those are the ones that I recall recently. I know that there have been requests for the units on different types of fires but whether it has been used, I don't know.

**James McIntosh:** The last major incident that we dispatched the foam unit on was on Interstate 69. I don't recall the year, maybe five to seven years ago, but that was really before this ethanol blended fuels really became an issue. There is more of it today and it is becoming more of a hazard. This is something that we need to be prepared for, as a community.

**Roy Buskirk:** On the tire fire, did you mean the Bowser?

**Don Patnoudé:** Correct.

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**Darren Vogt:** I move for approval of item number four in Hazardous Waste Fund 274 in the amount of \$147,849.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion?

**Paul Moss:** Yeah, who owns the current truck?

**James McIntosh:** The Fort Wayne Fire Department.

**Paul Moss:** So, when there is a spill or something along that line outside of the Fort Wayne City Limits, you respond to that?

**James McIntosh:** Yes, we have mutual aid agreements in place with Allen County. If we are requested, we do respond.

**Paul Moss:** How will it work with three of those? Let's say it is in New Haven, they will respond and you are just going to do it by jurisdiction, I assume? Or let's say it is out in unincorporated northeast part of Allen County, who would respond to that?

**James McIntosh:** Depending on where the incident is, let's use Grabill as an example should something happen in Grabill, the incident commander in charge of that scene would request through Allen County Dispatch and that unit would be sent from the closest department. In that case, it may be Station 16 on Coldwater or New Haven.

**Don Patnoudé:** They send the closest unit and if they need additional, then we will send it.

**Paul Moss:** Has there ever been a spill in the Southwest Fire District? I would assume that most of these occur on interstate highways. Has there ever been one in your district?

**Don Patnoudé:** Since I have been there, no. Most of the ones that we have had are relatively small. Obviously the potential is there. We have several railroad tracks, 69 and I-469. We see a lot of the traffic through our area. We also will have the underground pipeline from the Gladieux Refinery to Huntington running through our area.

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**Paul Moss:** So help me to understand why we need three. That is the only thing that I am wondering about. We have one now and it has served its purpose and you all cooperate through your agreements.

**Dan Patnoudé:** That was based off of a railroad tank car incident which you are talking about several thousand gallons. Most of the ones on the interstate, you are looking at three to five thousand gallons that they may be hauling. Railroad tank cars, you are looking at over fifty thousand gallons. To extinguish that, you have to have enough concentrate to maintain a constant foam flow. In worst case scenario, you would probably need all three trailers.

**James McIntosh:** To give an example, the fuel trucks that we all see in front of the BP or Amoco Station, if the entire top came off the trailer, we would need 120 gallons of foam concentrate on scene to make an appropriate amount of finished foam product to extinguish that fire. These trailers are going to be capable of carrying two 265 gallon foam totes. To extinguish that fire, we would use roughly fifty percent of one of those totes. Once the foam concentrate goes onto that, it essentially looks like shaving cream. It does break down over time. The bubbles pop and the foam goes away. You have to continually reapply foam concentrate to suppress the vapors until we can get the spill cleaned up. If we take that and look at a train, that tank car is going to carry roughly 30,000 gallons of fuel. If that was burning, just one of those would require that much more foam concentrate to use to get the fire extinguished and continually apply to suppress the vapors so that we don't continue to have a problem.

**Darren Vogt:** I guess, compare that to the truck that you have now. Are the trailers smaller than the truck you have now?

**James McIntosh:** Lengthwise...

**Darren Vogt:** I am talking capacity.

**James McIntosh:** The trailers are going to be much more.

**Roy Buskirk:** On the \$147,849, forget that. On the current truck that you have now, what is going to happen to that? Is that going to be taken out of service?

**James McIntosh:** It is out of service. As far as what is going to happen in the future, I am not sure. Our Fleet Maintenance Division has placed it out of service and I don't know that there is any intention to put it back out on the road.

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**Roy Buskirk:** I just wondered if that was being traded in on these three trailers.

**James McIntosh:** Not to the best of my knowledge.

**Paula Hughes:** We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed same sign. The motion carries 6-0-1 (Brown absent). Thank you. Next we have a request in the Internet Access Fund.

**Chris Cloud:** Morning Council, Chris Cloud, Allen County Commissioners Office. Ed Steenman, the IT Director, asked me to fill in today. He had a preplanned vacation scheduled. The request before you today is for a redundant internet access. Redundant is kind of a misnomer because it will not be an unused backup. It is called an active redundant backup. I don't know what that means, thanks Ed. The purpose of this is we had an outage last year. We use Indiana Data Center as our primary data provider. We had five unplanned outages last year and one lasted ten hours. When you think of internet access, most consumers are thinking of AOL and surfing the web. For us, almost every software platform that we use is through internet access. This is for both City and County. 3-1-1 uses internet access. Accella, our new permit process and H.T.E. which is based out of Atlanta now, this will provide a second internet source. It will terminate in a separate building, in a separate company and using separate pads. If anything ever happens to IDC, this internet access will take over. The reason that this is a little more important, on the surface you might ask what we really need this for if we are not using it more than a couple of times a year, the benefit of this particular type of redundant access is that it has border gateway protocol. That basically means that it will level out internet usage between the two different pipelines. If one of them goes down, the people that are on the other one won't feel the effect. The ones that are on internet access A will get shifted over to B. They shouldn't notice more than a blip. It will kind of allow seamless access. Our requirement was that the uptime be 99.7% which equates to two and a half hours a year that they can have unplanned downtime. This is almost a constant on. The source of this \$80,000 is a one-time cost of \$50,000 to install. The source of funding is the Internet Access Fund which had a current balance, at the end of July, of \$250,000. It has expected annual revenue of about \$44,000 a year. This should not deplete the fund. This is an appropriate use of that fund. The fund was created for future hardware and software needs related to internet access.

**Paula Hughes:** As a reminder, this fund is generated by all of the departments paying into it. It is a flat fee that we changed a few years ago. Or is it still per user?

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**Chris Cloud:** I think it is a flat fee. Whatever they had last year, we capped and said that is what your fee is.

**Tera Klutz:** A capped fee based on what the user fee was before.

**Paula Hughes:** This is exactly what that fund was created for because we knew, at some point, that we would have to fund it.

**Darren Vogt:** Is this fund taking the entire cost of it or just our portion as a County?

**Chris Cloud:** The last time that we did a big internet install, the City paid for all of it so we are taking care of this one. For the future, the cost for the yearly fee is split. We have been trading off and on for the last couple of years. They buy a server, we buy a server and so it has balanced out. As an aside, we did take quotes from twelve vendors. Atos was actively involved in the requirements and there were a lot of people that responded to our RFP.

**Roy Buskirk:** So the \$30,000 is that just the County's share or is that the total?

**Chris Cloud:** I have been emailing back and forth with Joel Carboni to figure that out and yes, it is either our share or we will be reimbursed half from the City. It is one or the other. It is \$30,000 split two ways. We will pay the \$30,000 and they will reimburse us \$15,000.

**Roy Buskirk:** The main reason is that the revenue is \$44,000 and the \$30,000 would take the lion's share of that. If anything else would come up...

**Chris Cloud:** Ed told me that we haven't really tapped this fund much.

**Darren Vogt:** Will the reimbursements go back into that fund?

**Jackie Scheuman:** Yes.

**Darren Vogt:** Move for approval of items five and six in Fund 318, Internet Access, in the amount of \$80,940.

**Paul Moss:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** **We have a motion and a second. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed same sign. The motion carries 6-0-1 (Brown absent).** Moving right along, we have a transfer request in County General. Councilman Buskirk?

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**Roy Buskirk:** Since I have really not discussed this with the Surveyor, we might have him come forward.

**Paula Hughes:** I didn't see you sitting back there Al. Please introduce yourself for the record.

**Al Frisinger:** Al Frisinger, Allen County Surveyor. The request is to transfer funds to buy a new plotter, printer, scanner and copier for my department. The items that I have are now broken down and maintenance agreements are gone. The cost on replacement on the current plotter is as you see and the repair on it is old enough that they don't have parts. It is sitting up there with the inkwells sitting out. For us to produce maps or design drawings is pretty limited at this point. The item that we are looking to purchase will give us the opportunity to plot out our maps and design drawings and will also scan existing historical documents. That will keep them in perpetuity and make them available for the rest of the public.

**Roy Buskirk:** I have a couple of questions. One is about the line item that you are taking the funds out of. What is the use of that?

**Al Frisinger:** The money that I am taking it out of is for an Inspector. It is a position that I haven't filled with the downturn of the economy. I felt it was necessary to not fill that at this point in time because, as you all know, building is pretty well down. I think I consider myself a fiscal conservative and I don't feel it is necessary to fill a job right now.

**Roy Buskirk:** How many Inspectors do you have?

**Al Frisinger:** Four.

**Roy Buskirk:** For budgetary purposes, that is one position.

**Al Frisinger:** It has already been proposed.

**Tera Klutz:** We already eliminated it.

**Roy Buskirk:** Okay. On the bid, there was a rebate if it was purchased before July 31<sup>st</sup>?

**Al Frisinger:** Yes and I think that we have it extended. Plus they are going to give us a trade-in. Bob Bolenbaugh is also recontacting the vendors to make it a little more competitive.

**Roy Buskirk:** So you don't know the exact dollar amount.

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**Al Frisinger:** I am hoping that it is going to be less. They have contacted me and Bob over the last few days and I am sure there will be a good number.

**Darren Vogt:** Just so that I am sure, the number in our book did not go through Purchasing.

**Al Frisinger:** Right, I had those and gave them to Bob and he has been soliciting other than that from the same vendors.

**Roy Buskirk:** You might say that this is one of the cases in which I know this Council has tried to stress that all purchases, of this type, go through Purchasing.

**Al Frisinger:** That is what I have been working on.

**Darren Vogt:** You have a blanket number of \$23,000 and we are trying to figure out how much you need.

**Al Frisinger:** We added a little bit extra in there because I wasn't sure on the maintenance agreement and what they were going to come back with. Obviously, if you are going to buy a large piece of equipment like this, it is nice to have the maintenance agreement. What we have found is that it is extremely valuable to have them service it under the maintenance agreement as opposed to having us kick out \$500 a time for someone to come in. We have the amount for the plotter/printer/scanner and for the copier. They both went dysfunctional at the same time. The copier is twelve years old and the plotter is about ten or so.

**Roy Buskirk:** And this is something that was on the long-range planning?

**Al Frisinger:** I believe so, yes.

**Maye Johnson:** It was included in the strategic plan?

**Al Frisinger:** Yes. Some of that is hard for me to look at on those pieces of equipment when you ask how long this is going to last. On our copier, we have been able to keep that for an extended period of time with an extreme savings to the County along with the plotter. I figure it is like a car, when the piston goes through the sidewall, it's done.

**Roy Buskirk:** I think on that plan, it is just to give us an idea of expenditures. Obviously, if you can keep it for another year, fine. It at least gives us some planning that we can do.

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**Al Frisinger:** I understand.

**Roy Buskirk:** I don't think this is necessary to have to the exact dollar amount since it is a transfer and not a new appropriation.

**Darren Vogt:** It makes a difference, in reality, if we appropriate \$23,000.

**Paula Hughes:** It is coming out of a salary line.

**Darren Vogt:** The salary lines go back to the current fund. If we transfer \$23,000 into computer equipment, he can spend it on whatever he wants. I would just rather have a clean number. If we are going to get a negotiated best price, I have no problem with the expenditure but I want to make sure what number we are actually appropriating.

**Tera Klutz:** Whatever he doesn't spend, he can just let it go back.

**Al Frisinger:** I think my history speaks pretty well. I do not spend what I do not have to spend. We will get a number and that's what we will spend.

**Paula Hughes:** Council, I look for a motion.

**Darren Vogt:** Move for a transfer within County General from item seven, Inspector/Stormwater, for \$23,000 to Office/Computer Equipment for \$23,000.

**Roy Buskirk:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** **We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed same sign. The motion carries 6-0-1 (Brown absent).** Discussion and Other Business to come before the Council, we were to have a co-location update from Councilman Brown who was unable to join us. I had a text update from him. Thank you, Ms. Butler, for transcribing that. His notes are that the co-location is on schedule. Phase A at 200 East Berry is out for bid and Phase B in about three weeks and the Courthouse is about one week behind schedule. Is there anything else under Discussion to come before Council? All right, we will move onto liaison updates. We will start at this end, Councilman Moss?

**Paul Moss:** Nothing that has not already been discussed today.

**Maye Johnson:** I have a couple of items. The first one has to do with the County budgeting for the Statewide Voter Registration System. I received a call from Beth Dlug in regards to alerting Council that there could be an

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additional cost of almost \$116,000 in regards to picking up the tab to pay for the system. The Federal funding, the Federal Help America Vote Act, funding has run out and those costs are now going to be transferred to the Counties. Beth, could you come forward?

**Beth Dlug:** Sure.

**Maye Johnson:** My understanding from her is that she wanted to alert Council that there could be additional costs and also suggest or recommend that the County get involved with lobbying the State to pick up these costs. What it really represents is an unfunded mandate.

**Beth Dlug:** Good morning, Beth Dlug of the Election Board. I wanted to let Maye know that we have gotten two memos from the Secretary of State's office and the State requires a little over \$2 million to run the Statewide Voter Registration System at the current levels. During last year's legislative session, the State Assembly only allotted them a little over \$500,000 and took the rest out of the remaining HAVA funds that they had left. If the State does not fully fund the SVRS, they are telling us that they will have to make adjustments. Those adjustments are to network connectivity which the State currently pays for a separate connectivity. We have already made arrangements and talked to Ed Steenman about providing something if they take that network connectivity away. Part of the internet redundancy also helps with that. They will also take away training and site visits, County outreach support and SVRS application changes, enhancements and help desk support. That is what that \$2 million pays for. One of their options is to pass along the cost to the Counties. They would do that by the number of registered voters in each County, take the cost and split it up by the number of registered voters. They are saying that the cost to Allen County, in worst case scenario, would be \$115,000 or almost \$116,000. The message that they wanted to get with these memos is to contact your State Legislators and ask them for full funding for SVRS. This is so that the enhancements that they give us on SVRS aren't diminished or that they don't pass along those costs to the Counties.

**Paula Hughes:** So really, the suggestion is that we include this in our legislative platform.

**Beth Dlug:** Yes.

**Darren Vogt:** I guess I get confused when the State is asking us to lobby our own legislators.

**Beth Dlug:** I think they are covering all bases.

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**Paula Hughes:** All right, are there any other questions? Thank you.

**Maye Johnson:** The only other item that I had is, I am sure that you are aware of this and everybody is aware of this, the Allen County Public Library is going to expand its legal fight to recoup the cost associated with the diesel fuel leak that the Library incurred during its construction. Basically, this is a technicality. What they have done is included some other defendants in the lawsuit. It doesn't look like that is going to be over anytime soon. The last thing is that I am sure that we are all still basking in the glow of the City of Fort Wayne being represented in China and coming away as a gold medal winner. I just wanted to kind of pat the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the role that they played. I thought that the group looked very professional and they were very involved in the planning of this whole trip. I thought I would close on a good note and that's it.

**Paula Hughes:** Thank you. Councilman Vogt?

**Darren Vogt:** Just a quick note that one of the items in the Consent Agenda may come back before us for discussion. I talked to Judge Boyer about it and they are doing some really preventative measures and Lieutenant Skillman has talked about it quite a bit on the radio. I may have her come and give an update since they are helping people before the bankruptcy proceedings. There are some conflicting interests when a bankruptcy and foreclosure comes into play and whose interest people are working on. It doesn't always work on behalf of the County. When a foreclosure comes back, it hurts property values and everything else. She may be back before us, at some point, to talk more in depth of what they are doing. That is the only update that I had.

**Paula Hughes:** Okay, Councilman Armstrong?

**Bob Armstrong:** Nothing.

**Paula Hughes:** Councilman Buskirk?

**Roy Buskirk:** Along with what you were talking about Darren, it was in the Consent Agenda, I look at it as one position was closed and a new position was created because of the additional work that the State has put on Judge Boyer's court with foreclosures. I think that is something that we can be very proud of, as far as Allen County is concerned, it seems like many, many times from Federal to State, our County is selected because of the personnel that we have working in this County to do new programs, really experimental programs, before they adopt them for the whole State. That is exactly what

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Judge Boyer is doing with this foreclosure thing. This is the first County in the State to have a program of this kind.

**Paula Hughes:** Okay. Are there any further comments from Council? Are there any comments from the public? I would accept a motion to waive the second reading.

**Darren Vogt:** Move to waive the second reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of August 19, 2010.

**Roy Buskirk:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. **The motion carries 6-0-1 (Brown absent).** The next meeting is September 23rd. The meeting stands adjourned.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.