

**ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 9, 2013**  
**8:30 AM**

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 8:30 am in the Discussion Room at Citizens Square. 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: Robert A. Armstrong, Larry L. Brown, William E. Brown, Roy A. Buskirk, Tom A. Harris, Kevin M. Howell, and Darren E. Vogt.

Also Attending: Tera Klutz, Auditor; Nick Jordan, Chief Deputy Auditor; Jackie Scheuman, Finance and Budget Director and Becky Butler, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Darren Vogt with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

**Darren Vogt:** Good morning everyone. First on the agenda is the approval of the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Are there any additions or corrections?

**Roy Buskirk:** Move to approve the minutes from April 18, 2013.

**Larry Brown:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next is the financial report.

**Tera Klutz:** Good morning, Council, there are just a few things to update you on. Our revenues and expenses are tracking as predicted. Two things happened in Legislation that will affect our financial statements. One was the elimination of the Inheritance Tax retroactive to deaths occurring as of January 1, 2013. That will have a small impact this year as the revenue received this year is from deaths that happened prior to January first. The other issue that will affect our financial statements is the reallocation of the Circuit Breaker. This year, they implemented something where the Debt Service is protected from the effects of the Circuit Breaker and the losses are allocated to other Property Tax Funds such as the General Fund and Reassessment. They delayed that a year again. They have retroactively allowed 2013 Circuit Breaker applied pro rata. You will see an adjustment in the General Fund financial statement next month reflecting both of those.

**Darren Vogt:** Can you elaborate more on the effect on that?

**Tera Klutz:** Sure. The elimination of the Inheritance Tax will reduce the County revenues. The reallocation of the Circuit Breaker will increase the amount of property tax revenue going into the General Fund, Reassessment, Board of Health, Major Bridge

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Fund, CUM CAP Fund and I may have forgotten one of those. It will decrease the revenue going into our Bond Fund.

**Roy Buskirk:** It didn't actually change the revenue any in total but just shifted, is that correct?

**Darren Vogt:** Except for the Inheritance Tax.

**Tera Klutz:** The Inheritance Tax is a direct reduction in revenue.

**Darren Vogt:** That is what I wanted to make sure of.

**Roy Buskirk:** Do you know approximately what the Inheritance Tax has been running the last few years?

**Tera Klutz:** It has been running between \$500,000 and \$1 million over the last ten years. We usually estimate between \$700,000 and \$800,000. For our first two quarters, we have over \$200,000. Let me look at the current financial real quick.

**Darren Vogt:** What number is that?

**Tera Klutz:** It is Inheritance Tax County Share on page four. \$208,000 is what we have received for two quarters. Our estimate for this year is \$700,000.

**Roy Buskirk:** Somewhere between a half-million and a million. That's close enough, thank you.

**Darren Vogt:** Are there any further questions for the Auditor? Not hearing any, I will entertain a motion for the Auditor's reports.

**Larry Brown:** I will make a motion to approve.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Nick, do you want to highlight the unemployment rate, please?

**Nick Jordan:** Good morning, Council. On your agenda, you see the non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for February and March. Allen County went from 8.9% to 8.8% in March. Indiana went from 9.3% in February to 9.1% in March. The National went from 8.1% to 7.6%.

**Darren Vogt:** Moving right along, we have total appropriation requests in the General Fund of \$70,070. First on the agenda is Economic Development with a LEDGE Agreement for Franklin Electric.

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**Mark Royse:** Mark Royse, Deputy Director of Economic Development. As we go through the process Franklin announced back in mid-2011, this is coming to you because they are wrapping up. The agreement starts when they commence operations at the Allen County facility. A little background on the LEDGE Agreement is that it is an incentive that is not used all that often. It is an extra incentive for companies that provide a significant number of jobs and payroll and well-paying jobs. It is a joint City and County agreement. The total benefit of the \$360,000 over three or maybe four years will be \$90,000 of the County's responsibility. That is paid out of CEDIT and the reason being is the calculation on what the LEDGE benefit is based on the increase in CEDIT revenue. This morning there are representatives of Franklin Electric, Patrick Davis the Treasurer and their legal counsel, Andrew Boxberger. Unless you have some questions about the LEDGE Agreement, I will turn it over to them.

**Darren Vogt:** Council, are there any questions on the LEDGE Agreement? Councilman Buskirk.

**Roy Buskirk:** This is in addition to the property tax phase-in?

**Mark Royse:** This is one that doesn't have the phase-in. They forewent the tax phase-in to capture as much tax increment financing in order to retire a taxable bond that will still be issued.

**Roy Buskirk:** Okay and so the approximate funding that they will be receiving from the LEDGE Agreement is actually money that they are putting in. If they don't put that amount of money in because of hiring additional employees...

**Mark Royse:** They look at payroll and that is how we look at it. Conceptually, that is how it works. They report and it is paid a year in arrears just like your taxes. They will report for 2013 in 2014 for whatever they have. That is the concept behind it. Because it is based on the income tax, can we capture everybody that may live out of the County and not paying into it? No, we can't but we come as close as possible.

**Roy Buskirk:** I hope you realize my line of questioning is to explain it to a lot of people that think that we sit here and keep writing checks.

**Mark Royse:** There is some basis behind it.

**Roy Buskirk:** Right, in which because of them coming to our County and hiring additional employees and that going into the Option Income Tax Fund, part of that is being returned to them. It is not the typical taxpayers' money that we are giving to them.

**Mark Royse:** Absolutely.

**Roy Buskirk:** Thank you.

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**Darren Vogt:** Are there any other questions on the agreement? Gentlemen, please come on up.

**Patrick Davis:** Patrick Davis, Treasurer from Franklin Electric.

**Andy Boxberger:** Andy Boxberger with Carson Boxberger, attorney for Franklin Electric. I am not sure if you have any questions or not but I wanted to point one thing out that I think is of import. When we started the discussions to get this LEDGE incentive, Franklin originally intended the project to invest \$19 million and I think they are going to be upwards to \$38 million.

**Patrick Davis:** One thing that I would like to add is a small correction to the comments made prior to us coming up. We have issued the Taxable Economic Development Bond. We did that on December 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a \$25 million bond and it matures over the course of twenty years. The process went very smoothly and was a good collaboration.

**Darren Vogt:** Council, are there any questions? I will ask how the operations are going.

**Patrick Davis:** It is going well. Maybe you have driven by it recently and we are eager to get up there. Currently we are on track to start moving in department by department, day by day, over the course of late July. If you had asked a few months ago, we would have said a little bit earlier than that because we were running ahead of schedule. At the last minute, a design change here and a design change there, we gave back what we had gained in terms of getting ahead of schedule. Late July occupancy with 200, 215 people moving up and starting to work up here in the new facility that is on about 100 acres. The facility is about 110,000 square feet. It has gone well. You might recall that we had a local firm, MSKTD as the architect. We had a firm, Turner, as the construction manager. Knock on wood but everything, to date, has been going well. It has been a very good process and it has been a pleasure with all of the folks that have been involved with it.

**Darren Vogt:** Councilman Buskirk.

**Roy Buskirk:** Going back to the bond issue, because of the Council's support, you were able to get a lower interest rate.

**Patrick Davis:** Actually, the interest rate is simply indicative of the general unsecured obligation of Franklin Electric. The interest rate is based purely on our stand-alone credit. The benefit, however, is not from a lower interest rate but in the form of semiannually when we make our real property tax payments, not personal property tax, that money comes back. That is the benefit of it. Not a subsidized or guaranteed rate whatsoever.

**Roy Buskirk:** That is the one thing that I wanted to make the point of that the taxpayers are not held accountable for the bond issue.

**Patrick Davis:** That is correct. It is purely 100% our obligation.

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**Darren Vogt:** Councilman Brown.

**Bill Brown:** What led to the increase in the investment? That is significant and good news.

**Patrick Davis:** My supervisor John Haines, CFO, would probably do a whole lot better on saying what was in the \$19 million number. Keep in mind that the \$38 million number is fully baked in terms of not just land and building but a lot of lab equipment, IT equipment and furniture. I will mention that because I was surprised just how expensive furniture was. I can't track it all down. I wonder if the \$19 million was a number that was projected to be the total project cost.

**Andy Boxberger:** I think that was the total construction cost.

**Patrick Davis:** Okay, so my guess would be that a lot of that is lab equipment and IT equipment and furniture and miscellaneous design changes. It has been a very interesting process when you build something new and a lot of folks or departments sit at the table and say what they would like to see. There is the blue-sky version of the project and there is the realistic one when you pay attention to how much cash you can use and how much debt. The major difference is the personal property of IT and lab equipment and furniture were not in the original number and also design changes as we progressed on the project. We decided that our current facility in Bluffton, with the company starting in 1944 we were in a couple of other places before this one in Bluffton, we have been in this place for five decades. We are recommitting to the area and will be here for decades and let's get it done right the first time. Maybe some of the tight budgeting that had been put on the original number, we relaxed a little bit.

**Bill Brown:** Prosperity is a good thing, right?

**Patrick Davis:** Amen.

**Tom Harris:** We hope the employees are excited as well.

**Patrick Davis:** Absolutely.

**Tom Harris:** We had discussed this earlier about half were from this area and the other half were outside of this area.

**Patrick Davis:** That's true and so come mid-July, if you hear a faint happy sound that is the half of the building that will have their commute go from 35 miles down to 12. You will hear a faint moan from the people who live further south.

**Tom Harris:** We hope they move here.

**Patrick Davis:** There is a palpable excitement in terms of the move. Where we are right now, we are busting at the seams, so to speak. One of the main drivers of this is because

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of the lab. Our lab in Bluffton, for us a lab is deep pools of water where we have pumps and motors submersed and new product development and competitive analysis and quality control. The lab was set up decades ago when we were a motor only company. You fast forward to today where we are approaching a billion dollar per annum sales company and we are not just motors anymore. The lab that we are currently in is woefully inadequate. We looked at ways to reconfigure the existing building and the expense of that and existing construction around the area up here and none of them, as you would expect, had a lab facility like we would need. When we looked at the cost of adding on that kind of lab to an existing building or expanding the lab at our existing facility, the cost was such that we lunched over to building a whole new place. It was mainly the lab that was the driver for needing a new building. Just being able to stay competitive amongst our peers, in terms of their facilities and being able to compete and be the worldwide leader in submersible pumping systems.

**Darren Vogt:** Are there any further questions, Council? We need a motion to approve the LEDGE Agreement for Franklin Electric.

**Larry Brown:** So moved.

**Roy Buskirk:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Welcome to Allen County. With that, we have the Drug and Alcohol Consortium.

**Paula Hughes:** Good morning, Paula Hughes, President of the Board of the Drug and Alcohol Consortium. The Executive Director, Jerri Lerch, made the presentation to the Commissioners last week but she was out of town today and so I told her that I thought I could handle it. Do you have a copy of the grant requests? As a reminder, the Drug and Alcohol Consortium is a consortium of organizations that come together. We have emphasis on three areas of programming. We do Prevention, Intervention and Justice. The whole organization is broken down along those lines. You will see that the grants are broken down that way as well. This money is money that was generated in Allen County from OWI arrests and fines. It comes back from the State through the County and is then distributed to local organizations by the Drug and Alcohol Consortium. The grant process is overseen by a committee that is pulled together specifically for that purpose. It includes representatives from all three of those disciplines as well as members of the community at-large. Recommendations from that group are then made to the Drug and Alcohol Consortium Board which approves it and then it goes to the Commissioners and then to County Council. One of the things that we do is write a strategic plan every year and a comprehensive plan that the State approves as well.

**Tera Klutz:** We received approval this week from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute that approved all of these. Even if you would approve them, if they don't, they won't let the Auditor released them. This is new and just started this year, for the first time.

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**Paula Hughes:** And that is just a little bit of an overstepping of their bounds by the State but that is just our perspective on it. This is local money and should be distributed locally. The decision about how it is spent should be made locally.

**Darren Vogt:** Are they trying to make sure that the programs are okay or what?

**Paula Hughes:** I think it is part of a larger issue in that the State would like to have control over these funds. We are actively lobbying against that. We have been more active legislatively in the past couple of years than we have at any other time in our history. Because we have seen the State and ICJI, in particular, become much more active in terms of trying to micromanage what the local communities are doing. There are Drug and Alcohol Consortiums in every County in the State. Allen County is the second largest and we are very active. This is a very small portion of our funding and we have brought in millions of dollars of grants to this community. We don't do local fundraising but we do actively seek State and National grants to support any effort towards preventing and addressing substance abuse in this County.

**Tera Klutz:** I just want to add that Allen County has a great program and as she mentioned, there are 91 other programs in the State. Often I have seen legislation and control by the State when one or two of those agencies isn't quite working appropriately. Sometimes the ramifications affect all of us and that is why it is important for you to have a legislative presence down there explaining that you don't hurt the big programs but point out the isolated instances.

**Paula Hughes:** That's right.

**Darren Vogt:** Don't paint them all with the same brush.

**Roy Buskirk:** I had the opportunity to talk to Paula before the meeting and like she was explaining to me on these grants, they have to make a report to the Drug and Alcohol Consortium during and after the use of the funds. They go over what they were able to accomplish with the funds.

**Paula Hughes:** That is correct. We have a fairly elaborate system for oversight of these granting funds. They put through their grant application and they have to be a member of our consortium and actively participating in the meetings. We have over 140 organizations and actively participate in our meetings every month. They are very well attended because it is a way for people to come together and focus on the issue together. Their history of performance is in their favor. That doesn't mean that we won't fund new organizations or new programs but it has to have a good rationale behind it. They follow up with regular intervals of reports back to us about the goals that they outlined in their grant and how they are performing those. We are requesting \$288,540 but there is about \$30,000 worth of grants that were not used appropriately last year. The money still sits at DAC but we have to do the appropriation in order to put the money back out for grants. We see part of our job as helping those organizations. Many of these social service organizations start up on a shoestring and may not have the best management and

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leadership in place and we try to help them. We are establishing some mentoring programs and things like that.

**Darren Vogt:** Councilman Harris.

**Tom Harris:** Roughly, how many people are impacted by this through the various organizations?

**Paula Hughes:** Everybody in Allen County is impacted by it. Whether or not it is a personal issue, the range of organizations that are helping, one of the grants here in the Intervention section, we do almost \$72,000 worth of scholarships to people who need treatment and can't afford it. Those individuals and all of their families and friends have been affected by the substance abuse problems that they had. We have programs in schools and we have a very active college level program where we work directly with the local colleges and universities that pull together and are coaching and have onsite student coaches that are working on the issues of substance abuse. It is powerful stuff. I would venture to say that anybody in Allen County that has any kind of substance abuse problem or is related to or friends with someone with a substance abuse problem is connected to our program.

**Roy Buskirk:** I will make a motion to approve the appropriation in the Drug Free Community Fund 745 in the amount of \$288,540.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next up is Department 62, Superior Court. They are looking for an appropriation in the General Fund for computer software in the amount of \$12,355. That is a reduction from what was originally on the agenda.

**Roy Buskirk:** We like seeing those.

**Jerry Noble:** Good morning, I am Jerry Noble, Court Executive for Superior Court.

**Jeff Leffers:** I am Jeff Leffers, Director of Court Operations for Superior Court.

**David Avery:** I am David Avery, Chief Judge of Superior Court.

**Jerry Noble:** Good morning and thank you for this opportunity. As you know, one of the fundamental requirements and duties of any court system is making the court record. Some years ago we went to a digital recording system which has tremendous advantages over the old analog system that we used to use. At this point in time, we find that the software that resides on seven of the units is not compatible with the PC refresh that is being done. The existing software will not run on the new PC's. That is the simple explanation. We need to upgrade to the more current version of the software. Jeff Leffers

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is more directly involved with this and he and I can answer any questions you might have.

**Darren Vogt:** Jeff, do you want to make any comments?

**Jeff Leffers:** We have been rolling out upgrades and we have three downtown facilities, Bud Meeks Justice Center, Courthouse and the Annex. We had plans for the Courthouse because it has the first generation of the FTR digital recording software because that is where we installed it first. That is probably the area that needs replaced the most right now. We have tried to squeeze out as much use of that software as possible and we are still being supported by Esco but now we have to make a change because of the refresh. We didn't anticipate this but the refresh said that using Windows 7 doesn't work with FTR software.

**Tom Harris:** Jeff, you might want to speak a little bit about why that number went down.

**Jeff Leffers:** There are ten courtrooms that we use on three floors in the Courthouse. We thought that we would also have to install the software in the third floor courtroom but we discovered that wasn't the case. Esco said we didn't have to upgrade to 5.6 in those courtrooms. We have a lesser version there of 5.3 or 5.4. They said that was not going to cause an upgrade for those versions. The other seven versions are early generation 2.2 and we have to upgrade those.

**Darren Vogt:** Council, are there any further questions?

**Roy Buskirk:** I will make a motion to approve the appropriation in the General Fund for Superior Court for software in the amount of \$12,355.

**Tom Harris:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Thank you, gentlemen and that brings us to the Department of Health in Fund 285 for \$4,000.

**Mindy Waldron:** Good morning, Mindy Waldron, Administrator of the Department of Health. Each year we receive two very small grants. In Allen County and several Counties in Indiana they have what are called Medical Reserve Corps. That is kind of a bank of volunteer medical folks that can be used during disasters. To maintain that, we have to do training, supervision, insurance coverage and some other things. Each year NACCHO, Nation Association of City and County Health Officials, or the State Department of Health, if they have funds, provide mini-grants to each of entities that have these programs. We have received one each year and most of the time we have used them for supplies. We submit to them what the use would be. They have already approved that and have given us the money. We are just asking that it be appropriated so that we can purchase the item. Glad to answer any questions.

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**Darren Vogt:** Council, are there any questions?

**Tom Harris:** Explain the item, maybe.

**Mindy Waldron:** Sure. This year, we are planning to purchase an off-road vehicle to move equipment. We have an approximately 5,000 square foot building packed to the brim and these would be 30 feet ceilings. Typically what has occurred in the past for regular events where we have had to do mass vaccinations or a drill or whatever, we manually move all of those things. That is beds, chairs, tables, medications and general supplies and all of the things you would see in any kind of a setting like that. We can use trucks to move them to the site but within the site or around the site during a multi-month event, we have difficulty with this. In the past, we have tried to use others' units and they are always in use. We decided to get one and how it will be used in the regular part of the year because it is in the building north near our Vector Control Building, it will be dual use and the State is fine with that. They like it, actually. It will be used by Vector Control to move their chemicals between the multiple buildings. It will be used during the year and maintained by us. Any maintenance will be built into our budget and when needed, it will be diverted for equipment use. Purchasing did corroborate the quote that we received. We got three quotes and wanted to go with a local vendor who had given us a really good deal on an upgraded unit and deliver. Purchasing got the exact same quote with the external request that they made. They suggested that we go with the vendor that we had suggested.

**Darren Vogt:** Great. Are there any further questions, Council?

**Roy Buskirk:** I will make a motion for the appropriation in County Health Fund 285 in the amount of \$4,000.

**Larry Brown:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Nick, are you handling this next one?

**Nick Jordan:** Yes sir. At the bottom of the first page of the agenda you will see an appropriation in the General Fund for the Joint Oversight Permitting Board. As previously, this is just appropriating reimbursement that we have received from the City. This time it is in the amount of \$52,420.

**Roy Buskirk:** I might add that with the Permitting Board, the City and the County each pay half and every time that we have an invoice, the County pays it and invoices the City for half. The City reimburses us and the money goes into the General Fund. This is just to get the money out of the General Fund and put it back in to the Contractual line. We have to do this almost monthly.

**Darren Vogt:** Are there any questions, Council?

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**Roy Buskirk:** I make a motion for the appropriation in the General Fund on Contractual for the Permitting Board in the amount of \$52,420.

**Larry Brown:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Council, if you notice, we are on the second page of the agenda which is Discussion and Other Business to Come before Council. The Leo-Cedarville Regional Sewer District, we have an appointment that expires on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Neil Wisler is our current appointment and it is a four-year term. Becky, have you spoken with him at all?

**Becky Butler:** No.

**Darren Vogt:** At this point in time, we are bringing this up in case we need to make adjustments there. If you can get me his contact information, I will give him a call and see if he is still willing to serve. How many terms has he been on this?

**Becky Butler:** He has been there as long as I have been here.

**Darren Vogt:** I will talk to him and see how that is. As these appointments come up, we are trying to give enough heads-up time in case we need to replace them. Councilman Brown.

**Larry Brown:** I think you should also, or the Council should also, ask for input from the District as well.

**Darren Vogt:** Yes, good idea. Is there anything else, Council? I will mention that you should have received an email in the last day or two from Beth Lock. She does our government legislative assistance and it was about the wrap-up of the session. She was going to be here today but had a conflict. Take a look at that and if you have questions, get those back to her. There is a breakfast coming up but I don't have the date on that.

**Roy Buskirk:** I think it is next week.

**Darren Vogt:** Are there any liaison reports or upcoming meetings? Councilman Harris.

**Tom Harris:** I have a request. I would like to understand, from the Commissioners or the HR Department, what the County is doing in preparation for the Affordability Act. Possibly for our next meeting, could we have someone from the Commissioners or HR give us an understanding about what is going on?

**Darren Vogt:** You are referring to fees that we get charged and all of that.

**Tom Harris:** Yes.

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**Darren Vogt:** It is like fifty dollars per member or something like that.

**Tom Harris:** It is actually \$63 per person that is in the healthcare plan. Employers have the ability to pass that on or they can pay it. I would like to understand what is going on with the County. It is a sizable number.

**Darren Vogt:** As I meet with them every other week, I will bring that up.

**Tom Harris:** If we could do that next month, that would be great.

**Roy Buskirk:** The breakfast for the legislation is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the Coliseum. You need to let Beth know if you are going to attend.

**Darren Vogt:** Councilman Howell.

**Kevin Howell:** I have a quick update on the Trustee meeting that I had here. Their concern, and I have been reading in the paper about the funerals, is the burial grounds around Allen County. There is a disconnect between what the Trustees can do and what State law says they can do. The Trustees are using funds that should be going for poor relief in order to take care of these burial grounds. The legislation in Indianapolis specifically says one thing but they are hitting their caps already. The Trustees are going to be coming to County Council to ask for a letter of support to send down to the Statehouse to get that rectified. There are a lot of burial grounds around here and some of them go back 150 years. We don't know who owns them but they need to be taken care of. That is the long and short of it but at some point they will be coming to us about that to discuss it and get a letter of support.

**Darren Vogt:** Have they come up with anything about what the letter is going to say or what their solution to this would be?

**Kevin Howell:** They are working through that right now but essentially they want two pots of money. One is for the burial grounds and the other is so that they can do their job.

**Roy Buskirk:** The cemeteries have always been that if they cannot find the owner, there are cemeteries that are family cemeteries and some were church cemeteries and the church no longer exists or that kind of thing. It is then turned over to the Township to maintain. That is where the problem comes in on the maintenance and stuff. There are even some cemeteries that they recently found.

**Kevin Howell:** If they have veterans there then that is another factor too.

**Darren Vogt:** Council, are there any further discussion items?

**Roy Buskirk:** Last Thursday, I had the privilege of meeting with the Lieutenant Governor. There were about fifteen of us. It was interesting how she had things laid out like what are the assets of the community and then she asked what keeps you up at night

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as far as funding. That opened up the door for a lot of different things. One of the items that I brought up was the fact that the County has to pay for the cost of juvenile retention. Also there was the extension of the Lafayette Center Road to 24 which would enhance the economic development of the area around GM. In the afternoon, at Sweetwater Sound, there were about twelve of us that met with the Governor and a lot of the same topics were brought up at that time. I think both of them were very receptive on the items being discussed. The other thing is that I have been asked to serve on an advisory committee for our Juvenile Center. Next week will be our first meeting. I had met with Judge Sims prior to his retirement and I have talked to Judge Heath concerning the funding and getting State funding for the Juvenile Center. We are currently housing State juveniles here in the County. Our cost at the Juvenile Center is right around \$144 a day. That seems awfully high. Part of it is the fact that they are juveniles and we have to provide schooling and have teachers come in. Some of them can be released for a short period of time to attend schooling but a lot of them have to be taught in the facility. There are a lot of Federal regulations concerning the fact that they have to have four meals a day and so you have to have the kitchen open longer hours. Hopefully we will be able to get some of these addressed before the budget this year.

**Kevin Howell:** I would like to get information on that because I would like to sit on that one too.

**Roy Buskirk:** I am not setting up the committee but I will see what I can do.

**Darren Vogt:** Any further discussion items, Council?

**Tom Harris:** Approval to waive the reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of May 9, 2013.

**Larry Brown:** Second.

**Darren Vogt :** All in favor please signify by saying aye. The motion passes 7-0.

**Larry Brown:** Move to adjourn.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Darren Vogt:** All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. The motion carries 7-0. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:14.