

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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8:30 AM

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, January 21, 2016 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, Joel M. Benz, Larry L. Brown, William E. Brown, Roy A. Buskirk, Tom A. Harris and Sharon L. Tucker.

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 Roy Buskirk with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Roy Buskirk: I think everyone has had an opportunity to review the minutes. I would entertain a motion.

Tom Harris: Move to approve the minutes from December 17, 2015.

Joel Benz: Second.

Roy Buskirk: All in favor signify by saying aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next is the financial report from Auditor Tera Klutz.

Tera Klutz: Good morning, Council. My name is Tera Klutz and I am the Allen County Auditor. I am going to let Nick Jordan, the Chief Deputy, give this report this morning. He worked really closely with Jackie Scheuman, our Finance and Budget Director, and I have been working on some legislative issues and this is a good opportunity to let him give the report.

Nick Jordan: Good morning, Council. Nick Jordan, Chief Deputy Auditor. In your packet, you see the General Fund financial as of January 1, 2016. The year finished very well. We rolled over approximately \$7 million. That is broken down from unspent appropriations of a little over \$2.5 million. There were rolled P.O.'s of about \$4.7 million. Looking at that financial, you will see that the beginning cash balance is approximately \$13.6 million. You can see the revenue estimates and if you dropped down toward the bottom, you will see that we have some earmarks that are similar to last year. The first one is to replenish the cash reserve of \$3 million and also \$1 million for capital expenses. That leaves approximately \$3.1 million for appropriation. We feel it is important to have those earmarks in there. The last two bond issuances, they talked about our bond refunding and fluctuations in the General Fund cash reserve and how it went down from 2011 through 2013. We have since started going upwards as you can see with

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the \$13.6 million cash balance in the General Fund. I would be happy to take any questions.

Roy Buskirk: Did we use any of the rollover for our current budget year?

Nick Jordan: Yes, we budgeted \$1 million last year when we were doing the 2016 budget. That \$1 million is sitting in County Council's budget and that was for the review of the grids and the Public Defender's situation. Obviously it can be used for other things, should you choose to but those were some of the things in mind.

Roy Buskirk: Okay. Are there any other questions?

Tom Harris: Yes, maybe on the piece that you sent us on additional financial analysis, can you talk a little bit about that in terms of miscellaneous revenue and such?

Nick Jordan: Yes, both the property tax and miscellaneous revenue. Property tax was pretty close as estimated because of the Circuit Breaker. That was right around 100%. The miscellaneous revenue was a little over \$2 million higher than anticipated. As you can see from that analysis, both the estimate and the 2014 actual, a couple of the bigger estimates were the Auditor's revenue from the ineligible deductions audit and the Public Defender also had an increase. That was due to taking on the CHINS cases. The Building Department, as we well know, had a very good amount of developing and building throughout the year. Excise tax was approximately \$300,000 higher. There are some ups and downs and on the downside, Child Support expenditures were down by \$400,000. Some of that has to do with those expenses being moved to special funds. Because they are coming out of special funds, the reimbursement has to go back into that special fund. It is not such that the Prosecutor or Clerk is not dealing with those child support cases, they are just being paid for from a different fund.

Tom Harris: And that was approximately \$2 million higher in revenue. Do you anticipate that same curve? I looked at the formula for figuring out miscellaneous revenue and you base that over a three or four year spread.

Nick Jordan: What we do is look at the averages and we also look at what is going on in the current year and what is anticipated through legislation in the future. That was \$2 million over estimates. If you look from 2014, it was actually about three percent down when you take out the tax refunds. With estimates, some of that is at our discretion. We like to be conservative rather than come and say we didn't collect as much as anticipated. The Sheriff is talking about increasing the reimbursement for the prisoners with the Feds by doubling it to \$80. We are in good economic times and would hope that the income taxes, which we already know went up from 2015 to 2016. If that continues, we will hopefully see an increase in 2017. There are a lot of different factors that play into it. Looking at 2014 actuals, we are pretty comparative to the estimates.

Tera Klutz: Just to be clear, we actually collected \$100,000 more in 2014 than we did in 2015 after you account for refund reimbursements. We estimated for a little less than we

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got because we didn't know how far we were going to fall. It turned out to be less than one percent.

Roy Buskirk: I would like to bring up for discussion using part of the rollover to be ear-tagged and kept in the General Fund, for Regional Cities' projects. I know, at the current time, we don't know if the County is even going to have any projects but there is discussion of having a regional sales tax or raising the Local Option Income Tax. I think we need to make a statement that we are against raising any taxes and that we can work with the program and come up with the money to support or finance our portion of it. I would like to have some discussion on it and then a motion if we set \$3 million to be ear-tagged for Regional Cities' projects in the County.

Tom Harris: I would be in favor of moving that into the Rainy Day Fund but I don't know that I want to tag all of that money for the Regional Cities. It could be put into the Rainy Day Fund in case there is discussion in the future. The Commissioners, I look at the CEDIT account and they continue to grow and get larger. When that time comes, should Regional Cities want additional funding, I think that is a great opportunity to turn to the CEDIT fund and the Commissioners for some of those funds. I would be in favor of moving that money to Rainy Day and not tagging it. We have some lawsuit issues and re-evaluation of jobs in the County and several big items coming at us. I like the idea of putting it in the Rainy Day Fund and I don't know if I want to tag it.

Roy Buskirk: On the Commissioners, I met with them this week and I will be meeting with them every two weeks. Most of the CEDIT money is pledged for projects. I will get a list of the projects and everything to provide to Council members. I am sure that they would have some funds and could participate. One of the reasons why I wanted to keep it in the General Fund, and Tera perhaps you can explain it better, but it helps as far as our bonding rating to have it in the General Fund instead of Rainy Day. I don't understand that but if you could explain it, I would appreciate it.

Tera Klutz: Our cash balance is \$13 million and was \$10 million last year. A lot of that is because we rolled a purchase order for almost \$4 million. We did not have to pay the big PERF distribution until June 30th of 2016 and we wanted to show it in our 2016 financial statement and so we are going to pay that this year. That is going to bring our cash back down below \$10 million. For the bond rating agencies and cash flow purposes, we would prefer if you are going to earmark that money that it stays in the General Fund. Our Rainy Day Fund balance is at a reasonable amount.

Tom Harris: Do you have to earmark it?

Tera Klutz: No, you don't have to earmark your cash.

Tom Harris: Okay. It could stay in the General Fund and not earmark it.

Tera Klutz: Earmarking just means it is not formally designated or formally appropriated. It can change any time.

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Roy Buskirk: In all honesty, you can change an earmark at any time, like the Auditor said. It would just be showing that the County does know or hope that there will be some Regional Cities' projects that we will have to match 20% of and that we don't need to raise taxes to cover that. That is the reason I was suggesting that we earmark it for Regional Cities' projects.

Bill Brown: I think as this whole Regional Cities' initiative evolves and moves forward, we need to maintain flexibility. You are saying to earmark it in lieu of a tax increase if in fact that is what is necessary?

Roy Buskirk: Are you in favor of a tax increase?

Bill Brown: In favor of a tax increase?

Roy Buskirk: Yes.

Bill Brown: Taxes are all part of the governance. Depending on which way this initiative goes, when you are looking at the big picture, moving forward with the goal stated by the Region, we have to maintain flexibility. Anybody that really looks at our situation in northeast Indiana realizes that talent attraction and retention is critical.

Roy Buskirk: I understand.

Bill Brown: Tax increases, I don't think anybody wants to pay more taxes. However, it takes resources. If you happened to read Michael Hicks' article yesterday, about the State of Indiana and how we are doing in general, it was very enlightening. Things have got to be done differently.

Roy Buskirk: What I mean is; I realize that we need these projects but I think they can be funded other than raising taxes. This is an example of where we would have money available without raising taxes. That is the reason I was suggesting ear-tagging it currently.

Bill Brown: I like the idea of the dry powder concept of the \$3 million in the General Fund but as far as earmarking it specifically at this point, I think it is premature. I wouldn't be opposed to that but again, when it comes to additional resources that we may need locally or regionally, in the form of a tax increase, it is going to take money to make these things happen. When the Regional Partnership was formed, I was actually at the table and was the one that suggested that it is going to take more money. It is going to take a fund to get this thing going. The next meeting, it was adopted and that is when they started the Rock Campaign. Several entities pledged \$10,000 over a five-year period and that created a super-fund in a large part to get buy-in from many entities in the region. That has taken us to the capacity building component that was part of the Regional Partnership initiative and today we are sitting as the premier region in the State. We have to be mindful, moving forward, that we are empowering our region, County and City to

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be as effective as possible so that we can show job growth and wage increases. That is sort of a stump on that piece but I think it is critical that we maintain flexibility.

Tom Harris: I would probably add that I would be in favor of moving that money or keeping it in the General Fund but not necessarily earmarking it. We have the ability to consider Regional Cities' events as they come up but I think some of that money needs to be kept aside as CEDIT. By the way, I want to mention that we are at \$20 million in CEDIT and it has been going up. They truly put money aside for all of these projects, the Commissioners do all year. They don't spend all of the money and that is how this account keeps growing and growing. I think when that day comes and that moment comes, when Regional Cities might be interested in some funding, the CEDIT account is appropriate. I would be in favor of moving it and in answer to your question, I am not in favor of a tax increase especially when you have economic development money setting aside in local governments to be able to set aside some of the cost increases. We don't know what some of those projects are going to be ultimately coming at us and the projects that we are doing, and I will shut up with this, are supposed to increase and enhance people moving here and the potential for additional companies moving here. Keeping money aside for additional economic development opportunities is important, I think, for the County as well.

Roy Buskirk: I agree with you on that but the one thing as far as economic development, one of the advantages that we have is our low tax rate compared to other parts of the United States. That is one reason why I think it would be detrimental to raise either sales tax or Local Option Income Tax as far as an attractive tool to encourage economic development. My thinking was that we would just be sending a message in the fact that we have \$3 million ear-tagged for that. As the Auditor has pointed out, it can be changed to other projects but it would just be more in the fact that we are sending a message that we have some money. We don't know how many projects there are going to be in Allen County or anything, at this point but the fact that we are considering it and are possibly starting to set funds aside that would be able to support. I agree with you that we need to look at CEDIT.

Bill Brown: To be a little clearer on this, you are basically saying that this is a message that we are supportive of the Regional Cities' initiative. That is part of your reasoning.

Roy Buskirk: It is the fact of we are recognizing that the County will have to come up with some funding for Regional Cities' projects and that we are maybe a step ahead in ear-tagging this money for that. I think it would send good vibes in the community that we did this.

Sharon Tucker: I support keeping the money in the General Fund. I think we might be a little premature debating whether we need to have flexibility for taxes or not for taxes. I don't support increasing taxes especially when we have money available that we can help with the project. I think we should be careful in just earmarking it with all of the other things we have coming up.

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Roy Buskirk: Bob.

Bob Armstrong: As Tom said with the CEDIT it is \$20 million, do we keep a running, in past years like here where the Commissioners have \$11.8 million, for 2016, set aside for CEDIT projects and stuff. Last year, do we know how much they set aside and how much was spent?

Nick Jordan: One of the things that we sent out, the 2015 year-end financials, you can see that the amount budgeted for 2015 was a little over \$20 million. That includes the Highway, Planning and the Commissioners. Only \$4.3 million was spent. That is only 21% of that \$20 million was spent. The Highway had about \$12.4 million and they spent \$3.4 million. The Commissioners budgeted \$7.5 million and spent almost \$700,000. You see the same thing in 2016. They budgeted almost \$25 million and the revenue is anticipated to be \$29 million and so that leaves \$4 million if they spent everything. Historically that hasn't happened. There is also the recycling of money where money is paid up-front for a project and it comes back into the fund because we get reimbursed from the Feds. We can see that for any of the years.

Tom Harris: I would move to the remaining of \$3 million or whatever that amount is into the General Fund.

Tera Klutz: Right now we have it on the financial statement showing as Replenish Cash Reserve and it is kind of earmarked in that category. We can change that to Regional Cities' Initiative or keep it as Replenish Cash Reserve.

Tom Harris: I would move to keep it as Replenish Cash Reserve and that is the \$3,147,206.

Nick Jordan: Just the \$3 million. You will see that in the parenthesis.

Tom Harris: Yes, it is right there.

Nick Jordan: That will still leave you with the \$3.1 available for appropriation for normal County operations.

Roy Buskirk: Do you want to repeat that motion?

Tom Harris: Yes, I would move to Replenish Cash Reserve of \$3 million.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: Out of rollover.

Tom Harris: Correct.

Larry Brown: Rollover was almost \$7 million?

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Nick Jordan: Yes, essentially you are leaving it as presented on the financials.

Roy Buskirk: So, in essence, you are leaving the entire rollover to be kept in the General Fund. I am not even sure we need a motion.

Tera Klutz: Only because you wanted to change it.

Roy Buskirk: **For the record. We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.** Next we have appropriation requests from the General Fund in the amount of \$460,798 and in other funds, \$30,050.

Larry Brown: I will make a motion to approve the financial report.

Tom Harris: Second.

Roy Buskirk: **All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.** Nick, will you give us the unemployment numbers?

Nick Jordan: Yes, on the agenda you see the non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for October and November. Allen County went from 4.1% to 4.3%. Indiana went from 4.2% to 4.5% and National remained at 4.8%. December will be out next week.

Roy Buskirk: Next is Economic Development.

Rachel Black: Good morning, Rachel Black, Economic Development.

Mark Royse: Mark Royse, Department of Planning.

Rachel Black: This was for 2014 pay 2015. We had eight companies that were approved for tax phase in for 2014. The total investment for real and personal property was over \$698 million. General Motors was the largest investor that year with \$574 million. As you saw in the report, there were some photos that we were able to go out to GM last summer and see the beginning of that. The total jobs created were 103 and retained jobs at a little over 4,000. The retention number was high but again, it was due to General Motors. Tying into those employment numbers was also the discussion of the average wage paid for Allen County. It was a bit below State average and the National average of approximately \$40,000. In the report you will see that six of the seven companies were at the Indiana State wage or little bit above and some of them were also above the National average as well. Thirty-one companies submitted their CF-1 forms and that shows how each of the companies is following through with their original investment and employment numbers. You can recall from these forms that they are filed annually and they have to file those annually to get those deductions. Overall, the companies were able to meet or exceed their projection numbers. The Tax Abatement Development Fund is through voluntary contributions through a ten percent or five percent that is shown on their application when they submit it. Since the fund was established, there has been a

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little over \$1 million that has been contributed. For 2014, thirteen companies submitted their contributions and the total was about \$66,000. As far as impact on tax rates, they have made a small impact on property taxes and Attachment B shows those. Overall, the Tax Phase-in Program is still a viable source and is a good tool for attracting businesses. Mark has a few things he would like to discuss and if you have any questions, we would be happy to answer them.

Roy Buskirk: Does anyone have any questions for Rachel?

Tom Harris: Through all of that analysis, what does it tell us? What should we be looking at and what do you look at from an economic development standpoint?

Mark Royse: What we are looking at both with the City staff is to go back, and as I recall Tom you said on the 2015 Joint City and County Council committee on Tax Abatement, I think there are a couple of things and we need to reconvene that committee after the end of this session. I am going to plant the seed now that I would like to see a good committee. We have done it in different ways in the past. We have opened it up to everybody, there has been a public meeting, we have held it as a three-person committee but that is your decision and not staff's. I think Rachel is very right in the fact that if you look at page five, the average annual wages, Roy and I had sat in on a webinar through the International Economic Development Council a week or so ago and the lady spoke to the fact that you have to target your incentives to the overall plan. The overall plan and the mantra that we are hearing from not only the Regional Partnership and Greater Fort Wayne and even those within both City and County is that the goal is to raise the average annual wage. That calls to question why are we providing incentives to companies that can't meet that basic barometer? I think that is one of the issues that we need to discuss. Another one that I know is on the City's plate is the whole shell building abatement system or vacant building system and we have addressed those over the last few years. I think, from a timing standpoint, what I would like to see and I believe there is concurrence from the rest of the staff, the City and County and Greater Fort Wayne through our coordinating meetings is to reconvene a group to look at not only the standards that are being set and continue to get the City and County their programs as much in sync as they can be. Then we can move forward from there.

Tom Harris: And with that thought, what that would require is for us to say no in some cases for the economic development packages that you bring to us.

Mark Royse: Yes. You set the policy or guidelines or procedures and we will follow them. That is up to both of the respective fiscal bodies. It is your program and not a staff program.

Tom Harris: Right but the message that you send out as you are talking to new developers or new companies that are considering moving to Northeast Indiana and specifically to Allen County that we need to get those wages up. We can provide the incentive but we need to look at those.

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Mark Royse: We can only share the guidelines that you have established for us.

Tom Harris: I see. Okay.

Mark Royse: If you change the guidelines...

Tom Harris: We have not clarified that enough that the wages need to be higher or not?

Mark Royse: Obviously, the way it is showing on the current point system, no.

Tom Harris: Okay. That is helpful to know. Four out of the six hit the wage objective.

Mark Royse: They hit the Allen County average. I think it is a good thing to review. Back in 2012, what City Council and County Council approved in early 2013 was the Super Abatement program which required ten percent above per job classification. Then we went back and now applicants have to break down their positions by job classification. Is that accomplishing what you want to do or should it be that the incentive, the way the State law reads you can set any rules and procedures and guidelines that you want to. Should you go with that it has to be at least ten percent above, you have to look at it statistically to continue granting abatements to companies that do not meet the average annual wage, doesn't try to accomplish your purpose.

Tom Harris: I joined Council in 2010 and I think our unemployment rate was 10.6% and we were anxious to get about anything going in the right direction for economic development. Now that we are at 4.3% and maybe dropping, maybe we become a little more conservative in terms of the abatement process.

Mark Royse: And I will still contend, as I did when you were Council President, the unemployment rate is just a big factor. It is a macro level type of thing. It takes into account, and Ellen Cutter has a contract from Community Research, and she can provide you the level of detail of what the size of the workforce was back then and what the size of the workforce is now.

Tom Harris: That's fair but my only point was that we were hungry and now we are a little less hungry.

Mark Royse: I would hope that the appetite hasn't changed over the years because it is not a sprint but a marathon.

Roy Buskirk: That brings up one thing, Nick, is it possible when you do the unemployment rates to have the number employed?

Nick Jordan: Yes, we actually talked about this with Tom when he was Council President. We can put on there what you like. It is just a matter of putting too much and making it dominate, so to speak, the first page of the agenda. Or I can read it off to you

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because I can pull those down. The labor force, the employed and unemployed and compare it to 2010 or any other year.

Roy Buskirk: I think the employed compared to the previous year would be helpful because I mean and Mark is alluding to it is the percentage of unemployment can be a little misleading sometimes. Also, the number of employed has gone down at the same time that unemployment has gone down.

Mark Royse: And I would suggest instead of putting that to your staff at the Auditor's Office is that the Community Research Institute has a contract with the County and the Director of that program reports quarterly to the Board of Commissioners and makes a presentation. You may want to have that incorporated into your agendas in the future.

Roy Buskirk: Another side note is in the State Legislation, there was a bill introduced to raise the minimum wage to eleven dollars. Are there any other questions for Mark or Rachel? Thank you. Sheriff's Department is next.

Dave Gladieux: Good morning, Council, David Gladieux, Sheriff's Department. I think on the agenda you have a \$28,000 figure coming from Commissary. This is to go towards the salaries of the part-time employees for Commissary. This is an every year thing. I give you money and you put it back in my budget.

Roy Buskirk: Who is going to lead this?

Tom Harris: With that these are things that we do each year. It is a matter of taking Commissary funds and moving it to the General Fund, is that correct? Actually it is the other way around.

Nick Jordan: No, Commissary wrote a check which has been deposited and we are going to appropriate it into the Sheriff's budget.

Dave Gladieux: For salaries for the part-time employees.

Tom Harris: I will move for the appropriation in County General for Commissary in the amount of \$28,000.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Roy Buskirk: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. You are here for the next part.

Tom Harris: That was what was confusing. I was combining those things together.

Dan Freck: Good morning, Dan Freck, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Brenda Wright: Brenda Wright, Operations Manager.

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Tom Harris: In essence, this is piece that we talked about in the Personnel Committee. The idea was that we were moving staff that had been under the Jail is now going to be under the Maintenance Department. Because it was the end of the year, I think today we are trying to adjust the different budgets to make sure the money is coming from the right direction.

Dave Gladieux: Basically we are moving our budget and giving it to them.

Tom Harris: So, under the Personnel Committee, we voted to move forward with this at the November or December meeting but today we are simply adjusting the funds to match up with what we decided previously.

Roy Buskirk: So the personnel have changed from one department to the other department. They are still doing the same work. Is that working out okay? This has been going on how long?

Brenda Wright: A month.

Dan Freck: A little over a month. We had two openings at the Jail Maintenance area. We reclassified those two positions and both of those employees have been hired. They are working in the Rousseau Centre right now under our maintenance staff to get adjusted. The projects that we are doing at the Jail, we are taking those individuals down there and getting them acquainted with the Jail surroundings. Everything is moving forward.

Dave Gladieux: It is more of an efficiency type of thing than a cost savings.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any further questions? I would entertain a motion on, gee how are you going to handle that?

Tera Klutz: You can take it all in one swoop.

Bill Brown: I will make a motion for the appropriation reduction in the Jail General Fund in the amount of \$429,826 and move that to appropriate into the Building Maintenance General Fund in the amount of \$429,826.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Roy Buskirk: Is there any further discussion?

Bill Brown: I would just like to say from an efficiency standpoint, I do commend the Sheriff and Building Maintenance for working together and making this happen. It has been on the table for a long time and it is just nice to see these things come together over time. It sounds like it is going to work out well.

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Dave Gladioux: I would like to add that the Sheriff just cut his budget too. I'm just throwing that out there, Roy.

Roy Buskirk: I appreciate it, Dave.

Tom Harris: Somehow I saw that coming.

Roy Buskirk: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. The thing we have to address on transferring the salary ordinances.

Bill Brown: I will make a motion for an amended salary ordinance for employees from the Sheriff's Department to Building Maintenance Department, Jail Maintenance Supervisor, SPEC OCC at \$62,963 and Jail Maintenance Assistant (2 positions), LTC 4/2 at \$36,877 and Custodial Specialist (2 positions), LTC 3/2 at \$32,840.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Roy Buskirk: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. Is NIRCC here? Oh, Jackie is going to take care of this one.

Jackie Scheuman: Good morning, Council, Jackie Scheuman from the Auditor's Office. I am here for the NIRCC transfer from County Wide Compensation to his budget. What happened was last year two of the positions in his office were reclassified. It wasn't caught that one of those employees was due for a step increase within the next month. He moved up to the next step on the grid but we did not provide the funding for that additional step. This will take care of his 2016 salary.

Tom Harris: I will make a motion for an appropriation reduction in County General Fund, Compensation County Wide in the amount of \$2,972 and appropriation in NIRCC County General Fund for \$2,972.

Bill Brown: Second.

Roy Buskirk: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next is Superior Court.

John McGauley: John McGauley, Court Executive for Superior Court. We are back this month because we have learned that when it comes to medical leave, anything can happen. We were here a month or so ago to request a temporary salary ordinance to let us pay one of our employees to take over the duties of an individual who had gone on medical leave for surgery. We were expecting her back in four to six weeks and we asked for that temporary salary ordinance to reach the first week of January for just in case and just in case wasn't enough. We are getting her back this week and so we are asking for that salary ordinance to cover the gap between the one that you gave us previously and

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this one. There is a substantial pay difference between what we were asking our employee to do and what she was classified at. The difference was OSS 3 to PAT 4. We have gotten a great deal of benefit out of it and have someone who is completely cross-trained now in the Financial Coordinator's duties but we are getting the Financial Coordinator back this week. We are asking to have it reach out to February 5th but again, just in case, but we expect to have that wrapped up in the next few days.

Joel Benz: And you did say that this is basically a wash because the person that is on leave is at 60% of her salary.

John McGauley: We are not asking for any additional money.

Bill Brown: I will make a motion for Superior Court for a temporary salary ordinance amending the pay for the Temporary Financial Coordinator, PAT 4/2 at \$43,315. This is effective January 8, 2016 to February 5, 2016.

Joel Benz: Second.

Roy Buskirk: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.

John McGauley: We thank you very much. If you are interested, opening arguments started this morning in the high profile case that was venued up here from Marion County, State versus Bob Leonard. It is scheduled to last until March 4th. Judge Gull is being very diligent about trying to do things as quickly as possible and in the most organized manner as possible. For example, the jury selection which was scheduled for two weeks lasted one day. We are doing everything we can to wrap that up. The extra cost to us will be reimbursed by Marion County, at some point.

Roy Buskirk: Does that include the parking spaces that the jury is using in the parking garage?

John McGauley: Yes.

Roy Buskirk: It seems like the whole first floor is blocked off for the jury.

John McGauley: We had 800 people under summons to be prospective jurors but we got the jury after 78 people. We should be able to cut down the parking garage consumption pretty quickly.

Roy Buskirk: One other thing before you leave, John, if you would please carry this message back to Judge Gull. She was recognized a couple of weeks ago, nationally, for her work that she has done to improve the jury selection electronically now. That just shows the great work that she has been doing for the County.

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John McGauley: I will pass that along to her. She was also spotlighted on the floor of the Indiana House last Wednesday when the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court did the State of the Judiciary speech. That has been recognized State-wide as well. I will pass that onto her.

Roy Buskirk: Community Corrections.

Jeff Stevens: Good morning, Council, Jeff Stevens, Senior Finance Manager at Community Corrections. I am here today requesting an appropriation in Funds Other than the General Fund. We are asking for \$30,050 for the purposes of a vehicle, associated equipment and uniforms for an amendment to our base grant that allowed us to hire a new Field Officer. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Tom Harris: This is the grant that is allowing Community Corrections to grow as we move more folks through your program. The grant allowed you to hire an additional Probation Officer?

Jeff Stevens: Field Officer.

Tom Harris: Thank you and as a result, this person is out but we need to get them some wheels because they cannot walk around everywhere.

Jeff Stevens: Yes and as a matter of fact, we just made the offer and have a person that we have hired. There is a good training period and we wouldn't necessarily need the vehicle right away. I know there is a lead time on the getting the vehicle.

Tom Harris: That vehicle will be used County-wide and not beyond the County?

Jeff Stevens: Within the County.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any further questions?

Bill Brown: I will make a motion for Community Corrections' appropriation in the Home Detention Fund 236 in the amount of \$30,050.

Tom Harris: Second.

Roy Buskirk: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. I had to wait until Mark walked out of the room but there was an item added to agenda. I think all of you received emails concerning this. One reason for this lease and everything has to do with the fact that the City will possibly annex the property and because the County is putting up the money, we want to make sure that the County gets reimbursed for the improvements to Diebold Road. It is an area that will be developed to a mini mall, I guess. There will be enhancements to the assessed value to generate revenue to pay for the road improvements.

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Bill Fishering: Bill Fishering, County Attorney.

Scott Harrold: Scott Harrold, Department of Planning Services. Roy has taken all of my thunder.

Roy Buskirk: Trying to help you out, Scott.

Scott Harrold: You did a good job describing the basics. Diebold Road runs between North Clinton and Union Chapel. North of Dupont was redone and that is where the main entrance is to Parkview North. Obviously, with the hospital there you are seeing a lot more traffic. With Steininger's Development coming in, there is a credit union built there now and there are plans for more people doing their due diligence but it is a good way to pay for the road improvements off of Dupont. Right now, the engineering and right-of-way acquisition is done for the portion to the movie theater. The southeast corner of Dupont and Diebold has been designated as a TIF District. Basically the Redevelopment Commission, if that area was annexed, the County Redevelopment Commission would lose jurisdiction. By setting up the Redevelopment Authority with a lease, if there is a lease or a bond issue, the County Redevelopment Commission would retain the jurisdiction until that lease or the bond issue expires. This is sort of a complicated way of making sure the County retains its jurisdiction so that the money put toward the road can be recycled for future uses. You have a resolution and basically, I appreciate you putting this on the agenda at the last minute, reading through State law, Mark Royse noticed that State law requires you to pre approve the concept of a lease. You are not necessarily approving the lease. You are approving the Redevelopment Commission and the Redevelopment Authority entering into a lease. You were given a copy of the lease that was drafted by Mr. Fishering. There are some other moving parts but basically this is something that needs done before we move forward. With that I will answer any questions you might have. If they are real technical, I will give them to him.

Tom Harris: How many of these do we have presently?

Bill Fishering: This is the first one.

Tom Harris: Does this potentially set some precedents in that if we anticipate a municipality to start to annex, one of the concerns for us is to make sure we have funds set aside. Will we consider these more in the future?

Bill Fishering: Yes. At the current time, we have an interlocal agreement with the City of New Haven with respect to Ryan Road which is the other way you can approach it. The City of Fort Wayne did not want to do an intergovernmental agreement. We had previously done one with the City of Fort Wayne for Huguenard and Cook, for those of you that have been around long enough to remember that project. They have changed legal staff and they don't want to do it again and so this is the other way to approach it. It is the first time you have seen these leases because the State Legislature is tightening down on Redevelopment Commission's authority and making us go through the fiscal

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bodies to get things approved, which is fine. That is why, for twenty-five years you haven't seen much of this. You will be seeing more of it now.

Tom Harris: How long does this process last?

Bill Fishering: It will last up to twenty-five years but would terminate if the bonds were fully repaid out of the TIF revenue.

Larry Brown: If it is paid, is conclusion of this automatic?

Bill Fishering: Yes.

Roy Buskirk: It is a little bit different than other TIF areas in the fact that when the bond is paid for and the road improvements are paid for, the TIF stops. As Bill explained, it is covering ourselves as far as annexation or anything and that we will still have the revenue. There have been some other road projects in the County that we had made improvements to and then within five years or so they are annexed. We have tried to have agreements with the City on a pro rata type of reimbursement but it doesn't work out very well.

Tom Harris: I like that approach and it is important that we think that way in particular based on some of the thoughts that we have heard from the City that they may be poised and ready. As we go around and do processes and project improvements, the next thing for a city to do is go ahead and annex. This is a good approach to protect the County.

Bill Brown: I will make a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01-21-1 providing prior approval of a proposed lease between the Allen County Redevelopment Commission and the Allen County Redevelopment Authority.

Tom Harris: Second.

Roy Buskirk: **Is there any further discussion? All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.** Thank you. We will now move to Other Business. Is there any other business to bring forward?

Tom Harris: This evening is the celebration kick-off of the Regional Cities' event. I think it includes the entire region.

Bill Brown: Just a little more on that it is an eleven County region with a goal of going to a million people from 775,000. When you look at all of the various taxes that are paid by those folks, if we get to a million, the critical mass that it presents and the migration here of people, talented people, it is a great opportunity to come to this celebration and understand what this initiative is about. It is essential and if that growth takes place, which it is projected to do and most believe it could happen, it will have a dramatic impact on our region.

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Roy Buskirk: On roads and everything else. Are there any recent or upcoming meetings?

Tom Harris: I have a question, maybe for the Auditor. In terms of any kind of major legislation that is moving forward, from your perspective, from the General Assembly although this is a short session but anything that has come up that we should be aware of?

Tera Klutz: I believe one of the items that has a good chance of getting out of the Senate is Senate Bill 321 which kind of realigns the budget time cycle just a little bit. You guys would be most interested in learning that it significantly pares down the County Council non-binding review. That is one of the bills that I testified on Tuesday because it basically takes all of the timelines out that units have to get their budgets to you by and you have to review them by or else you get penalized. It removes those provisions. It moves to a hearing that you have to hold to acknowledge what the maximum levies are and what the potential Circuit Breakers are of each unit. You may make a recommendation. If you don't make a recommendation, you have to show in the minutes that you actually had the meeting to review them. The information will come from the DLGF. It will save a good 80 hours of my staff's time in pulling that together. If a taxing unit wants to come before you, you have to let them. We always have and have always invited them. I think that is positive. Senate Bill 67 made it out and that is the \$430 million of Local Income Tax Reserve Funds at the State coming back to whatever was in their trust funds. Representative Soliday's transportation bill also passed. That calls for tax increases and indexing the gas tax, however, the rumors are that neither the Governor nor the Senate will support the tax increases. The likelihood of that coming out is low. Next week is the last week that a bill proposed in one side has to come out and so they have this week to hear it and pass it before it flips to the other side for committee hearings and negotiations.

Bill Brown: I would like to make mention of something that you have made me aware of and is in regards to the taxes for local roads and streets. I know we get that money from gasoline taxes. You have made it abundantly clear that of the sales tax on gas, only one penny of the seven collected goes to roads and streets. In this conversation about things like the Regional Cities' Initiative, one of the big things that is talked about is decay of not only rural but also urban infrastructure and the fact that there is such a backlog on fixing neighborhoods or County roads. To be proactive, it seems like it makes sense and maybe you can enlighten us a little bit more on this, but to try to get ahead of that the State continues to build a surplus. I think it is \$2 billion right now. Those dollars, it seems logical to me, the six cents that is currently being used for sales tax or going into their General Fund, to have our Legislators work towards making all of the sales tax dollars on gasoline and fuel go towards roads and streets. I am just putting that out there as something to discuss for the Legislative session for next year.

Roy Buskirk: Yeah, I mean I have mentioned it and I have been talking to State Legislators and I have a couple of questions that come to mind when you made those statements, Bill. One of them is, the surplus that the State has I am very curious to find out what account balances they are using to come up with the surplus number. Are parts of the account balances the Local Option Income Tax money that has to be disbursed

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back to the County? Is it Food and Beverage Sales Tax that they have collected and needs to be disbursed back to the County? There are a lot of different accounts of money that they have that belongs to the Counties throughout the State. Are they using that to come up with the balance? I hope not. The way that some of the math is done and we have two CPA's sitting down there, I apologize because I am not trying to knock you guys, it just seems like the way the math is done it is not giving us a true picture. While I am on the platform, the sales tax is correct in what you said, Bill. In roads, they only use one cent of the seven cents that is sales tax charged on gasoline. I think that without raising taxes, if we have this surplus why not divert even two or three cents more to roads? To me, that would be a revenue stream so that we would not have to raise taxes. The other thing of the Regional Cities money of \$42 million is coming and the only time the State has done that tax amnesty was in 2005. Looking back on the report of that it showed that it included the County Innkeeper's Tax, Food and Beverage Tax and Inventory Tax of which we don't have Inventory Tax now. That already belongs to the County. They are making the impression that it is coming from the State. Part of the revenue that we have anticipated is included in that money. That is very interesting.

Bill Brown: Just to recap, I know there is a lot of information and I always appreciate more information. My point, to be real clear, is let's lobby the Legislature to give gasoline sales tax to roads and streets. I think a lot of people don't know that it takes place and I just wanted to be clear there.

Roy Buskirk: I appreciate it. I guess we will go to Liaison Reports. I would really appreciate it this year that we would have reports from the meetings and it is a good opportunity for a Council member to let the rest of the Council members know what is going on. I will start. I met this week with the Youth Service Center and they have 25 beds and 20 of them are occupied. When they hit the 20 beds occupied, they stop taking any children from outside Counties. One of the good news is that currently the State reimbursement is \$155 and I know Tom Harris will appreciate this very much that the State has approved increasing that to \$190 a day. That is the biggest increase that they have ever had. It used to be like five percent or five dollars or so. I believe going from \$155 to \$190 will start July first.

Tom Harris: And maybe the lesson for Council is that we simply ask. That is all that happened there. He just changed his formula and asked. That might be something in all of our areas, as Bill and I have talked to the Sheriff on a number of issues, just simply ask.

Roy Buskirk: Every year, they have to increase the reimbursement that they have but they have never increased it this much. That is very good news but although last year we asked them to start using some of the funds that they had in different available funds and they have been going down. In March, I think they will be coming for additional appropriations. In the Permitting Board, there has been some trouble with the automatic responses when people apply for permits electronically. We thought automatic responses were going back to applicant and some of them were and some weren't. That is a problem that they are working on now. Also, one of the things is to get more fields put on the permitting process. Before, the department might be on the electronic permitting

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process but not every field. To give you an example, the Surveyor's Office on a permit for a pond was not included because it is a little bit more complicated than your typical application for permits. That is also something that they are working on. Do you have anything further to add on the Permitting Board, Larry?

Larry Brown: No.

Roy Buskirk: Okay. I serve on the Planning Commission and we meet this afternoon. We only have one property and I was trying to get this worked out. When BF Goodrich came to the County, they zoned over 900 acres as industrial. Obviously BF Goodrich doesn't need 900 acres and what has occurred is some of the residential homes out there, when they sell them they cannot get bank financing because they are zoned industrial. We have to revert the zoning, this is a home that is coming before the Planning Commission, to agriculture zoning and then they can get financing. Banks will not loan for residential purposes on industrial zoned property. That is what is going on there. On UTAB and NIRCC, one of the big road projects, I provided you information on all of the road projects occurring in the County, but one of the big things is the Lafayette Center Road, 900 North. That is going from Fogwell just west of GM and it will be improved to 24. That will shortcut a lot of semis from going up 24 to 69 South to 469 if they want to stay on the proper roads. That is basically it for the different liaisons I am too. I would appreciate a report similar to that of what is taking place. Yes, Tom.

Tom Harris: I wanted to ask because I was unable to make the last meeting of the Commissioners reorganization of local government, I forget the title.

Roy Buskirk: The Efficiency Committee?

Tom Harris: Yes. Are we going to receive something official from that committee? I read it in the paper in terms of their recommendations for what County government might consider.

Roy Buskirk: I think the only official thing you received was on an email that I had Becky send out.

Tom Harris: Okay.

Roy Buskirk: I think that is basically it.

Tom Harris: That might be something for further consideration or discussion later on.

Bill Brown: I appreciated that. It was a very thorough document.

Roy Buskirk: One of the things and their recommendations was a long-range strategic planning and I tried to explain to part of that committee in the fact that we do that but it has to be very flexible. I know that we could improve that and I think the Commissioners are going to take the lead on that. We have to be very flexible because of what State

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Legislation does can change what we have planned. I am not sure I agree with the discussion that we should go away from the County for at least a day or maybe a two-day trip to set up our strategic plan.

Joel Benz: One thing they didn't bring up and the Auditor is out in front of this and that is the zero based budgeting thing. I think that is a really good thing and I thought we would discuss that today. I think it is something that we need to spend a little bit of time on at some point.

Roy Buskirk: We might discuss that a little bit. I don't want to put you on the spot, Tera, but do you have a different idea? I appreciate that and she has a suggestion that we might try this year. Or I mean it will probably take a couple of years to get it in place.

Joel Benz: You said the last time that maybe a couple of departments could get onboard with that. Do you still think that is possible? Have you pursued that at all?

Tera Klutz: No but only because I think we want to have the general discussion if that is the way that we want to go. We talked about zero based budgeting being a great tool however it is very, very time consuming.

Joel Benz: Initially.

Tera Klutz: Initially but every year it is very, very time consuming. You start at zero every year and so there is no change every year and so it is the same process. You justify what you need every year, for that year. It is a great concept and a great learning tool for the people that haven't been there. It doesn't mean that you change it next year. You still have to justify. I feel that would take a lot of time and resources that a lot of departments don't have. We can all agree that new programs do cost something. We were thinking maybe a program based budgeting where you start aligning revenues and expenses for certain programs so that at a glance you can see exactly what a program cost. From my department, it would be the payroll program. I know it is a program because I can go outside and outsource it. That would be something to be able to compare. The hard part is when you think about a budget book, you think this is expenses for the department and all of a sudden my budget goes from three pages to ten pages if I you start separating my salary because I am in charge of all of those departments. You start allocating and it is almost like cost accounting. Trying to find the happy medium of exactly how that would work, do we create fifty more line items in the Auditor's budget? And is that the tool that we want in the budget book or something we want on the side? I think discussing that and getting us there, at least for my department and a few other small departments, to see if it can work for 2017.

Tom Harris: A question on that. To reverse the timeline here, when is the absolute time that we would have to say let's do something even in a pilot program? What is that timeline?

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Tera Klutz: Now. I feel it is a big change to add to everybody's job. We could do it with my department. My department is over \$1 million and is definitely worthy and has several functions. It is definitely worthy of the trial and I wouldn't need permission to do it.

Tom Harris: If you received word in March or April, is that too late to start the process?

Tera Klutz: Not for volunteers.

Tom Harris: It would give us the chance to evaluate, discuss and analyze and understand the scope of it.

Tera Klutz: Some budgets are already departmentalized or program function is already going to be easy. You would just have to spread overhead in there first. It needs to be looked at and studied to see who those departments might be. They would need to be willing to meet with us because it would take time to spread it out. It is a great management tool for them and so you want buy-in on why we would want to switch on this. It's so they could have information easily as they are making their decisions.

Roy Buskirk: Previous Councils, prior to my time, used to go through and look at every line. That is almost a zero budget.

Tera Klutz: Yes, it is.

Roy Buskirk: They would maybe cut \$25 off clothing allowance. They literally went through every line in each department's budget and cut a little bit here and a little bit there. Then when the four, Darren, Cal Miller, Paula Hughes and I, came on we looked at how much they had in other funds. It was like the Recorder had over \$1 million in a fund that was to keep records. That was to be able to microfilm, at that time, and so we would cut the Recorder's budget \$250,000 and tell them they needed to use money out of that account to make up the shortfall. We watched the accounts to see if they were stabilizing because we didn't want to draw them down too far. Most of the departments now don't have the funds when I first came on Council that they had. I think what Tera is proposing is that you would know different segments within a department and what kind of cost it is to the County to provide that type of service. There might even be the possibility that the cost ratio to the benefit if we should stop providing that service. Or, there is the possibility that we should go and privatize it and get the same service for less. There are different approaches that we need to look at. Larry.

Larry Brown: I think there is an important element of the transition that you just spoke about. When the fab four came onboard, there was a feeling at that point in time that there was a lot of micromanagement going on. The approach became we have Department Heads that are very capable and very well trained so let's allow them to manage their department. Instead of doing micromanagement in the form of a line-by-line budget review and analysis, it was more of a departmental budgeting and you allow the Department Head to manage their department.

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Tera Klutz: And we cut a lot. Everybody had an eight percent across the board cut plus other departments had severe cuts if they had funds. It was easier for the Council to say that everybody is getting cut and you just come back and tell me how you are going to do it.

Roy Buskirk: You are exactly right that it was micromanagement when you went through line-by-line. We felt, at that time, that the Department Head had a lot more knowledge in the department than what the Council members did. Let them decide where they are going to make the cuts.

Larry Brown: The important thing that I wanted to get across is that I don't think we are heading towards micromanagement in any way, shape or form. I do think there are other ways, the term zero budgeting or service budgeting is a better description than line-by-line budgeting. I have no interest in going through every department's line-by-line or item-by-item and analyze whether they need \$25 for pencils or \$30 for erasers.

Joel Benz: Neither do I but I think this is a good tool that they can maybe use for their departments.

Larry Brown: But I don't think that is micromanagement.

Joel Benz: I don't either.

Larry Brown: Okay.

Joel Benz: And nor would that be my intent to go that route.

Bob Armstrong: I think at the end of the day the ultimate goal of this Council should be that we need to cut down on the amount of rollover money at the end of each year. That should be our goal.

Roy Buskirk: Some of it is difficult because of personnel but I agree with you, Bob.

Bob Armstrong: Back in day, before the fab four came along, what was the rollover back then?

Tera Klutz: There is some history in the analysis that we provided. This year, we had the lowest amount of rollover P.O.'s if you don't count the \$4 million that we are about to pay for PERF, it just made sense for us to hold our cash a little longer, than we have had in at least ten years. A lot of that has to do with the Purchasing Department not allowing people to roll money over to a new budget year that they didn't have a contract or purchase for.

Roy Buskirk: Don't forget that part of this rollover that we have is because of PERF.

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Bob Armstrong: Right but go back four years back.

Roy Buskirk: I have no idea what it was.

Tom Harris: I can tell you that in the 1990's when I was the HR Director, we looked for big numbers and it seemed that it was the \$4 million number that we rolled over every year. That could be a memory problem and so we may need to go back and look at that. I agree with the concept that we are basically rolling that money over which is an argument that some of the budgets could possibly be reduced down. I also remember in the 1990's that we did go through several budgets and some of the Council members, I was not a member of Council but I sat at every Council session as the HR Director, and during those budget seasons we would go through line item-by-line item. At the end of the day, after all of those discussions, you didn't save very much at all. That could be for lots of reasons but the fact of the matter was that there just weren't efficiencies in doing it that way. They found that out and decided not to do that in the future.

Joel Benz: I think that bears more discussion but moving on to other liaison reports, I do want us to keep in mind, John McGauley kind of alluded to it when he was up here earlier, we are going to have to front the money for the court case and it is going to be a fairly expensive case. The Bisard case a couple of years ago was pretty expensive and they reimbursed us for that but it was in the next fiscal year and that is just something to keep in the back of our minds.

Tom Harris: I have a question just in terms of redevelopment. Redevelopment Commission may be coming before us with some thoughts on additional land. It might be good to have that group or the President of that group come and talk a little bit about their strategies and what they are going to be doing short term and what has happened in the last year. Bill and I had a chance to meet with the Sheriff and his staff yesterday on some things and he is looking at some initiatives that are going to be brought before Council in terms of some structures that he might want to build. He mentioned, in that discussion, the reimbursement from the State for Work Release individuals. The process is that if you are in Federal Prison and you get out of Federal Prison and you live in northern Indiana, you come through our Work Release and reintroducing the prisoner to society, they have to reimburse a certain amount. We are asking again, an increase from the Federal government and they have basically agreed to it but they haven't started it. What the Sheriff's Department told us yesterday, in the meeting, they are not sure why they have not made that happen yet but they also mentioned that the reimbursement for the assets that are collected during drug busts, the program by the Federal government has been put on hold. They are not reimbursing local governments, across the United States. They are hanging onto it at the Federal level.

Bill Brown: Reimbursing might not be the right term but they are not being allocated to the locals.

Tom Harris: So they are hanging onto that money and we are not sure why that is happening.

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Roy Buskirk: And obviously the local law enforcement has expenses.

Tom Harris: Bill and I will have the chance to continue to meet with the Sheriff and identifying areas that not only he needs but in areas where we can work together for more efficiency.

Roy Buskirk: Do you have anything, and I know Bob has been involved in this, on the dog training facility?

Tom Harris: As a matter of fact that is one of the items that we talked about a little bit. I think everything is a bit tentative, at this point. There are some things that they are proposing or beginning to discuss and that may be coming before us in the next couple of months.

Bill Brown: We can say that there is a collaborative effort and there might be some private sector involvement in it to help offset some of the cost.

Tom Harris: Just one piece with that is they said there is no major heating source where the dogs have been kept. The best heating source has been a light bulb. When it gets down to real cold temps, they have to pull the dogs out of there and do something else with the dogs. There is room for improvement and we need to fix that.

Roy Buskirk: I guess we are fortunate in a way that both the County and the City K-9 training facilities are terrible. Both of them have been investigating the possibility of building new and the coordination between the City and the County building one facility instead of having two.

Tom Harris: Councilman Armstrong has talked to both the City and the County and they may come before us in a couple of months or so.

Roy Buskirk: Bob, do you have anything to report?

Bob Armstrong: Nope.

Roy Buskirk: Bill.

Bill Brown: I had a brief conversation with the Highway Department about some collaborative efforts, perhaps, to stop the accumulation of debris on the bridges and turning to a bog contract to take the debris off. The City's Repair and Management which is managing the waterways and there may be some way to save some money in that area. It is very preliminary.

Roy Buskirk: You mean the logs and stuff that catches on the bridges.

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Bill Brown: Yes that stacks up against the State and County bridges. There is a pretty expensive cost going in with a crane and sometimes they get to a point where they are almost a dam when debris fills up for a long way. There is an initiative now to figure out how to maintain that over time. Bill Hartman has some ideas and the City's Repair Manager has some ideas. They are trying to come together on that and save some cost so everyone can benefit from it.

Roy Buskirk: I think currently it is all County cost.

Bill Brown: Some of the State bridges have State dollars that come into that.

Roy Buskirk: Sharon.

Sharon Tucker: No report. Parks has a meeting at 3:30.

Roy Buskirk: Larry.

Larry Brown: No report.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any comments from the public?

Bill Brown: Approval to waive the reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of January 21, 2016

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Roy Buskirk: All in favor please signify by saying aye. The motion passes 7-0.

Bill Brown: Move to adjourn.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Roy Buskirk: 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 10:06.