

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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8:30 AM

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, May 19, 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: Okay, Tera, the financial reports?

Tera Klutz: Sure.

Roy Buskirk: We could have the minutes first though.

Tera Klutz: Yes, go ahead.

Roy Buskirk: I think everyone has had the opportunity to review the minutes. Are there any additions or corrections?

Tom Harris: Move to approve the minutes from April 21, 2016.

Joel Benz: I can second that.

Roy Buskirk: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Bill Brown absent). Next is the financial report from Auditor Tera Klutz.

Tera Klutz: Good morning, Council. In your packet were the April 2016 financial statements. So far we are tracking right on schedule and have collected about 33% of our revenue. Also, the property taxes were collected and were due May 10th and the Treasurer is accumulating those amounts and getting ready to pass those over to our office to be distributed to the taxing

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units. We should get our first property tax advance this month and based on what was collected prior to May 10th and then we will settle up June 30th.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any questions on the financial report?

Larry Brown: Move to approve the financial reports.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Roy Buskirk: All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Bill Brown absent). Next is the unemployment rate, Nick.

Nick Jordan: Good morning, Council. On your agenda, you still see February and March. April will be released tomorrow or is supposed to be released tomorrow. Allen County is still at 5.3%, Indiana is 5.5% and the National is 5.1% for March.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any questions or comments? Today we have appropriation requests in the General Fund in the amount of \$3,086 and in Other Funds for \$1,249,144. Drug and Alcohol Consortium is first.

Joel Benz: I thought the Sheriff was first.

Becky Butler: No, the Sheriff is after Drug and Alcohol Consortium.

Roy Buskirk: You are good. Come on up.

Jerri Lerch: Good morning, Council. My name is Jerri Lerch and I am the Executive Director of the Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium. We are a coalition of 140 members and a variety of sectors. Justice is one of them and we file an annual comprehensive plan with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute that reflects the data and status here in Allen County and cross-sector planning. That allows us to come to you and seek appropriation from the local Drug Free Communities Fund. We conduct a request for proposal in March. In April, our Funding and Finance committees review that and our Board has approved our suggestions for funding out of this year's appropriation. According to statute, we are allowed to spend a quarter on maintaining the coalition and having the community convene. One-quarter goes to law enforcement or criminal justice; one-quarter to treatment or intervention and one-quarter to prevention. You should have received descriptions of those requests. I am happy to answer questions or provide more information.

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Tom Harris: I've got a couple of questions. One in terms of these numbers are similar to what you request on an annual basis?

Jerri Lerch: They are. We have seen declines over the last several years but essentially when the books close December 31st, whatever is in the fund is the basis of how we calculate our granting.

Tom Harris: Help me understand a little bit. One of the concerns that is in front of the Commissioners is the needle exchange program with the heroin concern and such. How have you changed your plans or programs to attack that issue? Are you coordinated with the Department of Health in that regard?

Jerri Lerch: We work actively with the Department of Health and Dr. McMahan. We sit on committees that help formulate some of the direction in the community dialogue. They sit on committees that we are involved with in other activities. This particular funding request does not address any of that. In the area of treatment and intervention, we essentially fund by scholarship half-way houses and treatment centers. People may have a heroin issue. The needle exchange program is relatively new.

Tom Harris: I understand that is a different kind of a program in terms of if we are asking the State to identify Allen County as an epidemic or what the terminology is going to be, what is it in your program that is attacking that same concern?

Jerri Lerch: Through the State agency, our report goes to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. That purpose is about reducing crime, for the most part. At the State level, the Department of Health is really interested in reducing the disease process. Our mission is to reduce the negative impact of drugs and alcohol especially for youth. Heroin is epidemic and is one of many. People don't start with heroin. Most of our efforts are about preventing people from ever getting to the heroin in the first place.

Tom Harris: So, have you been able to do that?

Jerri Lerch: We try real hard. We work with schools and youth-serving organizations and put a lot of education out in the community. I sit on a statewide panel on what our researched based evidence substantiated prevention programs. We are not just waving flags but actually paying attention to prevention signs about what we can do. Our goal is really about prevention.

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Tom Harris: Do you show trends on where these funds are actually reducing the use and such?

Jerri Lerch: We try but again, it is difficult. We try to research what young people and adults tell us what they are using or taking. It takes a long time to move a population's needle on how much reduction of heroin or other substances out there. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction has started to move their funding and approaches to multi-year approaches because it takes so long to really measure that on a really widespread basis. I don't really feel like I am answering as much as you would like. For one, there are no easy answers.

Tom Harris: I understand that. I guess the concern I would have is if all of these different funds are going to prevention...

Roy Buskirk: I think that is more in the Board of Health than it is with Jerri.

Tom Harris: I understand that but ultimately these kinds of things are supposed to reduce use and one of the things that I would like to understand is your measuring system. I will come back to you on that one.

Jerri Lerch: I would love to talk about that but let me say that the needle exchange program is very much about reducing harm reduction for health.

Tom Harris: I understand that.

Jerri Lerch: It is not a prevention measure.

Tom Harris: The fact that we are asking the State to say this is an epidemic in this area not only concerning from a citizen standpoint but also from an economic development and all of the signs that we are trying to sell northeast Indiana but at the same time going to the State and asking them to identify us and we have all this money that is supposed to be reducing the use of drugs in our community.

Jerri Lerch: Let me just say that we collect a lot of data among young people, college students and young adults with community surveys. We have people telling us what they are using and how much and we compare that to the State and National standards. In many areas, we are very much at or below State or National standards. Heroin is a single pocket, one unique feature. We collect data and address all of the substances.

Tom Harris: Thank you.

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Sharon Tucker: So, Jerri, I guess this is what Tom was trying to get to in a roundabout way but how do you know if you have been successful?

Jerri Lerch: I was on a conference call yesterday with IU-Bloomington and they told us we were being very successful with the pre and post-survey work that we do. On the odd years, we survey sixth through twelfth graders throughout the community and watch community wide trends. In 2015, we surveyed nearly 8,000 in Allen County alone. It is not a small effort. We work with all six colleges and universities and they have just completed their collegiate student reports about what they are doing and how often they do it. We watch those trend numbers. Additionally, the surveys that we get are tied to risk and protective factors and then we see where Allen County lies in percentile variance against the rest of the State. We look for all of those indicators and I would love to share that information and present that to you.

Sharon Tucker: Okay, thank you.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any more questions for Jerri? We need approval.

Joel Benz: I make a motion that we approve the appropriation in Drug Free Communities Fund 745 in the amount of \$176,131 for Program Grants.

Sharon Tucker: I second it.

Roy Buskirk: All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Bill Brown absent). Thank you. Sheriff, you are next.

Dave Gladieux: Dave Gladieux, Sheriff of Allen County. We have a request for consideration a salary ordinance to change the range of my Extra Deputy Hires. We are requesting from \$10 to \$40 and the reason is to stop the bleeding, if you will, with regards to my staffing in the nursing and medical department. This has been a struggle for quite some time, years in fact, to try and find people that want to come to work in the Jail. They would rather go to work in the big hospitals and make the big money. What I am trying to do here is get some part-time nursing and offer some hours there. To be competitive, I need the range changed to be able to pay them a fair salary.

Roy Buskirk: So this is primarily for nurses?

Dave Gladieux: That is the main reason I want to do this change.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any further questions?

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Tom Harris: I will move for consideration of a salary ordinance amending the pay for the Extra Deputy Hire for the Sheriff's Department, 100-0501-421.11-03, Jail 100-5201-421.11-03 and Work Release 100-5301-421.11-03 changing the range to \$10 to \$40.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Roy Buskirk: All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Bill Brown absent).

Dave Gladieux: Next on your list, and I don't really know how it got there, is the K-9 Training Facility. I can talk very briefly about it. There is really not a lot that's changed. I have one of my Deputy Chiefs working on the grant portion of this and my idea is to try to get \$250,000 from Council, \$250,000 from the Commissioners and I can pony up some money as well to try to do a matching-type grant. This would be through community grants and some organizations and a large company locally. The project is about \$1.2 million and the City of Fort Wayne has agreed to provide water and sewage to the facility. That is kind of their in-kind contribution of about \$160,000. We are hoping to get those down to where it is about \$1 million and do a 50/50 thing and get \$500,000 from the County and get the other \$500,000 from grants and get the project rolling. If you have any questions, I will answer them but I just wanted to bring you up to speed.

Roy Buskirk: Have you applied for any grants?

Dave Gladieux: We are in the process of it right now. There is a company that we have been in discussion with and they want to be involved. They just want to see what government is going to do before they decide how much they are going to give.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any other questions?

Tom Harris: Maybe just one comment. The need for that is based on your current structure but also the potential of relocating from where you are now.

Dave Gladieux: Yes, I am sorry I should have told you that. We are located on the Byron property that is eventually going to go away. The facility that we are currently in is dilapidated and basically it is about a 45-year-old garage. I wouldn't put my dog there.

Tom Harris: If we were to replace it right now or fix it, chances are that we are going to have to move it anyway. We need to be a little proactive for the future.

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Dave Gladieux: Absolutely. We are planning ahead.

Roy Buskirk: The site that you are looking at is on Adams Center?

Dave Gladieux: Yes. We won't have to purchase land or anything.

Tom Harris: The timeframe you think you will have the details and such back before the Council is when?

Dave Gladieux: I am hoping to get on the calendar for next month then and do an official ask from you and the Commissioners.

Roy Buskirk: Thank you. Back on the agenda, Economic Development is next.

Rachel Black: Rachel Black, Department of Planning. Today we have Kevin Thompson with Walmart. Blue Kingfisher is requesting approval of a Statement of Benefits located at 2150 West Pleasant Center Road. They are requesting an abatement of real and personal property and based on the point system, they are eligible for ten-year abatement. The investment that they are looking at is \$83 million. They will be constructing a 255,000 square foot new dairy facility. The equipment investment is about \$82 million. There are 151 new employees projected for the site. The salaries, they showed a couple of different things but ranges between \$40,000 and \$91,000 in different types of positions and full-time. Today you have for your consideration approving the Statement of Benefits and Kevin is here if you have any questions. This is an exciting project for Allen County.

Kevin Thompson: I want to offer my thanks to the Council and the County. Working with you guys, we have a great relationship. When we announced this project back in March, it was really the culmination of about eight months of work of looking at locations throughout the U.S. We narrowed it down to a handful of States, some bordering Indiana. I work out of Indianapolis and anytime I can bring a big logistics project to Indiana, it is always something that is exciting for me. I was really happy that we were able to locate this project in Allen County. I would be happy to answer any questions you have. I am guessing that you have seen the Statement of Benefits. From a timeline, we are close to finalizing the design and site plan and expect to begin construction later this year with an opening in Q3 or Q4 of 2017. That is as long as it doesn't slip because of weather or other factors. I appreciate all of your time and thought and would be happy to answer any questions.

Sharon Tucker: I have a question.

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Roy Buskirk: All right. Tom?

Tom Harris: I just wanted to say congratulations on your continued growth and thank you for selecting Allen County and the northeast Indiana area. I wanted to ask in terms of hiring, these will be new employees and not necessarily coming from other Walmart's but actually new employees.

Kevin Thompson: That is correct. This is the first dairy processing facility that we have in the U.S.

Tom Harris: Maybe you can talk a little bit about that as much as you can.

Kevin Thompson: When I got involved with this project, I was certainly not educated in the dairy space. This is going to be the biggest or one of the biggest dairy processing facilities in the U.S. It will be about 255,000 square feet. Other companies have dairy processing facilities but we don't and so this is all new to us. All of the Associates that will be at the facility will be all new and local hires. We are happy to work with any local job agencies or any other groups that you or others recommend as far as recruitment. Once we get to that phase, I would suspect that we will set up a recruitment site pretty close to the facility. That is our plan.

Tom Harris: The dairy that you are selecting will be regional? Not just Indiana?

Kevin Thompson: We are looking to source as much as we can from Indiana and working with the Department of Agriculture right now. We are in the early phases of talking with producers about sourcing. I expect more information will come on this as we finalize agreements. The plan is to keep it local as much as we can. We will be serving stores out-of-State and will be about 600 stores in Illinois, Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Indiana.

Tom Harris: All right.

Roy Buskirk: Do you have a question?

Sharon Tucker: I did but Tom really asked it. I was going to ask about the 150 people and how many of them will be staff that will be coming for training and such?

Kevin Thompson: There may be a few that we bring from the home office or from other facilities but by and large, 95% of these are going to be new jobs. We just don't have the existing skills to do this type of work. While we will

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have people in place to oversee it and integrate them into the company, by and large it will be a lot of outside hires.

Roy Buskirk: Okay. On these new jobs, how many will be exterior jobs like truck drivers and do you know the percentage of interior jobs?

Kevin Thompson: I believe the numbers we have, which is 151, will be located inside the facility. Some will be doing the engineering or warehouse type work. As far as the truck driver positions, I believe the number is about 100. We have gone back and forth on this as to whether we are doing internal hiring for drivers or third party. I think they settled on third party. We are still working through that.

Joel Benz: I have one brief question. We have had a lot of internal discussion on how we can attract project like yours to our community. Can you touch briefly on what lead you to select here. I know you said you are an Indiana person but particularly Fort Wayne?

Kevin Thompson: For us the biggest thing, whether for this project or in general, it had to do with the transportation, the infrastructure, the cost and is the same thing you guys hear from different companies. When we were looking at some of the neighboring States, one of the bigger factors that really worked towards Indiana's advantage is that we have had a lot of good projects with the IEDC. We have a high level of comfort with the current administration of the IEDC and prior IEDC folks and has been a really a good State to do business with on a project like this. When you factor all of that in plus the dairy component, which Indiana and a few other States are strongly situated in the progressive dairy industry, it made sense and narrowed it down to three States for us. From a location standpoint, we can service 600 stores from a number of different States if you were to draw a radius where you can ship it in a certain time but it just came down to a comfort level with all things being equal. Also, when you look at some of the different taxes and costs and expenses, Indiana is a pretty low cost State to do business with. When you are looking for return on your capital, it was one of the considerations for sure.

Joel Benz: Thank you.

Roy Buskirk: Do you have a question?

Sharon Tucker: Yes. The city girl in me is going to come out with the comments that I am going to make. You will be a dairy distributor and will we expect to see an increase in farms with cows to feed into you?

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Kevin Thompson: This is where my ignorance of the dairy business will show. In my conversations with the Department of Agriculture, they believe the existing herds can satiate what our needs are. We are going to be big and once you have someone coming into this space, it will probably create a ripple effect. It could lead to some lesser performing herds increasing their standards or new interest into the market. DOA would probably be able to give you a more insightful answer but that is my paraphrasing of the answers that I have gotten from them.

Roy Buskirk: There is a surplus of the milk in Indiana. We ship a lot of it to Cincinnati and Kroger is the buyer down there. Some also goes to Wisconsin. We do export a lot of milk from Indiana and this would give us a local delivery. The Federal government sets the price of milk depending on transportation and everything. The formula is quite difficult to figure out.

Sharon Tucker: It could have a ripple effect for our farmers to increase their stocks. Good for you.

Kevin Thompson: Thank you.

Larry Brown: Quick question. Can you briefly describe your distribution to what geographic area of Walmart facilities?

Kevin Thompson: It is going to be serving 600 Walmart's and Sam's Clubs. The geography will be Ohio, Northern Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. We will only be servicing Walmart stores and no other companies.

Larry Brown: Thank you.

Tom Harris: Just one other question. Rachel, in terms of the total salaries, I was trying to find that.

Rachel Black: It was on their application and on the SB-1 it shows \$23.70 per hour. On the application, it was delegating each out.

Nick Jordan: If you go to page 39 of 84, it shows the full-time jobs and the breakdown.

Tom Harris: I was looking for the total and couldn't find it.

Rachel Black: Under management it listed 21 at a salary range between \$60,000 and \$250,000 with an average of \$91,000. Production associates were 90 at \$40,000. Maintenance techs were 40 at \$55,000. The truck drivers are not included based on the third party.

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Tom Harris: Yeah and what I was looking at was the \$83 million investment and how much salaries annually but that is okay. With that I would move for...another question? Okay.

Roy Buskirk: You made a comment that you didn't figure in the truck drivers?

Rachel Black: We didn't.

Roy Buskirk: On the number of employees or wages?

Rachel Black: For the additional number of employees because they are looking at third party and it wouldn't be included in those.

Roy Buskirk: Okay. Tom.

Tom Harris: I will move for consideration of a resolution approving the Statement of Benefits for Blue Kingfisher, LLC located at 2150 West Pleasant Center Road.

Joel Benz: Second.

Roy Buskirk: All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. The Treasurer is next.

Bill Royce: Good morning, Council. William Royce, Chief Deputy Treasurer. I am here this morning seeking allocation of \$1,045 to purchase a copier for the Teller area of our office. If you have been to our office, you can see that the Tellers are in a raised platform that is walled in and has a locked gate and is segregated from the rest of the office. This is for security reasons. The copier that we had up there was a used one that used to be our main copier and was no longer functioning for that purpose and so we put it up there. The one previous to that was a used copier from another department. Finally, this one died and parts are no longer available. We looked for another used copier but we have exhausted that supply. Purchasing helped us to locate this tabletop copier that would work well for the needs of the Tellers. This has been part of our strategic plan but always with the caveat that we would use a used one if possible and run it until it didn't run anymore. The copier has a manufacture resale of \$1,895 and with discounts and rebates, it takes off \$900. The purchase price is \$995 with a \$50 service agreement. The only other anticipated cost, of course, is paper and toner which I have budget for but I don't have a line for copiers. We come this morning seeking that.

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Bill Brown: I have met with Mr. Royce and I think it is an appropriate purchase.

Roy Buskirk: This is one of the capital expenditures that we have set aside in the Council's line items, is that correct?

Tera Klutz: Yes.

Roy Buskirk: This is some of the strategic planning that we do in the County. Are there any other questions?

Bill Brown: I will make a motion to approve the reduction in the County Council General Fund for Other Capital in the amount of \$1,045 and the appropriation in the Treasurer's General Fund for \$1,045 for Office and Computer Equipment.

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.

Bill Royce: Thank you very much.

Roy Buskirk: Next is Cooperative Extension.

Vickie Hadley: Good morning, Vickie Hadley with the Health and Human Sciences Educator and County Extension Director for Purdue Extension. I am here to request equipment. Last year, when I did the budget I put in the capital request to begin replacing all of the office chairs for our staff. This is to be done at three per year for the next four years. I contacted Purchasing about the procedure to work through that and they indicated to me to go ahead and get a quote. I did that from Ideal Office and returned the quote back to them and we got comparisons from ABM and Seely Office. Ideal Office was the least expensive offer. We did find that since we have no carpet, we have tile on concrete, and most office chairs are made for carpet. When they brought the chairs out for my staff to try them out, the casters scooted them out from underneath them and they said that we would need to change the casters to make it a safe product. We also asked that they put in the higher quality cylinders because all of the chairs we have now have had the cylinders replaced at least once. We said to start out with them beefed up so that we can get them to last a little bit longer. I am here to get approval from you so that we can go ahead and place the order.

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Sharon Tucker: I would like to add too that we did talk about it and their chairs are in need of replacement. I think this is a wise investment as opposed to paying for Workers Compensation claims.

Roy Buskirk: Oh, sneaky. I do have a question on this. You got the bid from where?

Vickie Hadley: Ideal Office.

Roy Buskirk: Was that through the County Purchasing Department?

Vickie Hadley: What we did was go to them and asked them what they recommended that I do. Ideal Office is one of the companies that the County works with and so I started with them. They took that to the other two companies to ask for a comparison.

Roy Buskirk: Okay. That surprises me a little bit. I thought County Purchasing did all of the leg work and purchasing on it. Anyhow, are there any further questions?

Sharon Tucker: I will make a motion to appropriate reduction in County Council General Fund in the amount of \$1,283 and appropriate in Cooperative Extension General Fund \$1,283 for Furniture and Fixtures.

Larry 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.

Vickie Hadley: Thank you.

Roy Buskirk: Next is NIRCC.

Dan Avery: My name is Dan Avery, Executive Director of the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council. I have Kyle Quandt with me and she is the Principle Planner with a specialty in Environmental Science. We are here to request appropriation in The Northeast Indiana Water Trails Fund 856. This is a new initiative for NIRCC to venture into and promote water quality and initially we are doing that through trying to enhance recreational activities. Kyle has a taskforce of water advocates and looking for ways we can identify and fund locations for new launch sites. We are working on a water trails program and trying to find ways to improve recreational activity knowing that if we can do that on our water system, it will promote folks' interest in improving the water quality. That has regional benefits for all of

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us. The initial request is for \$7,800. I guess I should say that to date, as of yesterday, we have \$5,250 in the fund and have another \$1,500 pledged and anticipate making up any of the additional funding prior to expenditure. We will not spend money down until we have it and I am pretty sure there are friends at the table to make sure that we don't do that. Again, this is something new for us. We worked with the Commissioners to set up this fund a few months ago and have been getting various contributions from both private and kind of semi-public sector firms and contributions from individuals. Again, our main objective is to promote water quality and water safety within the region. We think there are economic benefits and sustainability benefits to the different communities within the region through the promotion of this project. With that I will open it up for questions.

Bill Brown: I was at a presentation about the rivers in downtown Fort Wayne and the folks were talking about fishing. It was amazing to me the quality of fish that they are catching in the rivers. It was Northern Pike, Small Mouth Bass, Large Mouth Bass, Crappie and they even said they caught a Muskie and he was a professional fisherman. These were large fish and a pretty aggressive quantity. It was quite impressive that it was the case. I think there will be more and more opportunities for recreation especially some of the initiatives that have taken place. I realize that this is Northeast Indiana that you are talking about but are there any particular sites that they are talking about at this point or is it just too early in the beginning?

Dan Avery: Sites for?

Bill Brown: You mentioned something about ramps.

Dan Avery: Ramps or launch sites, Kyle do you want to talk about that?

Kyle Quandt: We are currently working with or facilitating DNR the boat access program to meet up with various communities on installing new access sites. County Highway and them are working together right now on a new launch site at Mayhew on the St. Joe River at the old bridge site. We are talking about working with other communities to find spots. We have done an inventory of all of the navigable rivers in Northeast Indiana and have identified 32 additional sites of land that is publicly owned. It is just a matter of facilitating that through the DNR access program.

Bill Brown: That's great.

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Tom Harris: Specifically, I am trying to get my head around this but can you be more specific in terms of what these funds will be used for. I am still trying to understand that a little bit.

Dan Avery: The main piece is the production of maps that depict the water features where you can safely put a boat or kayak or canoe in. Potential hazards along the way and so it is a way to facilitate usage of the system. That is probably the biggest cost out of this. Making waterproof maps, and we will make some regular paper maps as well but if we don't make waterproof maps, they are not going to be very sustainable.

Tom Harris: Okay, so it is literally that promotional kind of material.

Dan Avery: It is.

Tom Harris: Okay, thank you.

Roy Buskirk: Are you done, Tom?

Tom Harris: Yes.

Larry Brown: Since we are all becoming more and more electronic, if you create a map will it be available electronically and have you thought about how you will make the public aware that it is available?

Kyle Quandt: That is our next step after these maps are produced. We want to start a website that will be interactive. It will have up-to-date information and you can go there on that particular day and see if it is safe to be out. People can post that they have been out on Cedar Creek and noticed that a tree has fallen at such and such a place. That will cost money and so it is our next step. We have a QR code that will be on the maps and take you to the website and we will also put up interpretive signage at the access sites and they will have the QR code. We are working with area outfitters as well and who rent the canoes and kayaks and they will have all of that information available.

Larry Brown: Thank you.

Roy Buskirk: Where is this money coming from? You want to take \$5,050 out of Printing or do you want to put that into Printing and where is that money coming from.

Dan Avery: Currently, as the sponsorships and donations are coming in, they are being placed into the Water Trail Fund 856. We have not established any

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line items yet and that is what we are asking to do today to have that money appropriated out of that fund for Printing, Contractual and some Promotional Cost. The money coming in is from sponsorships, from some small grants for \$1,000 or \$500 dollars and donations. Also there are some contributions from folks that promote, advocate or have an interest in the water trail system.

Roy Buskirk: Okay, thank you. Are there any more questions?

Bill Brown: I will make a motion to approve for Department 49, NIRCC, for the appropriation in the Northeast Indiana Water Trails Fund 856 for Printing, Contractual and Promotional in the amount of \$7,800.

Larry 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 Youth Services.

Chris Dunn: Good morning, Chris Dunn with Youth Services Center. I am asking for a change in our salary ordinance that the Extra Deputy Hire range from \$6 to \$20 and I would like it increased to \$6 to \$28 an hour. This request is based on a part-time nurse position and is very similar to the Sheriff's Department. I do ask that this change be retroactive to April 25, 2016. We already have a person in the position and would like to correct a mistake that we made.

Tom Harris: What kind of mistake?

Chris Dunn: Our salary ordinance wasn't wide enough for what we hired the person for.

Bill Brown: Quick question on the \$6 an hour. How does that work? It is not minimum wage.

Chris Dunn: That is our range and we don't pay anyone that low.

Roy Buskirk: I wondered the same thing, Bill. Why don't you up it?

Chris Dunn: Okay. That is fine. You can approve to up it from \$10 to \$28 an hour.

Bill Brown: Or at the very least, minimum wage.

Roy Buskirk: That is \$7.50, right? IS \$7.50 minimum wage?

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Tom Harris: I think it is \$7.35.

Roy Buskirk: Last of the big spenders, let's go for \$7.50.

Chris Dunn: It was that low because we had paid intern positions in the past.

Roy Buskirk: I don't want the press or anything getting hold of it that the County is paying less than the minimum wage. Is there any further discussion?

Bill Brown: I will make a motion for Department 54, Youth Services Center to approve the consideration of a salary ordinance amending the pay for the Extra Deputy Hire from a range of \$6 to \$20 to a range of minimum wage to \$28 an hour or \$7.50 to \$28 and retroactive to April 25, 2016.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Tom Harris: Just a point of question, I guess. You mentioned minimum wage and you also said \$7.50.

Bill Brown: It was mentioned at \$7.50 but I would just as soon leave it at minimum wage whatever that might be. I think if we are going to be at that low in the level, it should be minimum wage.

Tom Harris: Okay. That will give the Youth Services Center Director an opportunity to talk to HR a little bit more about that process.

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: Good morning, Council members. I am John McGauley, Court Executive for Allen Superior Court. We are here to ask you for \$758 for a scanner for Judge David Avery's Court Reporter. There was a change in State law that became effective at the beginning of 2015 that would allow a Judge to grant specific driving privileges back to someone who has had their license suspended so they can drive to work or drive to school or things like that. Judge Avery's Court Reporter takes all of those applications and there is a certain timeliness element where she has to get those scanned and to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. She gets a surprising number of those upwards of fifty times a week. They are seven to ten pages apiece and so she is scanning about 500 pages a week trying to get those delivered quickly to the BMV. Right now, since it is a fairly new task, she is just going to wherever there is an available scanner elsewhere on the floor. Since she is Judge Avery's only employee, we would like to keep her at her desk. We are asking your

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permission to get the same one that is used many places elsewhere in the County and the Courts for the Accounts Payable system. We know it is a good device and will last her a long time.

Joel Benz: I would also like to point out that there is a time component in this. She has to get this done so they can move on to the next step.

John McGauley: Correct. What she is doing now is saving them up and when there is a break in activity, Judge Avery is obviously busy as all of our Judges are, and she will take several packets to wherever there is an open scanner. I think everyone that is involved would like to get those to the BMV as we receive them.

Joel Benz: This would make her more efficient and more receptive to the community when they come in.

John McGauley: Exactly.

Joel Benz: If there are no other questions, I will make the motion for Superior Court, Department 62, for an appropriation reduction in County Council General Fund for \$758 in Other Capital and an appropriation in Office and Computer Equipment for the amount of \$758.

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. Next is Highway.

Kim Yagodinski: Good morning, Council. I am Kim Yagodinski, Finance and Personnel Manager.

Mike Thornson: Mike Thornson, Engineer with the Highway Department.

Kim Yagodinski: We are here to ask for an appropriation of dollars in the CREDIT Fund. These are primarily reimbursements that have come back from Federal projects and cost-sharing projects. Some of the dollars in this particular group came from Hometown as they are participating in the sharing on the Gump Road project. Some of the dollars that are coming back are from Economic Development and they are participating in the Ryan-Bruick Road project. We also have dollars coming back from the City of Fort Wayne on the Diebold Road project. We have about \$1,065,213 and that is what we are asking for this morning.

Bill Brown: I have talked with Highway and everything is in order.

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Roy Buskirk: Are there any questions?

Tom Harris: A quick update on the Bass Road and what is underway and timeframes and such. I think it was \$30 million or something.

Mike Thornson: The total project is about \$40 million and is over 4½ miles and we have split it into four phases. The first phase should be bid this fall, in September, running from Hadley Road to the east side of I-69. There will be construction of two roundabouts, two bridges and the total construction cost is estimated to be \$8.7 million. Of course, 80% of that is Federal money.

Tom Harris: So this project is really just getting started.

Mike Thornson: It has been underway for quite a while in Engineering and Right-of-Way. The construction is about to begin.

Tom Harris: Four years to complete?

Mike Thornson: For all four phases, we are looking into 2022 perhaps.

Tom Harris: And presently in the County.

Mike Thornson: Yes, all in the County.

Roy Buskirk: Usually, Tom, you figure about five years when you decide to do a road project and you start the environmental requirements. Then you have the engineering and then the right-of-way and then you get into construction.

Tom Harris: I guess that was my subtle hint about Flutter Road and the agreement that we need to move on for Bass Road. I assume that is in place.

Mike Thornson: We do have an agreement for Bass Road, yes.

Tom Harris: All right, thank you.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any other questions?

Bill Brown: I will make a motion for Department 72, Highway for the appropriation in County CEDIT Fund 329 for Bass Road in the amount of \$1,062,213.

Tom Harris: Second.

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Roy Buskirk: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. Thank you. I will just turn it over to the Auditor.

Tera Klutz: In your packet is a resolution that outlines how the fiscal body would like to handle the special distribution from Senate Enrolled Act 67 and the 2016 Legislative session. The State Board of Accounts has given guidance and that is Exhibit A in the resolution. Basically their guidance is for the 75% will go into a special fund that can only be used for roads, infrastructure some bridges and a few other things that were outlined in the resolution. The remaining part of the special distribution may be used for any lawful purpose. Instead of just sticking that into the Rainy Day Fund or the General Fund, the State Board of Accounts allows you to stick it into a home rule fund created by the County. Why we are recommending that you do that is because this is one of three types of revenue sources that can be used for the local infrastructure matching program that INDOT just started with this grant for tax units to improve their infrastructure.

Joel Benz: And that is a dollar-for-dollar match, correct?

Tera Klutz: Yes. We just wanted to make it cleaner if Council would choose to use the money for that match, the integrity of the funds we can prove where it came from and be eligible for the match. It doesn't limit you to spending the money or the match. You can still use it for any purpose. The Commissioners will be the administrators of the fund but it will still require appropriation from Council. If you approve the resolution today, the Commissioners are going to consider the creation of the fund tomorrow at their legislative meeting.

Tom Harris: Remind me how much was going in there. I thought you told us that last month.

Tera Klutz: The full distribution is a little over \$5 million with approximately \$4 million, which is 75%, going into a designated line for infrastructure and roads. The remaining 25%, which I believe is about \$1.3 million will go into the newly created fund.

Bill Brown: I will make a motion to approve Council Resolution 2016-05-19-02 to account for the special income tax distribution under SEA 67-2016.

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.

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Tera Klutz: Nick is passing out the draft of the 2017 Budget Timeline and he is going to go over it when he gets back to his seat. We just wanted to get you guys something to start the process.

Nick Jordan: It is very similar to prior years but updated for the current dates in 2016. Anticipate coming to the regular meeting in June to discuss the initial, very early, revenue and expense projections. That is kind of the basis for the pre-allocation questionnaire. In years past we have collaborated over the questionnaire that we send to departments and they send back the responses to it. There are four or five questions which we will send out prior to the meeting and then go over it on June 16th. The departments should respond back by July 5th. That information will be summarized for the July meeting and July is when Council historically determines what the General Fund Department's allocations will be. We then send those to the departments July 22nd. At the regularly scheduled meeting August 18th, is one new step replacing the non-binding review. If you remember in years past, the non-binding review that you did for the Townships has changed. Now, the DLGF is going to send out estimates of what the max levy is, essentially the tax dollars so to speak, then the estimated Circuit Breaker credits. Your first meeting in August, which is your regularly scheduled meeting, you are to review those and request any representatives of the taxing units come if you would like them to. Alternately, if they decide to come on their own, you should give them the time to speak if they would like to. If you want to make a formal recommendation, you can do that but otherwise we are statutorily required to send out the minutes showing the discussion that ensued. This kind of takes the place of the non-binding review process that was performed in years past. That happens at the August 18th meeting. August 19th is when the departments send back their actual 2017 budgets and we will compile that summary by Friday, September 2nd, the Auditor's Office. At the regular September meeting, the Council will discuss what the departments have remitted for their 2017 budget and you will hear appeals if there are some. In October, Council will finally adopt the budget.

Joel Benz: My only question on this is because of the change in the non-binding review stuff, I guess we will wait until it is a little closer to know what we are dealing with from those units in order to request them to come to the meeting or not?

Nick Jordan: No matter what, statutorily at the August 18th meeting, you have to. Even if a unit doesn't have any budget information, because they are not required to submit that one-page summary of their estimated budget and tax rate, tax levy.

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Joel Benz: It says you invite them.

Nick Jordan: You can invite them if you want to but it says “you may request”. Otherwise, they can come if they want and similar to the non-binding review, they didn’t have to come here. Very rarely did anyone ever come. The alternative is the binding which is the Airport, Southwest Fire District and the Solid Waste District. The Library could fall into that bucket if they meet certain thresholds but other than that those three are the ones that you usually adopt with our budget.

Joel Benz: Okay, thanks.

Nick Jordan: As the time gets closer, we will be sure to provide more information and give up-to-date details so you can decide if you want to specifically invite tax units. I can’t guarantee what information they will have at the time.

Roy Buskirk: You said they don’t have to turn in a budget?

Nick Jordan: No, that is gone. That was the non-binding review. Remember that even the stuff that was turned in was advertised numbers and may have been astronomically high compared to what they adopt. They are still going to do the budget at a later date but August 18th the only numbers you will have is what the DLGF is going to send you. It is essentially their max levy and what the estimated the estimated Circuit Breaker credits for 2017.

Roy Buskirk: They still have to provide that information.

Nick Jordan: The DLGF is providing that.

Roy Buskirk: So the local unit doesn’t even have to...

Nick Jordan: No.

Roy Buskirk: Very good.

Tera Klutz: The local unit will have to participate with the DLGF. The DLGF will ask about debt or any other levy appeals. The DLGF will now do all of that communication process upfront with the units in order to get somewhat of a reasonable estimate of what their max levies will be.

Roy Buskirk: That is about the first item in fourteen years on the Council that the Auditor has less to do. Everything else has been piling it on.

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Tera Klutz: Yes.

Larry Brown: I have a question. Since we have such a wide variety in our Townships, some of which the largest purchase they ever have is a fire truck, if there is an appeal that may or may not be related to an upcoming large purchase clarify when they would appeal if an appeal is appropriate? Would it be later than this August date?

Tera Klutz: Hopefully, they would know if they were planning to appeal their max levy. There are certain things they can do to appeal their max levy like growing too fast but I think they have eliminated the ability to appeal for unique special buildings and special purposes. I think all of those have been eliminated from the law. Now if the Township Assistance kind of goes through the roof, I think you can make an appeal for something like that. As those governing bodies are considering those appeals would be the summertime and they would consider it. They are not due by the time that we need to, by law, review them for this meeting. They are required to be advertised. Anytime a unit would like to increase their levy, it has to part of the advertisement through the Gateway system. The public has a right to be heard on that and will have a chance to speak at their public hearing. This is a new process for the DLGF to try to gather all of this information ahead of time and try to gather all of the levies and try to put them in this program and spit out and maybe get what units will actually have to operate with in the future year. Max levy is just a figment of our imagination. Once we apply that to a tax bill, we will never collect it because the tax caps cut it off. They are trying to arrive at a truer picture of what all the tax units will have to operate. That is the picture they want to show to County Councils when you make these recommendations. This will be the first summer and fall that we try this and I am really anxious to see how much the tax units will know if they are going to appeal and how much they will cooperate with the DLGF because that will depend on how good the information is that they pass us August 1st.

Roy Buskirk: Are there any further discussions? Keep me posted when we are sending out letters that I need to sign.

Nick Jordan: Yes, sir, we will collaborate with you in that regard. This is from Council.

Roy Buskirk: Right. I guess if push comes to shove, the Vice President can sign it?

Nick Jordan: Yes.

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Roy Buskirk: Okay.

Nick Jordan: There wasn't a formal signature on those in years past. We help draft it and the whole Council reviewed it at the June meeting and then it is kind of a collaborative agreement and then we send it out.

Roy Buskirk: Other discussion Tera, are you at liberty to mention anything about the Southwest Fire District?

Tera Klutz: I am not at liberty to really talk about the details but I will say that the City and I have a great working relationship. The nature of the claim kind of surprised me however we continue to still work together. The Southwest Fire District has been on our radar for at least three years. At this point, maybe the City is looking for a new interpretation.

Roy Buskirk: So your great relationship, are you referring to the City or the Southwest Fire District?

Tera Klutz: Both.

Roy Buskirk: Okay. Any reports of upcoming meetings that we need to be aware of?

Bill Brown: I attended the NIRCC Open House recently and it was very well done. It was very informative and they had all the representatives. It was similar to the County Night Out model with a number of representatives there. It was an Open House for the public and I think it was very well attended. As we talk about people wanting more information having that out to the public was to help us learn more.

Roy Buskirk: Is everybody familiar with what NIRCC does? Do you think they would be a good department to come and explain what they do?

Tom Harris: Any department that can provide more information is always a good idea. That might be something for the future.

Roy Buskirk: It is a little unusual department because it has quite a bit of Federal funding and it covers multiple Counties. It is a little unique.

Bill Brown: They can obviously talk better to it than I can but this Open House had all of the various entities there. They are the Northeast Indiana Coordinating Council coordinating all of the transportation throughout Northeast Indiana and trail et cetera. It is an update on various projects based on their 2035 plan. That was an interesting feature this morning about

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this whole water trails scenario and activating more of these public access to rivers and creeks. It is nice to see those sources of assets being put on stage for more usage.

Roy Buskirk: They get involved not only with roads but with trails and they also get involved with old buildings like railroad terminals in some of the small towns. I think they just did the one up at Garrett. I think they are working on the one in Decatur now. They have their fingers in a lot of different things and I think it might be interesting to hear from Dan.

Bill Brown: One other thing. This morning I attended a meeting that was put on by KPC Media regarding generations and talking about Boomers and Millennials and Generation Z. Those are the folks that are about 20 and born around 1996. The reason that is important for us to look at and understand is the generational differences that are in place. Workforce development, we all know that County Council formed the RDA which started the whole Regional Cities Initiative. The RDA will receive more money over time from the State and I don't think anybody anticipates that going away. We know that the overarching goal of all of this is the Road to a Million and attracting and retaining more people. This morning's meeting was very interesting because you talk about Generation Z and they are the people who want to stay in their community rather than leave. As we move forward, attraction and attention I think is more important for us to understand as much as we can about how that dynamic works. In the morning's paper, Michael Hicks had an article about an economic development conference that is taking place at Ball State which I think is going to be June 7th. I can send this to anybody that might be interested. But interestingly enough, this has to do with early childhood learning. They are discovering that this pipeline of people, the more we can prepare the work force for the future, the better off we are. Sort of in the realm that the best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago and the next best time is today. As this new generation comes forward, it is going to be critical that we pay attention to and how we attract and retain the new folks. That might be something if anybody is interested in me sending this to them. Or you can see it in the Journal Gazette or the News Sentinel. It was in last night's paper. We know, at the end of the day, workers pay the taxes that fund County government.

Tom Harris: Just a reminder that on June 18th is the Indiana County Council meeting. Is that correct? Is that being held at the same location?

Sharon Tucker: Shelbyville.

Roy Buskirk: Down at the Casino?

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Tom Harris: Yeah. Is that before the next Council meeting?

Nick Jordan: No, the next Council meeting is June 16th.

Tom Harris: I will bring it up next month.

Larry Brown: If you are going to go, you need to get your reservation in.

Sharon Tucker: I just want to let everybody know the Extension is having their 150 Gala this Saturday. One hundred, I am sorry. Also, last night at the ACJC meeting, they were awarded a \$49,000 grant because of the great job they are doing with JDAI. They are being recognized by the State and because of that they will be getting additional funding.

Roy Buskirk: This program is the fact of housing fewer. They went on a scoring system on what the crime is, if they have a weapon and it is all on a point system. If they incarcerate them or not and they have been able to reduce the number of incarcerations quite a bit.

Sharon Tucker: Right.

Roy Buskirk: That is what part of this program is. Also Bill, following up with you talking about child development, they are trying to work with younger children and getting them started on the right track and I think I have mentioned it before but one of the things with education is the student becomes dissatisfied with the classroom work and everything because they cannot read. This is one of the emphases they are doing.

Bill Brown: In that regard, I did have an opportunity to meet with Judge Heath and I think he has been meeting with Council members regarding his initiatives that he wants to advance at ACJC. I anticipate we will have a presentation from him, at some point.

Roy Buskirk: Okay, is that it? Is there any public comment?

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 May 19, 2016.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

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

Tom Harris: Move to adjourn.

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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 9:50.