

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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8:30 AM

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, October 26, 2017 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, budget approval, grants and any other business to come before Council.

Attending: Robert A. Armstrong, Joel M. Benz, Larry L. Brown, Justin T. Busch, Tom A. Harris and Eric M Tippmann. Sharon L. Tucker was absent

Also Attending: Nick Jordan, Auditor; and Jackie Scheuman, Finance and Budget Director.

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

Larry Brown: Good morning everyone. First on the agenda is the approval of the September 21, 2017 meeting minutes. Are there any additions or corrections?

Tom Harris: Move to approve the minutes from September 21, 2017.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent). Next is the financial report from Auditor Nick Jordan.

Nick Jordan: Good morning, Council. I won't go into too much detail right now but can take some questions. The Miscellaneous Revenue is still trending above on year-to-date. At the end of this meeting we will adopt the 2018 budget. If you have any questions on Miscellaneous Revenue, I can take them now or later.

Larry Brown: No concerns and no surprises.

Nick Jordan: No. There are a couple that I had mentioned previously that are trending quite above their estimates and history, care of the prisoners because of population and the Commissioners have sold 113 Berry Street. That was almost \$800,000.

Larry Brown: Council, I wonder if we should begin to be aware of the monthly average prisoner count. It's just so we have an idea of what is coming. I think we all know what's coming but there could be a pretty large hit.

Jackie Scheuman: We get that information daily.

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Tom Harris: That might be something that we talk through or at least be aware of on a monthly basis.

Nick Jordan: We can get you on the distribution list.

Larry Brown: That would be great. Are there any questions or comments?

Joel Benz: I will make the motion that we approve the financial report as presented.

Tom Harris: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent). Today we have requests out of the General Fund in the amount of \$60,000 and from Other Funds for \$539,525. At this time, I will open it up to public comment. Is there anyone who has a comment to make before Council? I see no one rushing to the table and so we will move on. Next is Economic Development.

Elissa McGauley: Good morning, Council, I am Elissa McGauley, Director of Redevelopment in the Allen County Department of Planning Services. I will let the gentlemen to the right of me introduce themselves.

Doug Kinder: I am Doug Kinder with Michael Kinder and Sons.

Alan Tio: Alan Tio, also with Michael Kinder and Sons.

Elissa McGauley: For Council's consideration this morning, you have a resolution approving a Statement of Benefits for PB Development, LLC. PB Development has been working with the Allen County Commissioners and the Department of Planning Services for several months now. Last year, PB purchased almost 8.8 acres of the northwest corner of Fogwell Parkway and Lafayette Center Road. They had it rezoned from agricultural to General Industrial. Through their broker, they approached the County back in August with a development proposal seeking support for their project. They plan to construct a 100,000 square foot speculative/shell building. The company plans to invest \$5.2 million in the first phase of construction. They anticipate spending several million dollars more in finishing out the building once a tenant has been identified. The County Commissioners have agreed to provide reimbursement of the interest portion of the carrying cost of the building up to four years. They are also supporting PB in the pursuit of property tax phase-in from this body. The deduction schedule that is being proposed has the first three years at 100% followed by declining percentage in the years four through ten. This deduction schedule was developed back in 2014 as part of a matrix that we used to determine the type and amount of assistance that we could provide to shell speculative buildings. In the packet that we submitted to this body, we enclosed a copy of that matrix showing how we figure that out. Based on the schedule, the estimated property tax savings over that time period is over \$600,000. If you have any questions, the gentlemen can talk about the project and what they are seeing so far.

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Tom Harris: You might to talk a little bit about the project and that would be grateful.

Alan Tio: Sure. Thank you for the invitation to be here. I recently joined MKS as an Economic Developer and this partnership really helps to bring together a public and private partnership to address a lack of high quality, new construction available buildings. It is something that we have seen as an economic development tool used throughout Indiana and the Midwest. As we can look at the momentum it is building is to look to help companies expand here. That is the high level of the project. We are anxious to work with the County, with our economic development partners and utilities to help identify and recruit in companies that would expand our existing targets that we are growing in. It is a unique partnership and I understand this may be the first speculative building undertaken in unincorporated Allen County. If there are questions about the building, I will turn those over to our owner, Doug Kinder.

Tom Harris: Maybe just start out with the fact that this is one of the first times, we have purchased property in the past, but from an economic development standpoint it is not enough these days to have property ready to go. Now, the new trend in economic development is to have the building ready to go.

Elissa McGauley: And I would say that in this case, because of the lack of available buildings, it has become more and more of an issue.

Tom Harris: Some might question that there are a lot of buildings around that are vacant but from the standpoint that this is located adjacent to or across from GM puts it in ... from a County's perspective it is relatively low in that we think this is going to be successful.

Elissa McGauley: Obviously, it is next to General Motors and also across the street from our industrial park, Stonebridge Business Park. It is an area where we still anticipate much growth and with the near completion of Lafayette Center Road, it is going to bring more traffic that way. It will bring more interest from the manufacturing side as well as the logistic side.

Alan Tio: On the question of risk, it is a great point. This partnership is really about helping to mitigate risk from the County taking the lead on a project like this or a developer taking a lead on this and helping to come together. Also, the point about companies looking for spec buildings is their opportunity to reduce risk to be able to get into production and utilize a building as soon as possible. I think from all sides, this is a way to reduce risk.

Tom Harris: If this was an employer that was building this facility, we would be having the same discussion.

Elissa McGauley: We would have the same discussion but it gives them a jump of several months by being able to get into that building faster.

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Tom Harris: Let's say the time that a tenant would move into that facility, we are providing this incentive for a ten-year process and chances are that they are going to be there for ten years. And that is particularly if they are a GM company. Should they not be and leave in four or five years, the chance of someone else filling that is pretty high. Is that fair?

Elissa McGauley: I would say so. Given the fact that this is a ten-year declining, there is going to be additional investments that are going to be made by Kinder or the tenant in building this out to their specifications. More than likely we are going to see the tenant come forward or a partnership between PB Development or the tenant come for the finish of the building. At that point, you have the ability to evaluate another property tax phase-in request based on the point system that we have.

Tom Harris: Last question, sometimes employers are given the opportunity to pay additional money back to the County through some of the savings that they may have. Is this also an option here?

Elissa McGauley: In this case, no. With another application that is always a consideration. An application further down the road, to finish out the building, it is an option for that.

Alan Tio: The point about finishing out the building, this gets us a shell building with some basic finishes and that saves us three months or more but this building can be adapted to the specific end user. This is a catalyst for a much bigger project.

Tom Harris: I said one more question, I am sorry Eric. Is there a consideration from Economic Development to look at other places throughout the County to consider these in the future?

Elissa McGauley: I think we have worked over the years in trying to develop a plan for that. At one point in time, we did the reverse auction. That was preceding me and I was involved with the Alliances and Economic Development Committee that was pursuing that possibility. Offering land and putting out an RFP for development at that point in time for a possible shell development. We saw a couple of interested companies but nothing very strong. It is something that we continue to consider with developers as they show an interest in different parts of the County.

Larry Brown: Eric.

Eric Tippmann: What is left in Stonebridge?

Elissa McGauley: We have about sixty acres. There is a small ten-acre parcel that is just south of One Resource Square and at the terminus of Fogwell and Stonebridge Drive, we have another 30 acres and right across the street where this development is, we have about 30 acres.

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Eric Tippmann: Is there any plan to do something like this there?

Elissa McGauley: That is a consideration and is something that Kinder has also approached us about.

Joel Benz: I just have one question. I see the expected completion date is the end of May. Have you already started moving dirt?

Doug Kinder: We have cleared the site and in the next couple of weeks, our goal is to move the dirt.

Elissa McGauley: The Improvement Permits were filed for this week.

Larry Brown: A couple of things I want to bring up is that this has been a goal of the Commissioners for literally years. This is the first proposal/opportunity that has been workable. There have been other proposals but the investment or the exposure for the County side was unrealistic. Those previous proposals were not successful. This type of arrangement has occurred in other Counties successfully. Although I personally have a couple of concerns, one of which is would you identify a characteristic or two that makes this building other than being brand new, more marketable than other vacant buildings?

Doug Kinder: The big one is we have a 30 foot eave height.

Larry Brown: That is what I wanted to hear.

Tom Harris: You might help us understand what that means.

Doug Kinder: The outside, where the gutter line is, thirty feet on the exterior. The second portion is a good building mezzanine if required.

Larry Brown: Tom, the reason that is important is because of clear height. There are tons of buildings in Fort Wayne-Allen County that are 12, 15 or 18 feet clear but none are vacant that have 30 foot.

Tom Harris: So that is for getting machine and equipment in.

Larry Brown: Or stacking or warehousing. Everything is going up. Square footage is expensive and so they go up instead of out. That is the key factor. My only other concern, this being the first one, I want to make sure we get this right. I think there will be others that follow. What I am referring to is the timeframe. What is before us is a ten-year tax deferral and I emphasize the word deferral because we are not giving anything. We are simply delaying the tax payments on that property giving the developer an opportunity to find an occupant or a buyer. This is not costing the taxpayer anything. It is simply a delay of taxes coming in. My concern is that everybody here is comfortable with a ten-year and with this schedule. If we approve this as presented, others will want the same thing. I am okay with that but want to make sure you guys take a moment and make sure that is

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where you want it to go. I thought maybe one of the Commissioners would be here during this presentation to explain why they feel this ten-year proposal is appropriate. Elissa, do you have an opinion from them that you could share with us?

Elissa McGauley: Other than we have been working with them on this for many, many years developing a program very similar to the way the City of Fort Wayne utilizes its program. The only thing that is a little more generous is the property tax phase-in compared to the City. I would say this is something that we have been pursuing hand-in-hand with the Commissioners for some time on the Land Banking side as well as the speculative shell building. I think they would support something like this. I wasn't very involved in the development of the matrix but I feel it offers assistance up front where it needs to be with the developers and in the hopes they can attract fairly quickly a tenant.

Larry Brown: Okay.

Alan Tio: One more comment. Looking at how you balance the right number of years, the statute does allow for any kind of schedule and this sets a barometer for the County and what you are looking to accomplish. Another direction would be that you could offer a ten-year, 100% abatement. We are not suggesting that but by setting a stake here you are not looking to set a ten-year, 100% abatement for a spec building. Is that fair?

Nick Jordan: Larry, if I can add something. When you were talking about deferring the property taxes, the Commissioners are giving them money for the interest.

Elissa McGauley: Yes they are.

Nick Jordan: There is no deferral in that regard. They are paying them for the interest. Is that coming from CEDIT?

Elissa McGauley: Yes it is.

Larry Brown: I should have been more specific. This action...

Nick Jordan: ...you are deferring.

Elissa McGauley: Yes.

Larry Brown: This deferral, if approved, stays with the property regardless of whether it is sold or not.

Elissa McGauley: Yes it is.

Larry Brown: I just hope everybody remembers that.

Tom Harris: With that I will move for consideration of Resolution 2017-10-26-01 approving a Statement of Benefits for PB Development, LLC.

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Justin Busch: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. Are there any questions? All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1(Tucker absent). Next on the agenda is the Coroner's Office.

Mike Burris: Mike Burris with the Allen County Coroner's Office. I am requesting \$60,000 out of the General Fund to help carry the cost of autopsy fees through the end of the year. You should have some numbers in front of you comparing years past with this year. I pulled the numbers this morning and since September 14th, we have picked up another 66 cases. Of those 66 cases, we had another 27 autopsies.

Tom Harris: So the total for 2017, the cases with 472 and an additional 66.

Mike Burris: Yes and we are up to 548 cases that the Coroner's Office has accepted this year and of those there are 237 autopsies. In my yearly budget, we are pretty fixed in the majority of the lines. Autopsies are the one that is variable. There is no way to predict at the beginning of the year or in June, what it is going to look like next year. There was an increase in our line and thank you very much, Council, for that increase. There are certain things that happened this year and not just that we have an increase in numbers but we had a couple of very significant cases. There were a number of bodies taken out of the rivers and a couple of skeletal remains that I have had to do additional testing on by utilizing the University of Indianapolis Anthropology Section to help make identifications. One of those cases just left Fort Wayne for Indianapolis today. Additional costs, we currently have bills that are on the table and in that line item we are under \$5,000 for the rest of the year.

Larry Brown: You just have to tell people to quit shooting each other.

Mike Burris: That would be nice.

Eric Tippmann: Overdoses.

Mike Burris: Overdoses are up. In the increase in overdoses, it is not just the autopsy but also the drug testing fees that go with it. We have had an increase in spices which is an add-on test of synthetic marijuana.

Eric Tippmann: That is just all rolled into the autopsy fees?

Mike Burris: Yes.

Tom Harris: The autopsies are decisions that can be made by you or it is made by family members or something? Who makes that decision?

Mike Burris: The decision of whether to perform the autopsy or not is exclusive to the Coroner's Office. The family does have input if they request that we do one. The

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majority of our requests that come from families are for someone who is a natural death. We have already taken a look at the medical records, conferred with the treating physician and the pathologist and are in agreement that an autopsy is not necessary. We are not going to gain anything for our investigation that we don't already have in those medical records. The family makes that request asking for an autopsy to be performed, we invite them back for a private autopsy and if they wish to pay for it, they can. We won't pick up that case and pay for it.

Tom Harris: Is that happening more often?

Mike Burris: Yes.

Tom Harris: I was just wondering with the correlation of population you are going to have more and more people passing away just by baby boomers, right?

Mike Burris: Right.

Tom Harris: The chances for increased requests of autopsies keep going up, I suspect.

Mike Burris: When we pull those medical records, we do the medical records review and we contact the treating physicians and pathologist and we gather as much information to determine cause and manner of death without the autopsy and if we can't make that determination that is when we do the autopsy. There has been an increase in the number of elderly people that are not seeking medical treatment which you then don't have a physician that is willing to sign and you don't have the documentation of the past medical history which we then do have to perform the autopsy.

Tom Harris: The reason I bring that up is that from a budget standpoint might be consideration going forward in future budgets.

Larry Brown: Joel.

Joel Benz: I just have a couple of comments. Obviously I am somewhat frequently in contact with you and I will say, on a personal level, I have seen the numbers rising. I think this is warranted. Secondly, I wanted to express my condolences that your department lost quite a gentleman recently. I will leave it to Mr. Tippmann to make the motion.

Eric Tippmann: I will make a motion for the appropriation in the Coroner's General Fund in Autopsy Fees in the amount of \$60,000.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

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Eric Tippmann: Mike, could you do me a favor and look up the number of autopsies over the years? It is like 574 and now 270, it is like half. Has it always been about half?

Mike Burris: On the sheet that I gave you, out of the September 14th, down at the bottom, we usually run right about 42% to 45% of the cases we accept and perform autopsies on. The ratio hasn't changed and percentages haven't changed.

Larry Brown: Thank you. Next on the agenda is the Commissioners' Office.

Chris Cloud: Chris Cloud, Allen County Commissioners Office. Thank you for your support of the Kinder abatement. The Commissioners did support it and are playing a role on the other side of it. This morning I am here for an interesting request. Last year, House Enrolled Act 366 was passed, at our prompting, to allow Counties to transition their Solid Waste Management Districts from a Countywide District to some other form. In our case, the hope was that it would become a County Department. We were mandated by the State in 1990 or 1991 to go towards this model and I think since 1992 the District has been in operation. The issue is not so much the District as much as the overarching framework of how it is structured and how it operates. The Commissioners believe that having it solely County controlled is just a better operation. The State outlines the process to do that and the first step was in July with the Commissioners passing a preliminary resolution saying that they support doing this. The next step, according to the State, is coming to County Council. In most Counties that have their own District, many if not most of them levy some sort of tax to pay for it and that is why it comes to County Council because it could have an impact on tax levies. In our case, our District is funded by tipping fees at the waste site. The request for you is a little less imperative because there is no impact on tax rates or tax levies. The process is to go to the fiscal body and get their approval as well. Should you approve this resolution today, our very fair and open interpretation of statute is that we have to wait 105 days to hold a public hearing. It is not totally clear but we think that is what it reads and so in January we would hold a public hearing. The public would be able to provide comment on the Solid Waste District Management Plan. The Commissioners intend to take the current plan and change the name on the letterhead. That is not to say in the future there wouldn't be any changes just like the current District wouldn't have changes now. Ideally it is just a shifting of becoming a County Department and County Council having actual binding department authority versus the thing it does now. That is really the only change that is going to take place. Last month you approved the budget and it is in place. Should the public approve this the Commissioners would pass their ordinance in January, the budget is already in place for next year.

Larry Brown: Is it fair to say that this is a shift on the administrative side and not the operations side?

Chris Cloud: I would say it is a shift on the governance side. Really all that changes is the Board which had representation from County Council, the three Commissioners, City of Fort Wayne and a large outlying town. In this case it has generally been Monroeville. That goes away and it is the Commissioners' governance, per se. That is really the only

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thing that changes. County Council is still the fiscal agent, at the end of the day, approving budgets. The money is still in County control. The Auditor's Office helps out the Solid Waste District now. They are on our insurance plan paying the full price of it. Nothing really changes much there. It is really the top level governance. That is not to say the Commissioners won't seek input from the same people. They just feel that where the buck stops authority would be best served by being a County department. That is really the impetus for this.

Larry Brown: For any tax payers or citizens that might be concerned, to me and the way I see this, is it puts those folks closer and directly in contact with the Commissioners rather than a Board. To me it is a wise move and more efficient move. Does anybody have any questions?

Tom Harris: I have a question in terms of the City, is there any feedback in terms of why they let this go while wanting control of the bridges and dog kennels and everything else. This one was not an interest to them.

Chris Cloud: We talked to the City and they didn't object to the legislation last year and they didn't object to us moving forward. They have a Solid Waste Department of their own that mainly focuses on trash hauling. The programs that are offered now are still going to exist and from their perspective they never really had anything in it. I can't speak for them but I don't think they really lose anything outside of having a voice on the governing Board that has generally been pretty noncontroversial. Having their own bridges was more of a priority of control on spending and destiny and things like that.

Eric Tippmann: I will make a motion for the preliminary resolution supporting the dissolution of the Allen County Solid Waste Management District.

Joel Benz: I'll second it.

Larry Brown: I think we should include the resolution number which is 2017-10-26-02. Are there any questions or comments? **All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 5-0-2(Tucker absent and Armstrong abstained).** Next on the agenda is Youth Services.

Nick Jordan: I told Chris Dunn he didn't need to come down here to transfer money and Sharon couldn't be here. They are just transferring from their Utility line to Office Manager and Extra Deputy Hire. The utility costs haven't been as high as budgeted and earlier this year Jean Jones retired and they needed to make sure that they had enough money to make it through the end of the year for the new person. It is no new money but just a transfer. This is coming from their Per Diem Fund and not the General Fund.

Tom Harris: Move for approval of the transfer within Youth Services Per Diem Fund 737 from Utility Costs in the amount of \$8,000 to Office Manager for \$5,000 and Extra Deputy Hire for \$3,000.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

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Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent). Next is Circuit Court.

Eric Zimmerman: Eric Zimmerman with Allen Circuit Court Director of Court Services. I am here to transfer funds very similar to the previous request. Our supply line, which we pay primarily urine testing fees out of and with the opioid epidemic and the ongoing setup with synthetic drugs, we negotiate contracts with our urine testing providers and they are packaged with the ten most popular. As drug usage patterns shift a bit, we are always in negotiation with our drug testing providers. This year has been an extraordinary year for paying for those fees with the offenders that are on probation. I was able to scour the budget for the last quarter and came up with the four different 300 series level which had some variable costs over the time. I am not asking for additional money to help pay for these. Certainly when we budget annually, we take the cost from the previous year and try to forecast into the future year and I think we budgeted more for 2018 but again we are just here to transfer the money from the 300 series to the 200 series. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Eric Tippmann: You are in luck. I am completely in favor of this.

Joel Benz: I will make a motion that we transfer within Circuit Court General Fund from Miscellaneous Services \$3,500, Schools and Seminars for \$1,000, Translator Services \$500 and Contractual for \$600 with a total of \$5,600 to Supplies for \$5,600.

Eric Tippmann: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent). Next is Superior Court.

John McGauley: Good morning, Council members. John McGauley, Court Executive for Superior Court. We are here this morning to ask permission to spend other people's money. This is the second year of a three-year pilot project. We are involved with the Supreme Court assessing the worthiness of Commercial Courts in Indiana. The Supreme Court is paying for us to have a Law Clerk specifically dedicated to helping run Commercial Courts in three Counties in Indiana. We are the fiscal agent for the three-County process. We process the payroll for the Law Clerk that is serving Elkhart, Allen and Lake. We are at \$56,525 which is what we received this year to pay for the Law Clerk to help the Judge draft correspondence, orders or do legal research. It is really the same thing that our other County-funded Law Clerks do. We have received the money and all we need is your permission to get it appropriated and pay the Clerk.

Eric Tippmann: John, what are those three Counties?

John McGauley: Elkhart, Allen and Lake. The Clerk is actually located here and spends a day or two a week travelling to the other Counties. They are located out of Judge Bobay's office.

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Larry Brown: This being a pilot program, it sounds unique.

John McGauley: It is. The idea being that the really complicated Commercial Court cases, medical malpractice, injury and things like that eats up a lot of time on the Court calendar. The idea is to take a lot of those really complicated cases and move them off the normal Court calendar into a dedicated Commercial Court to speed up the process for everybody. That is what we are trying to evaluate over the next three years.

Joel Benz: I think it speaks highly that the State is coming to us, among others, to do pilot projects. It speaks highly of your staff.

John McGauley: We frequently get looked to experiment and give good results and good information on how things are working. We are also a pilot County for a video remote interpreting project that we just got started with to see if technology can help us bring down the price of interpreters. You all know better than anybody that this price is pretty steep.

Bob Armstrong: This is for Nick. This \$56,525 Consulting Services, is there a reason that it is coming out of that line or is that just where you dump that money and it is coming from there?

John McGauley: I can answer that if you want me to. We pay this person through invoice. We don't bring them on as a full-time employee. We have them invoice us for their time. They are responsible for their expenses and taxes and we pay them as a vendor.

Bob Armstrong: So it is like a contractor. Thanks.

Joel Benz: I will go ahead and make a motion for the appropriation in Commercial Law Clerk Fund 859 in the amount of \$56,525 for Consulting Services.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: **We have a motion and a second. Is there any questions or discussion? All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).** Department of Health is next.

Mindy Waldron: Mindy Waldron and I am the Administrator for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health.

Ed Welling: I am Ed Welling, Architect with Grinsfelder and Associates Architects.

Ted Sobol: My name is Ted Sobol and I am a member of the Board of Health.

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Mindy Waldron: Thank you for the opportunity to present again today. I am open to either option, if you would like me to re-present similar information from last month or questions and answers. I am open to either way of moving forward on this. I asked one of our Board members to be here to show that they are in support as well.

Ted Sobol: Absolutely.

Larry Brown: Council, do you want the full meal deal or Q and A?

Tom Harris: How about a brief for those people watching.

Mindy Waldron: Okay. I won't go through the whole prepared thing then. I sent an amended packet on Friday and Councilman Tippmann's came back as mailbox full so I did bring an actual copy if you would like that. It is pretty much the info that you have. I will pass it down, just in case. We are proposing an expansion to our Medical Annex site. As we talked about this last month, it is for two main purposes. One being for use as a POD (point of dispensing) during emergency situations and all of those justifications and examples are covered in the packet. Also, the secondary use for consolidation of some of our ancillary clinics where we use borrowed sites throughout the community as well as for small potential growth for anything that might be required as related to the opioid crisis. Those are the two main reasons. This drawing, as shown in the packet, would be an addition to the older garage structure at the back of the site. We are only asking for a portion of the amount of the projected budget because we do have leftover in a fund from this year. As I have detailed in there, it is very projected cost this time if you have any questions on that project. That is why Ed is here. It would go to bid and so we would be looking for the best cost, obviously. Because best case, we would be starting in January now, there is the potential that some of the cost could rise just a bit. We are hopeful not but Ed can expand on that if needed. We also ask that if you do approve it, we would love to be able to carry that over so that we would not need to come back next year. This likely will not start until January.

Joel Benz: Mindy, this is not a new need. This is something that you have had on your radar for a while and you have been saving funds and this is finally coming to the point where you feel like you are prepared financially to move ahead.

Mindy Waldron: That's correct. We were able to prepare our north site; we have four buildings, at relatively no cost. That was so we could have a pod site on the north side. This one is the culmination of many of thought as to where best to locate the pod and how best to store the resources and also this could be a dual use for flexibility during the week, every day. This is over twenty years in preparation.

Joel Benz: I know Dr. Tippmann asked at the last meeting that we put this on hold so you could explore some other alternatives. You have taken a look at those and can you talk a little bit about the discovery there?

Mindy Waldron: Sure and he might want to as well. I did, at his direction, hold a meeting with Park Center to see if there could be any shared services and efficiencies on

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a proposed site for a treatment center and Paul Wilson did not feel that there would be the ability to share the site as they would need access to the site and we wouldn't be able to control that during an urgent need. I don't know if Councilman Tippmann would like to add to that.

Eric Tippmann: So you have been working on this for ten years. What other sites have you thought about? They must have been a short list and you didn't like this site or that one didn't work. Had you thought about any other ones?

Mindy Waldron: More or less, the sites have to volunteer themselves to us. We consider any site that comes forward and that is very rare that anyone would give up their site at the drop of a hat for our control. It has probably been over twenty years but we have considered any site that has come to us and we have gone out to venues like churches. Some of the major requirements are two means of egress to the site, an in and out so that you can generally drive through, as an option, and has ample parking. We explore cost. Will there be electrical inside and outside and if we use plumbing and there is a checklist that is Federal/State checklist that we use. Most of the sites don't work too well but we have been successful in increasing our pods by utilizing a few church sites. We have not really had a short list, to be honest with you and some of the sites come on and off the list as their needs change or as buildings sell and those types of things.

Eric Tippmann: Did you think about purchasing any other properties?

Mindy Waldron: No because that would be a Commissioners purchase.

Eric Tippmann: What would be wrong with that?

Mindy Waldron: Nothing if they would be interested in expending those funds. We wanted something, as I talked about the last time that we could use not just for pod sites but could use for daily clinics and we wouldn't have significant transportation or maintenance cost for another site and another amount of tax being paid and those things didn't seem to fit the need in speaking with the Commissioners. To answer your question, I don't know that I proposed any specific building to purchase other than this was sort of a win-win already owning the property.

Eric Tippmann: I don't consider it a win-win with this building costing this much to build. Were you aware that the building directly west of you was for sale for over five years?

Mindy Waldron: The older gas station?

Eric Tippmann: Correct.

Mindy Waldron: Yes and we did explore that when we moved to that initial site and Ed was part of that exploration about five years ago. We had thought about combining locations when we heard that some of the north sites might be sold. Ed scoped that for us

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but given the prior use of that particular site, there were Phase One and Phase Two concerns for environmental remediation. We scoped it for if the size would work and we had plans drawn up but the environmental part was not something that the Commissioners were interested in purchasing.

Eric Tippmann: Is there a record of those conversations? What environmental concerns and what costs were associated with those?

Ed Welling: I am not sure that the cost was really explored but being a former gas and service station, there were concerns about ground pollution and the cost of that kind of remediation.

Eric Tippmann: I would like to know the cost versus building a property 200 feet from utilities. What would that cost? You could add an entire corner lot and the ingress and egress would have been amazing there on a corner lot when you think about what you have already been proposed to do with your facility on New Haven Avenue. I think a corner lot would be ideal. A corner lot has value and if some point in the future you have to repurpose your lot at the annex, it is going to be difficult to find one when you build something in the back as an awkward shape. A building in the back and a building in the front, what value does that bring? What does it cost to remediate a gas station?

Joel Benz: You are still going to have to build the building.

Eric Tippmann: Right if you build right near the utilities and plumbing would be closer to \$100 per square foot, right?

Ed Welling: Given today's market, the size of the building they need, I don't think you are going to get it around \$100 per square foot. They are able to use part of the existing facility now and so you will be building a little more square footage but I don't see the cost being less there. The kinds of utilities and connections there wouldn't be that significant. I don't see that being the biggest cost in this. A lot of the driving cost of this is because it is not a real big building. You can build a lot larger building for less cost because there are certain fixed costs because there is some economy of scale when you are building a mega building versus a small facility. You are still going to be building a small facility and demolition cost because I don't think you are going to repurpose an old gas station in addition to the remediation and the property cost purchase. I don't see how that kind of project can come in less than building on property that you already own.

Eric Tippmann: I disagree.

Ed Welling: The economics don't work.

Eric Tippmann: I disagree.

Larry Brown: Council, are there any other questions?

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Joel Benz: Explore this a little bit further. If it wasn't a gas station next door part of the advantages to this are proximity. You have proximity for your staff. You don't have to get in a car and drive somewhere. Proximity of this is kind of important for your staff. The gas station next door would be nice or some other facility maybe across the street but I feel that you have looked at all of those and have ruled them out for one reason or another. That kind of puts us back to where we are at. I feel that this is a needed building and I feel like you have been planning for it for a while. With all of those factors, I think we have kind of talked our way around and taken a look at it and I am ready to go ahead and make a motion unless Dr. Tippmann has any...

Eric Tippmann: I would like to see the side-by-side analysis rather than have you remediated a gas station before?

Ed Welling: Not personally but have been involved in projects that have had to do that.

Eric Tippmann: What does that typically cost?

Ed Welling: I guess I am not prepared to answer that question today. It takes a lot of testing and depends on what is found. I am not sure you can say there is a typical without doing the environmental testing and doing a lot more investigation.

Larry Brown: Do we know, is that property for sale?

Mindy Waldron: It is currently for sale.

Eric Tippmann: It is no longer for sale.

Mindy Waldron: Okay, I did not know that.

Larry Brown: What was that? I didn't catch that.

Eric Tippmann: It is no longer for sale about two months ago.

Larry Brown: If the gas station is no longer for sale, what is the discussion?

Eric Tippmann: The discussion was in the five years it was for sale, had they thought about using that.

Larry Brown: Correct me if I am wrong but when your project first started at that address, the property was not for sale.

Mindy Waldron: That is correct. It became for sale, as I recall, we moved in 2010 and I think we spec'd that out in 2014 or 2015 and that very reason was could we co-locate as well as have room for expansion. That was a discussion with the Commissioners as well because it would be a purchase and a maintained property. It was not just the gas station use prior as there were some semi-tractor trailers with items stored in the back of that

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property which was also a concern from an environmental perspective. At that point, it was not something that the Commissioners wanted to pursue.

Larry Brown: My recollection is that in 2009, the tanks were still in the ground.

Mindy Waldron: That I wouldn't know. That might have been the discussion when the Sheriff's Department was considering the use of that site. I was not part of that and wouldn't want to speak to that.

Larry Brown: I don't know, to this day, if those tanks have ever been removed.

Mindy Waldron: I do not know.

Ed Welling: We haven't taken the investigation that far. We did some schematic planning to show how buildings would fit on the site.

Mindy Waldron: We looked at IDEM records, I believe for what that property had been used for. It was not felt, at that time, that the testing of that site would be beneficial. Again, that was collaboratively with the Commissioners.

Eric Tippmann: Even if you just used it to put tents, you could have gotten that property for a song. You could have expanded your whole empire out there.

Joel Benz: I appreciate you taking the time to at least look into this other stuff. I am going to go ahead and make a motion for the appropriation in the County Health Fund 285 for Remodeling in the amount of \$468,000.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: Are there any further comments or discussion? All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 5-1(Tippmann) – 1 (Tucker absent). Next on the agenda is the 2018 Budget Adoption. Nick, will you lead us on that?

Nick Jordan: Yes, I definitely can. Do all of you have the other notebook?

Larry Brown: Let me switch, just a minute.

Nick Jordan: If you start on page two, it is an overall summary of what is being adopted today. The total General Fund which includes our local income tax funds except for CEDIT and Public Safety. That budget is almost \$100 million. That is about a two percent increase over 2017. The revenue is about a 3.2% increase over 2017 and so we will have a little bit of a surplus there. The Other Fund budgets are at the \$109 million figure and there is detail on that on page six. Some of the main driving factors on those increases are CEDIT which has increased about \$9 million. Highway is about \$3.2 million higher than the prior year. Redevelopment Capital is another \$2 million higher. The \$109 million is about 11% higher than 2017. The 2018 total Allen County budget of

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\$209,220,242 is about a seven percent increase over 2017. The largest extent of that are the Other Funds, Highway and CEDIT being the two biggest. CEDIT is used for quite a few Highway projects. If you look at the total budget and what rolls over is almost a 50/50 split between Commissioners, economic development activity and Highway activity. I can take any questions you have. If not, the first thing to be approved is the actual Allen County budget. Tom will read the resolution for that and then we will go into the salary ordinances. One item that is left out of the salary ordinance is last month you approved the \$500,000 additional funds for the Public Defender. After that meeting, I spoke with Randy Hammond and there is some disconnect on part-time versus full-time on those additional Public Defenders. I thought they were going to be full-time and they are looking at more of the part-time route and so we are meeting tomorrow and if they pursue the part-time route, potentially you would have Prosecuting Attorneys that would want an increase in their wages for the fact that the \$50,000 that was proposed for the Public Defenders and it was part-time, you have Misdemeanor Prosecuting Attorneys working full-time for the same \$50,000. Next month, depending on whether he needs to come again or it can be hashed out tomorrow, we will adopt the salary ordinance for those additional Public Defenders.

Larry Brown: That meeting tomorrow for Tom or Joel or anyone?

Nick Jordan: I can send you the invitation if you would like to attend.

Larry Brown: I think we expected full-time.

Nick Jordan: I think the disconnect is fact that they look at it as a full-time caseload at 37.5 or 40 hours and I think that is some of the disconnect because currently the Felony Public Defenders are considered part-time, full-time when in fact they may not put in 37.5 hours or 40 hours but they handle almost 70% of a full-time caseload. Where the rub is the fact that these are going to be \$50,000 and we have Misdemeanor Prosecuting Attorneys at \$50,000 and it doesn't sit well. If that is what happens, the three or four Misdemeanor Prosecuting Attorneys may potentially seek an increase.

Larry Brown: I get it.

Nick Jordan: At the end of the day, where we previously were throwing \$500,000 at this it is much more expensive...

Larry Brown: So how do we move forward today?

Nick Jordan: You don't have to. If we pass it next month, we are fine. As long as they haven't hired these people, we'll pass it next month at either part-time or full-time and it will be all set for 2018.

Larry Brown: Okay.

Nick Jordan: I just wanted to let you know that it was left out.

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Larry Brown: Sure. Tom, do you want to get started?

Tom Harris: This is Resolution 2017-10-26-03, be it ordained/resolved by the Allen County Council that for the expenses of Allen County for the year ending December 31, 2018 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition for purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Allen County, the property tax levies and property tax rates are herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. The ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Allen County Council.

Justin Busch: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: The next one he is going to is on page 11.

Tom Harris: The next on is for the Salary Ordinance for the Elected Officials. Now therefore be it ordained by the Allen County Council that the attached shall be the salaries of the Elected Officials employed by Allen County, Indiana. They shall be paid their annual salary in twenty-four equal payments and shall receive no overtime. Pursuant to IC 36-2-12-15, the compensation of the Allen County Surveyor will be reduced to \$59,938 if he is not a registered Surveyor under IC 25-21.5 or IC 25-31. Pursuant to IC 36-2-14-15, the compensation of the Allen County Coroner will be reduced to \$34,978 if he is not licensed to practice as a physician in Indiana as determined by Count Council. Pursuant to IC 36-2-13-17, the maximum Sheriff annual compensation is equal to that if the full-time Prosecuting Attorney in the County. This ordinance read, considered and adopted by the members of the Allen County Council on this 26th day of October, 2017.

Joel Benz: I'll make the second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: The next one is for the Non-Classified Employees which are Chief Deputies, Attorneys and Special Occupations.

Tom Harris: Now therefore be it ordained by the Allen County Council that the attached shall be the salaries of the Non-Classified employees employed by Allen County, Indiana. They shall be paid their annual salary in twenty-six equal payments and shall

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receive no overtime unless otherwise noted. This ordinance read, considered and adopted by the member of Allen County Council on this 26th day of October, 2017.

Joel Benz: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: The next one is a large one and is the Classified Employees which is employees on the grids.

Tom Harris: Be it ordained by the Allen County Council of Allen County, Fort Wayne, Indiana that this salary ordinance includes wages and other compensation received by employees under the auspices of the Allen County Council for work performed by employees. Other compensation includes holidays, established by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Allen, plus vacation, sick days and sick day reimbursement allowed as set forth in the Allen County Personnel Manual. Full time employees are employees who are paid from individual annual salary appropriation lines found within their respective office or department budget; provided that any sworn officer of the Allen County Police Department who completes any portion of his first twelve months of County employment during calendar year 2018 shall, for such period in 2018 which comprises any portion of such initial twelve months of employment, be paid at a rate equal to ninety-seven and one-half percent of his salary as approved herein. Except as specifically identified below, full-time employees shall be regularly scheduled to work not less than seven and one-half hours per day on a five day a week schedule. Departments who are required to operate on a twenty-four hour day may establish a four day on and two day off work schedule. Departments may elect varying hours within a work week and shall notify the Auditor of such election. The Auditor shall establish an hourly rate for each full-time employee. The hourly rate shall be determined initially by dividing the employee's annual salary by fifty-two then dividing that number by the regular number of hours the employee is scheduled to work (ie; 40 hours or 37.5 hours per week). Once determined, hourly rates shall only be modified with the approval of the County Council. Overtime payments, as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act, are hereby specifically approved. Employees who are on a 37.5 hour work week shall receive straight time for hours worked between 37.5 and 40 and time and one-half thereafter. Employees, who are entitled to overtime payment, in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act and are not otherwise compensated, shall be paid an hourly rate as determined above. Classified employees shall have their step increase effective on their anniversary date. Employees, who achieve and maintain Level II or III Assessor Certification and are not elected, will receive an additional \$19.23 per pay period up to a maximum of a \$500 for each level achieved payable from the Reassessment Fund. Except as set forth above or otherwise specifically allowed by ordinance, no other payment shall be made to employees for compensation for work performed. A salary grid is hereby established for all classified positions as presented and approved by the Allen County Council for 2018. Said grid shall be modified in accordance with the preceding

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paragraphs as required. This ordinance read, considered and adopted by the members of the Allen County Council on this 26th day of October, 2017.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: He is going to page 63 which is the part-time salary ordinance.

Tom Harris: Now therefore be it ordained by the Allen County Council that the attached shall be the hourly salaries for part-time employees employed by Allen County Departments that utilize part-time hire. This salary ordinance indicates the range of pay received by part-time County employees for work performed during the year 2018. Part-time employees shall receive no more than the hourly rate established by County Council for hours worked and will not otherwise be entitled to fringe benefits. Those who are scheduled to work a minimum of thirty hours per week in a position that extends for twelve months or more are eligible for Group Health and Group Life Insurance. Unless otherwise specifically allowed by ordinance, no other payment shall be made to part-time employees for compensation for work performed. This ordinance read, considered and adopted by the members of the Allen County Council on this 26th day of October, 2017.

Justin Busch: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: Now we are going to page 165 and this is where you are adopting the binding units. The first one will be the Southwest Fire District.

Tom Harris: This is Resolution 2017-10-26-04, be it ordained/resolved by the Allen County Council that for the expenses of Southwest Allen County Fire for the year ending December 31, 2018 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition for purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Southwest Allen County Fire, the property tax levies and property tax rates are herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. The ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Allen County Council.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

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Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1(Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: The next one is on page 169 and is for the Airport Authority.

Tom Harris: This is Resolution 2017-10-26-05, be it ordained/resolved by the Allen County Council that for the expenses of Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority for the year ending December 31, 2018 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition for purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, the property tax levies and property tax rates are herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. The ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Allen County Council.

Joel Benz: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: Last but not least, page 174, the Solid Waste District.

Tom Harris: This is Resolution 2017-10-26-06, be it ordained/resolved by the Allen County Council that for the expenses of Allen County Solid Waste for the year ending December 31, 2018 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition for purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Allen County Solid Waste, the property tax levies and property tax rates are herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. The ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Allen County Council.

Eric Tippmann: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 5-0-1 (Armstrong abstained) – 1 (Tucker absent).

Nick Jordan: As far as the 2018 budget adoption, it is completed unless you have questions. We will bring back the additional Public Defenders next month and adopt an amended salary ordinance. We are going into 2018 in a very, very solid financial

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position. Health insurance continues to trend very well. The balance is very, very high with \$8 to \$9 million sitting in the Health Insurance Fund. General Fund, probably at the end of the year, will be over \$10 million and the Rainy Day Fund is at \$12 million. CEDIT has close to \$20 million. There are quite a few funds with solid balances. Some of the increases, as we noted in CEDIT and Highway, are because of the additional road monies coming back. If there are any questions, I can take them. If not, it should be a good end to 2017 and a solid start to 2018.

Larry Brown: Does anyone have any questions on this?

Tom Harris: One question. Nick, how difficult would it be to track or identify the LIT taxes that had been raised? You're kind of doing that through the Cities and Towns but can you do that for the non-incorporated areas as well?

Nick Jordan: Say for example, Allen County gets all of the non-incorporated in the example of economic development. Certified shares, mid-\$40 million, goes to Cities, Towns and Townships. The only taxing units that it doesn't go to are schools. They each get their own portion of that. It is not what was increased. The only increase in rate was to Economic Development. Incorporated Cities and Towns get their piece of it. The incorporated dollars go to the County in the CEDIT Fund which is Fund 129. It is line by line on expenses. What may be hard is they have almost \$20 million balance and have for a few years. Even though they budget it, it's not always spent. The hardest thing about it is say the additional money was used for this expense, it would be easy to do if we spent all of the dollars that we had but since we don't always spend what we are receiving to begin with, you can say we are spending existing or not. If we spent everything, you could say what projects it went to.

Tom Harris: I guess I would be interested and maybe working with the Auditor's Office to understand those additional revenues brought in from that LIT tax increase. Then to understand how much additional is spent in the unincorporated area. Each of the Towns and communities are receiving additional funds via that LIT tax passage from the City Council of Fort Wayne. Not being represented, if you will, I think it is up to us as well as the Commissioners to make sure that if additional funds are coming in and they now have to pay for starting in October, we ought to be thinking about what are we doing to spend that money rather than just sitting on it especially when all of our funds are strong.

Nick Jordan: That is what I was saying the CEDIT budget increased almost \$9 million. Any money that is spent out of County CEDIT, with the exception of some economic development payments to third party entities, is spent in the unincorporated areas. If we are not going to maintain the City's bridges, that would have been a different fund anyway. You could say that the CEDIT money that the County receives is spent in unincorporated areas. The Highway would be able to say they did this road or that project.

Tom Harris: And that is what I want to understand a little bit. I have talked to folks throughout East Allen County and they are concerned that they are paying more and what

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are they getting out of it? While some of the Towns are represented by City Council, New Haven as an example and those City Council folks are responsible to make sure they are doing something with that LIT money. It is up to us or the Commissioners to make sure that LIT money is being spent appropriately.

Larry Brown: Tom, I think Nick is correct that County Highway might be able to help provide that information. It may be clearer so that you can share that with the constituents. Because it is in my immediate neighborhood, I am very aware of the effort being put into Mariner's Ridge and Pheasant Run which are 30-plus maybe even approaching 40-plus years old and the concrete streets are being repaired or replaced. That is in the unincorporated area. The people on Page Road may have to wait their turn but those kinds of projects are where this money is going.

Tom Harris: I think that is the appropriate thing to do but I think we ought to watch those numbers.

Larry Brown: Sure. I am sure Kim can tell you.

Nick Jordan: She can tell you spot on where the money is going.

Justin Busch: I met with Kim talking about the same issue about where the additional funding would go and Kim is more than happy to run you through the expanded projects and where the money is going. A lot of it goes to unincorporated Allen County. She can give you twenty minutes or twenty-four hours of information. I meant that as a compliment.

Nick Jordan: When they budget that is the thing. There is no question and especially with the road projects, she knows where they are going and where they are at. Harlan and Hoagland have both asked and Commissioner Peters and Kristi Sturtz are working with them.

Larry Brown: To Tom's point, you may want to be specific about the increased amount of LIT. That is what is important.

Tom Harris: Yep.

Eric Tippmann: Another thing you might want to mention is that people often say they are not represented in that decision. We hear that a lot.

Larry Brown: Correct.

Eric Tippmann: That was made by their State Reps down in Indy that represents them.

Larry Brown: Correct. Good point.

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Eric Tippmann: They often deflect the thing where the decision was made and that we are represented by someone that made that decision.

Larry Brown: Moving on. The 2018 Council meeting dates.

Nick Jordan: They are in your notebook but you don't have to decide today.

Larry Brown: If within the next month everybody would take a look at that schedule and see if there are any conflicts that you know of. I have no clue how this fits in with Spring Break or if that affects any of you. If we need to make any adjustments, we will do it at the next meeting. There is a list of Board Appointments that we would like to work on at our November meeting. Those are there for your information and consideration.

Nick Jordan: If you can reach out and in November if you have changes or different names to throw in the mix, some of these potentially start in December.

Larry Brown: I know it says it but I will ask it, these all expire 12/31/2017?

Nick Jordan: Yes. I will have Becky send it out tomorrow the list that shows when all of them expire.

Justin Busch: As a former member of ABC, I will reach out to current President Ozzie Mitson.

Eric Tippmann: Do you just want to delegate these right now so that they are all contacted? Some people know these and some of them are here. Tom, are you going to?

Tom Harris: I will get with Tom Harris.

Justin Busch: I will get with Bob Armstrong and Darren Vogt.

Larry Brown: Who would like to take Child Care Facility Board and PTABOA?

Joel Benz: I will do those.

Larry Brown: How about the Regional Sewer District? I will take that one.

Joel Benz: He was just appointed to finish out the term. I think he will want to be reappointed.

Larry Brown: Park Center?

Justin Busch: I will do that because I owe Beth a call anyway.

Larry Brown: I will share with you real briefly a notice that I received in the mail. I scanned and emailed it to Joel because it was in his district. In my time on Council, I

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have never received a notice like this. This is from a company called United Consulting that has been hired by IDEM for the purpose of coordination of a bridge project on State Road 3 just a few feet north of Shoaff Road. It is in the Huntertown area but on New Highway 3. There are two two-lane pavements and so there are two bridges side-by-side. The purpose of this is to make Council and all governing bodies aware of the upcoming project and inconvenience and improvement and all of those kinds of things. If we have input...

Joel Benz: Actually the deadline is past or it might be today.

Larry Brown: Okay. You saw it and reviewed it?

Joel Benz: Yes. I sent them an email and did not hear anything back.

Larry Brown: It does not tell us the degree of rehab will be but based on the pictures, the deterioration is pretty severe. I think it is going to be a pretty extensive rebuild. Are there any other comments or upcoming meetings or recent meetings that you would like to share?

Justin Busch: Former Councilman Paula Hughes reached out to me. She is now the CEO and Executive Director of the YWCA. She has invited all of Council to come as her guest to the YWCA's Engaging the Circle to eradicate domestic violence luncheon that they are having on the 30th from 11:30 to 1:00. I will be attending and the rest are invited to come. The other point of business, just for Council's knowledge, is I was named to the Legislative Committee by the County Council Association and that Board will be lobbying the State House on behalf of County needs for all 92 Counties. If you have anything you would like to pass along, feel free to bring that to me.

Larry Brown: I would ask you to coordinate that initiative with Beth Lock.

Justin Busch: That is why I owe Beth a call.

Larry Brown: Probably the thing that jumps out at me right away is HB1006 and the ramifications of that and getting some offender monies back to the County from the State. That needs to stay a priority.

Justin Busch: We will look into that and report back.

Larry Brown: Good deal.

Tom Harris: Also, I attended the GFW Board meeting recently and as you may recall, GFW was having financial difficulties four or five years ago. They have rebounded a little bit to the point that they have a balance of \$1 million. We give money through the Commissioners but they are doing pretty well.

Larry Brown: So they are not going to return the support? Anything else you want to share?

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Tom Harris: Approval to waive the reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of October 26, 2017

Joel Benz: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor please signify by saying aye. The motion passes 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).

Joel Benz: Move to adjourn.

Eric Tippmann: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. The motion carries 6-0-1 (Tucker absent).