

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**  
107 W. Locust Street  
Boonville, Indiana  
January 7, 2021  
6:00 PM

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana. Council Members were present either in person or by Zoom Conference Call as allowed by Emergency Health Declaration for the State of Indiana due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Members present were Ron Bacon, David Hachmeister (via Zoom), Ted Metzger, Brad Overton, Richard Reid, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstone (via Zoom).

Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

Auditor Debbie Stevens and Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

Council President, Greg Richmond, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Greg Richmond:** I'll go ahead and call the Roll, Ron Bacon?

**Ron Bacon:** Yes.

**Greg Richmond:** David Hachmeister?

**David Hachmeister:** Here.

**Greg Richmond:** Ted Metzger?

**Ted Metzger:** Present.

**Greg Richmond:** Brad Overton?

**Brad Overton:** Here.

**Greg Richmond:** Richard Reid?

**Richard Reid:** Present.

**Greg Richmond:** I am here, Greg. Chris, not yet. And we have Clifford and Krystal, apparently, that are here.

**BRIEF DISCUSSION ON MEETING FORMAT**

**Councilman Richmond:** And let's see. I got my notes here. I'm probably going to, whenever we make a nomination, before I start the nominations for any of these, I will mention the position and then I'm going to pause a second in case. Because there's a time lapse of a second or two (2) whenever someone's on the Zoom to give David and Chris a chance to speak up if they want to. We'll wait just a few more minutes on...

**Krystal Powless:** He said he's trying now.

**Councilman Richmond:** I told him to call in if he can't get in through the, he could call my phone and I'd put it on speaker. As you look through your agenda, some of these we can put together like we've done before. When it is sick pay and vacation pay and those we can lump like, and like 3B is all kind of together in one (1) thing. If you approve one (1), it's easy to approve the other two (2), 3A, B, and C. And let's see, the 4A and B could go together.

**Krystal Powless:** There he is. Alright, he's joining.

**Councilman Richmond:** 5A and B can go together. 6A and B can go together.

**Krystal Powless:** Hey, I just let you in (inaudible).

**Councilman Richmond:** 8A and B can go together. And 9A and B can go together.

**Krystal Powless:** Did you hang up? No, I see you, lets (inaudible).

**Councilman Metzger:** Keep going, Greg.

**Krystal Powless:** Okay, I believe he's in. Chris, can you hear us? Okay.

**Councilman Richmond:** Are you on, Chris? Make sure you're not muted.

**Krystal Powless:** He's talking, but I can't hear him.

**Councilman Richmond:** Check your mute if you can hear us. Does anyone need an appointment list? It's on your agenda.



Krystal Powless: Okay, I'm going to put you on speaker phone, okay?

Councilman Whetstine: (Inaudible) muted.

Krystal Powless: I unmuted you though. So, I can hear you through the phone.

Councilman Richmond: So, he must be able to hear us.

Krystal Powless: Yes, he can hear us. I can tell he can hear us.

Councilman Whetstine: I can hear you just fine.

Councilman Richmond: There's a little button...

Krystal Powless: Okay. We're just gonna leave you on speaker phone. Okay?

### **2021 APPOINTMENTS COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Councilman Richmond: First up is appointments and the appointment for County Council President. Nominations.

Councilman Reid: I nominate Greg.

Councilman Richmond: Rick has nominated myself. We're getting feedback now. What might be best is if he turns his...

Krystal Powless: That's okay. I moved it. It's alright now.

Councilman Richmond: Alright. Technology. I love it when it works.

Councilman Overton: I'll second the nomination.

Councilman Richmond: I'm going to, we don't need seconds tonight, but I appreciate that. Anybody else?

Councilman Overton: Oh, we don't? (Inaudible).

Councilman Richmond: For Council President? Okay. Seeing there are none, then I'll ask, I'll ask for a vote.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Councilman Richmond: All those in favor? And I'll vote for myself. David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Greg.

Councilman Richmond: And I assume, Chris, are you going to vote for me as President?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: Yes? Okay, Alright. (Motion carried 7-0).

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Councilman Richmond: Second up, let me write this down first. Nomination for Council Vice President.

Councilman Bacon: I'll nominate Brad Overton.

Councilman Richmond: Calling for any other nominations for Vice President.

Councilman Hachmeister: I didn't hear it.

Councilman Richmond: Hearing none, all those in favor of Brad? That's all five (5) of us here. How about Chris?

Krystal Powless: He is connecting right now. Hold on.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, David.

Councilman Whetstine: Yes, (inaudible).

Councilman Hachmeister: Brad.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: And David, we, or Chris, we can hear you.

Councilman Whetstine: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Richmond: So, Chris, Brad Overton for Vice President, is that okay?

Councilman Richmond: Okay, seven, zero (7-0) on both of those then.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Councilman Richmond: And the Personnel Committee nominations.

Councilman Overton: I'll nominate David Hachmeister.

Councilman Richmond: Got a nomination for David. Brad, you were on it before.

Councilman Bacon: I'll nominate Brad Overton.

Councilman Hachmeister: And I spoke with Chris. He's had a little familiarization as far as the situation. I'd like to nominate him.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. Any other nominations for Personnel? Seeing none. All those in favor of David, Brad, and Chris raise your hand. That's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

Councilman Whetstine: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: And David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, seven, zero (7-0), thank you.

**COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

Councilman Richmond: Council Attorney?

Councilman Overton: I'd like to nominate Cliff, uh, Whitehead, good grief.

Councilman Reid: What's his name?

Councilman Metzger: The guy down there.

Councilman Overton: Man. Good grief.

Councilman Richmond: Any other nominations? Hearing none, I'll call for a vote on that for Clifford Whitehead as our attorney. That's all five (5) of us here. How about Chris?

Councilman Whetstine: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

Councilman Richmond: Seven, zero (7-0).

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Councilman Richmond: Council on Aging.

Councilman Overton: Greg, I had talked to you about this one (1) time. Did they ever, were they still insistent on having that meeting during the 9:00-10:00 (AM)?

Councilman Richmond: 8:00 to 9:00 (AM).

Councilman Overton: Okay. I didn't know, cause I was, was hoping they might do that a little bit later in the day, cause that really just doesn't suit...

Councilman Richmond: Second Tuesday of each month.

Councilman Overton: Yeah.

Councilman Richmond: Most of them are up early. That's why. They're not like me.

Councilman Overton: They're probably, never mind. I'll nominate Greg Richmond.

Councilman Richmond: And I don't mind serving on that. It's a good program. We had a tough time this year though. Any other nominations for Council on Aging? Hearing none, I'll write my name down. We'll vote. All those in favor? That's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

Councilman Whetstine: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: And David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.



Councilman Richmond: Seven, zero (7-0).

### **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Councilman Richmond: Nominations for Area Plan?

Councilman Overton: I'll nominate Richard Reid.

Councilman Richmond: Got Richard Reid nominated. Any other nominations? Hearing none, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor of Rick? That's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

Councilman Whetstine: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: And David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

Councilman Richmond: Seven, zero (7-0).

### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Councilman Richmond: Solid Waste Management.

Councilman Reid: I'll nominate Greg.

Councilman Richmond: Nominated me, Greg. Any other nominations for Solid Waste? Hearing none, we'll vote on that one (1). All those in favor? That's all five (5) of us here. And Chris?

Councilman Whetstine: Yes.

Councilman Richmond: And David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye. (Motion carried 7-0).

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Councilman Richmond: Economic Development Advisory Commission.

Councilman Metzger: I nominate Rick.

Councilman Richmond: Got Rick Reid. Any other nominations?

Councilman Overton: I'd like to nominate Ron for that.

Councilman Richmond: Ron Bacon. Any others? Lots of great things are happening in Warrick County. Our Economic Development Department is working on all cylinders. They're very interesting meetings. Alright, I have two (2). So, I'll ask for a vote on, first of all, on Rick Reid. Two (2). And Ron Bacon? There's three (3) of us here. Chris? Chris, Rick or Ron?

Councilman Whetstine: Rick Reid.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, there's three (3). And David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Ron.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. So, that would be three (3), Rick and four (4), Ron. So, Ron will be on that.

### **REDEVELOPMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Councilman Richmond: Redevelopment Commission. Let's see...

Councilman Reid: Al Holweger said he did not want to serve again.

Councilman Richmond: That's what I heard.

Councilman Bacon: Have we talked to the other two (2)?

Councilman Richmond: Steve Smith said he'd like to be on it.

Councilman Hachmeister: I say, I, yeah, Al had said he'd like to be on it but he'd probably would not be able to attend most meetings being away and Steve Smith said he would like to. So, I'd like to nominate Steve.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, we have a nomination to put Steve in place of Al. There's Eric and Howard who are both said, yes, they would serve. Do you have anybody else?

Councilman Reid: I nominate those two (2).



**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Anybody else have any nominations for Redevelopment Commission? Hearing none, we have the three (3): Steve Smith, Eric Pryor, and Howard Nevins. Redevelopment Commission from the Council. All those in favor? That's all five (5) of us here. And Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** And David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Aye.

**Councilman Richmond:** Seven, zero (7-0). I'm writing these down. Excuse me just a minute.

### **PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD**

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, Next up, have I missed any. I don't think I have. It's the, it says Property Tax Assessment Board. But, it's really the PTABOA or Property Tax Board of Appeals and we have two (2). And one (1) of them should be a Level 2 member and Cheyenne Phillips is a Level 2 member. And...

**Councilman Reid:** The Assessor said she was happy with both of those. So, I nominate both of them.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, I got Cheyenne Phillips and Don Brooks. Any more nominations?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** I've, I've spoken to Sarah and she said she had a few phone calls from her Council members. But, I asked her what, cause really, we're thinking with the real, real estate knowledge that she said that an attorney would suit better for the Board that way if they had any legal questions, they could be answered there and not go to, have to contact the County Attorney or another attorney and David Zengler said he would be on that Board.

**Councilman Richmond:** David Zengler's attorney, is an attorney in Boonville and lives in Newburgh. Any other nominees? Don Brooks is a realtor. And I guess Cheyenne works for the City of Boonville, right?

**Councilman Metzger:** Yep.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, hearing that we got a contest, I'll take them apart one (1) at a time.

**Councilman Reid:** I think Cheyenne's the Level 2, so she's a shoe-in, I think.

**Councilman Richmond:** She needs to be, yeah. That's for sure. So, I'll just go between Don and David then. Okay, all those in favor of Don Brooks? Two (2) of us here. And in favor of David Zengler? Three (3) of us here and how about Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** I'm sorry, Greg, am I to choose between one (1) of those two (2)?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yes, between David Zengler and Don Brooks.

**Councilman Whetstine:** David Zengler.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, and David? Of course you nominated...

**Councilman Hachmeister:** David. Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Alright, so it will be David then. Okay. Let me write these down now.

**Councilman Overton:** We don't actually need to, do we need to vote on Cheyenne? Or just to have it...

**Krystal Powless:** No.

**Councilman Overton:** Okay.

**Councilman Richmond:** Since we all agreed on her, we'll just call it all, that's seven, zero (7-0 for Cheyenne Phillips) on her.

**Councilman Overton:** Don't want it coming back like a signature from somebody (inaudible).

**Kristine Georges:** Hey, now.

**Councilman Overton:** (Inaudible).

**Councilman Richmond:** (Inaudible) David Zengler. Okay. Two to five, okay (Don Brooks-2, David Zengler-5).

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Councilman Richmond:** Now, Emergency Management Council and on that before was Charlie Christmas.

**Councilman Reid:** I nominate Ted Metzger.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Ted Metzger. Ted Metzger's been nominated for Emergency Management Advisory Council. Any other nominees?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.



**Councilman Richmond:** Okay.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I'd like to nominate Ron Bacon.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Ron Bacon. Any other nominees? Seeing none, we'll have a run off between Ted Metzger and Ron Bacon. All those in favor of Ted Metzger? That's five (5) of us here. And Ron Bacon? David?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Ted would be fine for that.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. And Chris, you want to go with Ted or Ron?

**Councilman Whetstine:** With Ron. (Ted Metzger-6, Ron Bacon-1)

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, that's Emergency Management Advisory Council. The EMA, they meet the first Monday bi-monthly starting in February from what I understand. And the PTABOA Board, they just meet as needed. Sometimes about four (4) times a year.

**Councilman Metzger:** Did you say it was bi-monthly?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, bi-monthly.

**Councilman Metzger:** Gotcha.

**Councilman Richmond:** Starting in February. Need to contact Mr. Greer and find out when the next one (1) is, cause I don't know when it starts. Just heard it was in February.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

**Councilman Richmond:** We need somebody to replace Cindy Ledbetter on Community Corrections Board. They meet at noon in the Circuit Court Jury Room. Second Tuesday six (6) times a year. January, March, July, September, and December. Any nominees?

**Councilman Reid:** Ron, would you take that?

**Councilman Bacon:** I probably could, yeah.

**Councilman Reid:** I nominate Ron.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, got a nomination for Ron Bacon for Community Corrections. Anybody else for Community Corrections?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Well, we've passed that around to about all of our Council members in the past. And, well, Ted or Rick, either of you interested in that job?

**Councilman Reid:** No.

**Councilman Metzger:** No.

**Councilman Richmond:** That was a no.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Really, all you've got to do is show up.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, that's about it. They just have to have them. It's required. Alright, seeing no more. All those in favor of Ron? That's all five (5) of us here. And Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** And Dave?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Yeah, that's an automatic.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Seven, zero (7-0).

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Councilman Richmond:** Parks and Recreation. This has to be a particular political party. A Democrat and there's a Democrat serving there who wishes to remain on. He uses the campgrounds; he's active in the Parks Department. Gene Weisheit.

**Councilman Bacon:** I'll nominate Gene Weisheit.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, anybody else have another nomination? Seeing none, all those in favor of Gene Weisheit? That's all five (5) of us here. David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Chris?



**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Seven, zero (7-0).

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD**

**Councilman Richmond:** The Alcohol Beverage Board. We have one (1) position. I think it's an annual that we have to do, serve one (1) year. And Tim Mosbey is our current person serving and he said, yes, he would continue to serve, former Councilman and Commissioner. Anybody have anybody else in mind? So, we want to leave it at Tim? Anybody have any objections to Tim staying on? Since it's unanimous, I guess I better check. David? You okay?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Yeah.

**Councilman Richmond:** And Chris, you okay with Tim?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so that's seven, zero (7-0).

### **OHIO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD**

**Councilman Richmond:** Ohio Township Library Board. Blake Larson did not want to return to that. And there was a recommendation from the Library Board for Bradley Bingham. Anybody have any other nominations? This is Ohio Township, the Newburgh/Chandler Area Library Board. They kind of do the same thing we do on a smaller level.

**Councilman Reid:** I nominate Brad.

**Councilman Richmond:** Brad Overton?

**Councilman Reid:** No, Brad Bingham.

**Councilman Richmond:** Oh.

**Councilman Reid:** Bradley.

**Councilman Richmond:** Bradley, alright.

**Councilman Reid:** Bradley.

**Councilman Overton:** You know, Greg, that was the first thought, and I thought, why would he nominate me?

**Councilman Richmond:** I was gonna say, he lives in Boon Township. Sorry about that. I didn't...

**Councilman Overton:** Yeah.

**Councilman Richmond:** It didn't compute. Bradley was what I was looking at. I didn't think. So, does anybody have any objections to putting Bradley in there? Bradley Bingham?

**Councilman Overton:** No.

**Councilman Richmond:** Hearing none, I'll write his name in and that'd be seven, zero (7-0).

**Councilman Overton:** We may want to stop this meeting before we get to anything that's actually, besides these nominations. I'm afraid to see where we're going.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay.

### **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Councilman Richmond:** Next up is Board of Zoning appeals. Mike Moesner is a farmer, has a large farming business. He's been our Council person for a long time. Board of Zoning Appeals, basically, if they want to appeal how their land is zoned I guess is what that is.

**Councilman Overton:** He did a good job on the Area Planning Commission when I was on there.

**Councilman Richmond:** He has lots of experience.

**Councilman Metzger:** Motion for Mike.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, I have a motion to keep Mike Moesner on there. Anybody else have any other names? Hearing none, all those in favor of Mike Moesner? That's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, that's seven, zero (7-0).



### **ECONOMIC COALITION OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA**

**Councilman Richmond:** Economic Coalition of Southwest Indiana.

**Councilman Overton:** I nominate Ron for that. I think probably his experience meddle or mingling, was going to say meddling up-state. I meant to say mingling up-state. I don't know. Maybe some people thought you were meddling, Ron. I don't know.

**Councilman Bacon:** I did some of that.

**Councilman Reid:** I'll make a motion for Ted Metzger.

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion for Ted Metzger and Ron Bacon. Any other nominations? I'm not sure how much longer this is going to be. They're merging with another two (2) groups from what I understand. I'm sure that they'll meet somehow or other. But, I don't know how it's gonna, what kind of organization they're going to have. Alright, we'll take a vote here.

**Councilman Reid:** And also, Howard Nevins.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, Howard Nevins, yeah, I'm sorry. I forgot about that. Howard Nevins is that lay person, businessman, and then we have to have a Council representative. All those in favor of Ron? That's three (3) of us here. And in favor of Ted? Two (2) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Ron.

**Councilman Richmond:** And David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** I'd put Ted on there.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so, you're voting for Ted? That would be three (Ted Metzger-3), and then there was four (Ron Bacon-4) for Ron. Okay, so, Ron will serve on that for now then. Ted, how often did they meet?

**Councilman Metzger:** About every three (3) months. 7:30 AM sharp.

**Councilman Richmond:** Cause I've never been to one (1) of their meetings.

**Councilman Metzger:** It's always on the coldest day in the middle of winter.

**Councilman Richmond:** Figures.

### **NEWBURGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Councilman Richmond:** Newburgh Economic Development Commission has to be someone from Newburgh and Todd Titzer's been on there a few years and he'd like to remain. Anybody have any other names?

**Councilman Bacon:** I nominate Todd.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so, Todd's nominated. Anybody else? Hearing none, all those in favor of keeping Todd Titzer on? That's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** And David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, let me put his name in here. Seven, zero (7-0).

### **TOURISM COMMISSION**

**Councilman Richmond:** On the Tourism Commission, we have two (2) of them. We have Rick Miller and it was Colleen Talley. But, she wants to go off of that Board now. And they recommend, that's the library, excuse me, not the library. It's the museum. The people from the museum, their Board has recommended Jan Allen.

**Councilman Metzger:** I nominate Rick and Jan.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, Rick and Jan. Anybody else have any other nominations? Rick Miller and Jan Allen. Hearing none, we'll put the two (2) together. All those in favor? That's five (5) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** And David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Sounds great.

**Councilman Richmond:** Seven, zero (7-0). That's all of them. Thank you.

**Councilman Overton:** I'd like to say, I appreciate Dave's new found enthusiasm. He seems to be very perky tonight.



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2020**

**Councilman Richmond:** On the Minutes, I didn't find any mistakes. To me, you were perfect.

**Councilman Overton:** What?

**Kristine Georges:** Holla.

**Councilman Overton:** Whoa. Crazy.

**Councilman Richmond:** Did anybody else find anything?

**Councilman Overton:** No.

**Councilman Metzger:** Make a motion we accept the Minutes.

**Councilman Reid:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion by Ted. Let me find the right blank here. And second by Rick to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 3, 2020. All those in favor? That's all five (5) of us here. And David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Aye.

**Councilman Richmond:** And Chris.

**Councilman Whetstone:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** So, that's seven, zero (7-0). Thank you.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS  
LIT – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**Councilman Richmond:** Economic Development Business, they have from the Economic Development Income Tax, the Local Option Income Tax, or LIT, Local Income Tax, Administrative Assistant, seven thousand five hundred fifty-five dollars (\$7,555.00) as an Additional Appropriation. The FICA, seven hundred seventy dollars (\$770.00). PERF is one thousand six hundred eighty dollars (\$1,680.00). Health Insurance, eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00). And actually, probably, that will end up being twenty thousand (\$20,000.00).

**Steve Roelle:** And Greg, if I can make one (1) change, is for salary, we need sixty-eight-eighty-five (\$6,885.00). So, reduce that slightly a little bit.

**Councilman Richmond:** Which one (1)?

**Steve Roelle:** The first number, sixty-eight-eighty-five (\$6,885.00).

**Councilman Richmond:** Sixty-eight (\$6,800.00)...

**Steve Roelle:** Part of that is because we're down one (1) part-time person who's left us already and haven't paid them any in 2021. So, less is needed to get to that number.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay.

**Steve Roelle:** Which would make the twenty-eight-two-'o-five (\$28,205.00) number down to twenty-seven-three-three-five (\$27,335.00). Just to, just so you guys have the numbers.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, now, shouldn't we change the eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00) to twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) though, Krystal?

**Krystal Powless:** The Health Insurance?

**Councilman Richmond:** The Health Insurance, yes.

**Krystal Powless:** No, eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00) is fine.

**Councilman Richmond:** That's okay?

**Krystal Powless:** Um hum.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Never mind. I thought it was twenty (\$20,000.00). And...

**Krystal Powless:** It's prorated.

**Councilman Richmond:** The rest is a transfer and a Salary Ordinance. So, our debate is, I suppose on 3A, the Additional Appropriation. Go ahead (inaudible).

**Steve Roelle:** Okay, I sent a summary, so, I'm gonna try not to go over every bullet point. I'll be as brief as I can possibly be.



**Councilman Richmond:** And identify yourself.

**Steve Roelle:** Steve Roelle, Economic Development. Good evening and Happy New Year. I sent a summary to County Council and asked for any questions or concerns. The jest of the matter is, we're looking to convert and combine our two (2) part-time admin positions into one (1) full-time Administrator. The reason is, we have tried, and I can tell you, tried to make part-time temporary, hourly work with a high revolving turn over work for our administration in our department. And it has not been time effective or cost effective. It's just not a seasonally job. We're a small department with a lot of responsibility and we feel we need a full-time Administrator. There's a lot of reasons. Little bit of background, in the last fourteen (14) months, we've had four (4) part-time admins. We'd now be hiring our fifth. That doesn't include the two (2) people that we interviewed, checked references, hired, accepted the job, and didn't make it to day one (1) before they found a different job that wasn't a part-time job at hourly wages. So, we have a lot of COMOT jobs. That's clerical, administrative office technical jobs in Warrick County. I think we have eighty-four (84). I'm not sure how many departments we have, but it's not eighty-four (84). Probably not forty-two (42) or twenty-one (21). But, Economic Development has zero (0). So, the problem that's created really and to try and solve our admin needs with part-time is, there's no consistency. I did my own little job study, the eighty-four (84) COMOT jobs in Warrick County as a full-time job, the average experience is thirteen (13) years on the job. We're averaging five (5) months. And so, you do a lot of studies and research, you'll see it takes about three (3) months to train a new employee, about eight (8) months for them to hit their stride and their full work potential, and we're cycling through people five (5) months at a time. The reason it's all so extremely important, it's not only consuming a lot of time, but, all the training and stuff is really weighed on us. And I know the timing is in January this year, but we can't wait another year to solve this problem with basically the broad range of complicated things that our department needs to work on. And I expect my team to basically work on everything that we do. Can't just assign each person one (1) or two (2) tasks. Need to be up to speed. I feel like we've taken on a lot of stuff. When I first took this job, I asked County Commissioners, County Council members, to talk about what they wanted to get done. It was keeping the two million dollar (\$2,000,000.00) regional cities money here, developing a Wireless Broadband Project to go with our fiber project. I know that I spoke with Councilmember Overton about trying to improve Scales Lake. We completed that project and we're in talks with Scales, the Board, and with Ben about round two (2). I know that I met with David for the first time and we talked about, let's get back to business in the Industrial Park. It'd been eight (8) years 'til we've had any progress. We broke ground on two (2) projects in 2020. And I'm excited to say, even in the middle of COVID, we had an offer on a third parcel this week on a small industrial service business that we will be going over whether that's accepted or not. So, I'm excited about the progress at the end of the day, I just have to be honest. That I feel we work hard and do a good job. I feel like I'm trying to keep my own head above water and our department's head above water to keep our foot on the gas and to keep pushing. As Greg said, this money comes out of Economic Development Income Tax. We maintain an extremely healthy balance on all of our five (5) year forecast models. We know that EDIT dollars that are going to come in 2021. They're going to be the highest EDIT dollars that Warrick County's ever seen. The distribution from the State. We've made an adjustment in 2022 down some, effect, that there will be an effect from COVID and all those models, we keep a seven (7) figure end of year cash balance to, just like Council keeps Rainy Day, to be able to respond if a project or a need comes up. So, I think we do a really good job. What we would do is take the one (1) remaining part-time admin that we have, which is Holly Gossman. She is fantastic and she is looking for full-time as well, and convert her to this new full-time position instead of hiring additional part-time. Holly has an undergrad from UE and, in Political Science, Masters in Public Administration which is why she wanted to get in the door in Economic Development with Public Administration to make a difference in the community. And that's from USI. And that's it. I won't go through all of the budgets and revenue and debt service and other stuff that our admin has to take care of. But, it is significantly more than claims and payroll. And I'm happy to entertain any questions.

**Councilman Richmond:** Councilmen have some questions for Steve?

**Councilman Overton:** Yes, I only got, I got just a couple things.

**Steve Roelle:** Okay.

**Councilman Overton:** Well, not really questions. But, one (1), I mean I can, the fact that this is coming out of the LIT money and Economic Development and not the General Fund is probably about the only way I can get behind this because of that.

**Steve Roelle:** I understand.

**Councilman Overton:** But, the only other thing, I'm just, I'm just curious, I mean, did you just have, did you have these positions filled in August or July around budget time? I'm just curious why?

**Steve Roelle:** So, we did. And so, and I think that's a great question, that's why I mentioned the timing of this.

**Councilman Overton:** Yeah, (inaudible).

**Steve Roelle:** And I, and I understand and for those who don't know, I've been on this job two (2) years. So, in 2019, Personnel Committee meetings happen in July. And I went to my first one (1) in '19, and I was three (3) months since Larry Taylor retired. I was not in a position, I was still learning my job. Wasn't going to make any recommendations. Forward to 2020, in July, I asked about Personnel Committee meetings, and Council didn't hold any. Meaning, I would have to wait 'til this July to come and take care of this and that would take effect in January of 2020, and I can't. We're going to struggle if we have to continue to go through this for a whole other year. So, I understand that. I would have come to, to those meetings. Was kind of the understanding that they weren't going to happen and didn't have that opportunity and I was trying to make it work. I had a secondary part-time person at that time, we just had. Bonnie just left for another job here in December which was another second person, second part-time admin. And so, now, it's the perfect opportunity because of the workload we have, we have one (1) person who's fantastic and already trained. And so, I don't think we can wait. But, I certainly understand. And I'm aware that July's budget time and Personnel Committee time.

**Councilman Overton:** Well, I knew you were. That's, I was just curious, so that's, if you actually had it filled or you had those two (2) positions in.



**Steve Roelle:** Yep.

**Councilman Overton:** Kind of my understanding. Thanks.

**Councilman Reid:** So, you won't have any part-timers?

**Steve Roelle:** We will not.

**Councilman Reid:** Do you need one (1)?

**Steve Roelle:** That's a good question. I mean, again, the reason I went to two (2) part-time from one (1) part-time is I've always wanted to live within my means, my personal life, my professional life. I've tried to take the least, smallest step to improve our department. Two (2) part-time didn't work. I certainly, if there was money in the budget for some part-time help, I would certainly try to fill that position with a person that was specifically looking for part-time and could help make our department better. I think right now at this point, this is our, this is our immediate urgent need. And I think I could, and I appreciate that Rick, I think I could wait until July. If it shows itself that we still need some more help, I'm happy, cards on the table, to tell you everything we do and what, what we need.

**Councilman Richmond:** You did say temporary services are hard to find somebody part-time, now, to fill.

**Steve Roelle:** It is.

**Councilman Richmond:** I know we're having the same issue at Solid Waste.

**Councilman Whetstine:** You know. Can I speak? I mean, I don't know the format here since I'm not there. But, I read through Steve's report ahead of time. And I found it very interesting and it caused me to look up on, on the website there, on Steve's website, and I saw the picture of this young lady there, Holly Gossman. And you know, as they say, a picture's worth a thousand words. And, so, Steve, I'd like to ask you, some of the thoughts that your report and her picture caused me to ask you. Which is, you mentioned that she's looking for full-time work, okay? Would you expect her to be here a year from now? Or is she looking, she sounds like...

**Steve Roelle:** That's a question, that's a question for her. But I'm, to be honest with you, with our history and track record of turnover in this position, it would surprise me. She's a great member of our team. She gets everything that we do.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Well, that's what I'm (inaudible). I know what you're saying about that too.

**Steve Roelle:** Complicated financial structures and has improved our department. And so, part of it's about, this position is needed for our department in general. I'm excited if it's, if it's approved by Council, to be able to offer it to somebody that's going to make a difference for Warrick County.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I understand and I realize that is a question for her. But, I guess what I mean is, has she expressed an interest in wanting to be full-time in this position.

**Steve Roelle:** Yes.

**Councilman Whetstine:** And has she, you know, I, silly question, you already said here on paper, but I assume she's hard working and knows the system well and everything like that.

**Steve Roelle:** She is. If she left and asked for a recommendation, I would recommend her as high as I could.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Well, guys, everyone, speaking from my experience, it's a lot better to have someone who already knows the system than it is to train someone for the system. I, I, I liked everything in your report, Steve. And like I said, it caused me to research a little more and, cause I feel like I can see the need for it. Really, that's it. Just a comment I guess.

**Councilman Metzger:** Anybody else?

**Councilman Richmond:** Anybody else have a question? I'm looking for a motion then.

**Councilman Metzger:** I'll make a motion to approve.

**Councilman Reid:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Have a motion to approve and that would be the 3A, B, C, right?

**Councilman Metzger:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Is that okay? And that was by Ted and second by Rick. Any discussion?

**Councilman Metzger:** I would like to make a little discussion here. We're treating the problem Steve's having, but we've come across this problem a couple times in the past. And the problem is the low wage we're paying our part-time people. You can't expect to get loyalty and, you know, that out of people at ten-ninety-five (\$10.95) an hour. People have to live, you know, too, so they're always looking for another job. I hope that when the budget time comes around, the Council addresses the problem with the part-time salary because it's extremely low. And it's very difficult to get people to do that when they can go practically anywhere else and get twelve (\$12.00), thirteen (\$13.00), fourteen (\$14.00) dollars and hour.

**Councilman Richmond:** I agree.



**Councilman Metzger:** But, besides that, that's just discussion.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Well, at our last budget, or excuse me, our budget meetings in August, I tried to get a raise for the part-time employees.

**Councilman Metzger:** I remember.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Didn't get really didn't get any assistance from the whole Board. Of course, at this time I wish the person's name to be hired was withheld. You know, we try to keep the names out of it. But, I definitely understand your problem, Steve. But, with part-time help compared to full-time. But, we're almost completed with our job study and, which will also help determine the need but also determine the pay scale. But, you know, we decided in the past to only increase employees at budget time. And this is something else too that if it was brought to the personnel committee we could explore different ideas with you, Steve, and make a recommendation back to the rest of the Council.

**Steve Roelle:** And I understand. I just didn't get that opportunity in 2020. And so it's a pressing, it cannot wait any longer. So, and I certainly understand your points, David. And I understand about the job study is coming. I understand that's about salaries. But, this is more about a staffing need. I'm not looking for a raise for a position or anything else. It's starting at what the County's rates are for an entry level position here. So, I'm not looking, I'm not arguing the salaries that the County has in place or looking for a raise. It's more about a workforce and a position need.

**Councilman Richmond:** I'd like...

**Councilman Hachmeister:** I thought you asked for a COMOT III out of it.

**Steve Roelle:** And that's the starting, that, it, I am. That's where it's going to be because of the duties that are involved with that position. And it's starting at that entry level position for the County.

**Councilman Richmond:** I'd like to request that you do a job description and submit it to us so we can send it to our people to get it included in the group.

**Steve Roelle:** Okay. Okay.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I guess I'd like to just real quickly say to, hey, Dave, thanks for pointing that out to me about mentioning names. I think that is my fault as a, as a greenie. I don't think Steve...

**Steve Roelle:** I had it, I had it in my summary at least. So, I just want to let you know.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I think I, it's okay. Well, I, Dave is one hundred percent (100%) right on that and regardless, I think there's the need for the position and if you happen to have a person in mind, that's so much the better. But even without that person, I think you justified the need.

**Councilman Metzger:** Yeah, I can't agree with David totally either. Because Economic Development is very important. They're bringing in some money. It's not like every other department that's (inaudible) that's dependent on the taxpayers and uses General Fund money. Economic Development, they're making cash for Warrick County. So, as long as they can keep producing results like that, you know, I think that Economic Development is just a little bit different than other departments in that aspect.

**Councilman Bacon:** Mr. President?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yes.

**Councilman Bacon:** I'm a little bit more (inaudible).

**Unknown:** Push your button there, Ron.

**Councilman Bacon:** Got to push the button. Someone didn't tell me that. I'm actually impressed with what you're telling me and I'm very surprised with the amount of staffing that you have with what has been done. Economic Development wise throughout the State of Indiana in the last ten (10) years. And Warrick County, if I'm not mistaken, is still the third largest/fastest growing county in the State.

**Steve Roelle:** The only one (1) in the region.

**Councilman Bacon:** Right. And the only one (1) in the region that is growing.

**Steve Roelle:** Yep.

**Councilman Bacon:** So, I'm surprised that you're getting that done with the staff that you have. So, I want to thank you and complement you for that and definitely feel it's very much needed.

**Councilman Richmond:** Any other comments?

**Councilman Metzger:** I'd like to add that Steve is doing a great job also.

**Councilman Reid:** Absolutely.

**Councilman Richmond:** I think we're all in agreement to that. Thank you for your hard work. Seeing none we'll call for the vote if that's okay with everybody. The motion was made by Ted Metzger. Second by Rick Reid to approve the Economic Development Additional Appropriation. The total was twenty-seven thousand three-hundred-thirty-five (\$27,335.00) I



**Steve Roelle:** Yep.

**Councilman Richmond:** All those in favor? One (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), that's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Nay.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so that's six, one (6-1 with David Hachmeister opposing) with David as a nay. There was some discussion also and I got some phone calls about it, that, I remember when we made our, this doesn't pertain to yours that much. But when we made our kind of conclusion about having the Personnel meeting only before the budget meetings, that perhaps, because we were getting so many requests. And a lot of them trivial that really could have waited. And I think that perhaps the Personnel Committee ought to meet more than just once a year. That's something to think about, those of you on the Personnel Committee. See what you think about it. Alright. We're ready for Commissioners.

**Steve Roelle:** Thank you very much.

**Councilman Richmond:** Thank you.

### **COMMISSIONER BUSINESS FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN**

**Councilman Richmond:** Salary Ordinance. What?

**Councilman Bacon:** We got all three (3) of these at the same time? Correct?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yes, all three (3) at the same, yeah, circle all three (3) in the same.

**Councilman Bacon:** Gotcha.

**Councilman Richmond:** And we'll do 4A and B in the same motion also because the Salary Ordinance, we don't advertise Salary Ordinances. But, we have to advertise Additional Appropriation if you pass an Additional Appropriation. And you might as well pay the Salary Ordinance.

**Councilman Bacon:** I understand.

**Roger Emmons:** Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen. Roger Emmons, County Administrator, Warrick County Commissioners Office.

**Councilman Richmond:** I'm just Greg.

**Roger Emmons:** Okay, Greg, I know that.

**Councilman Richmond:** I know.

**Roger Emmons:** We've been friends a long time.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yes, we have.

**Roger Emmons:** So, I'd like to again welcome back Ron to the County Council. Ron always has been and will continue to be an asset to Warrick County and I look forward to working with Councilman Whetstine and meeting him as well as well as all of the Council for 2021. It's bound to be better than 2020. So, the business you have before you, then Commissioner President Dan Saylor and our HR Manager Heather Soberg addressed you at your December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and you did approve by a four (4) to three (3) vote to have Krystal prepare the Salary Ordinance and advertise the Additional for today's meeting for action. The, the full-time custodian would start next Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> should you approve our request.

**Councilman Richmond:** Is it tomorrow when Debbie's thing is?

**Roger Emmons:** Yes. Yeah. Invite all of you from 11 (AM) to 1 (PM) in this room for a luncheon for Debbie Ashby. She's the great custodian that Dan spoke about at that December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting that we're sorry to be losing. She's my age, Greg, so I couldn't do what she's done. So, anyway, we think the new person will be also, will have a high standard of cleanliness. Of course, we'll hold her to that.

**Councilman Overton:** You know, Roger, I should have looked at this before. But, what does this give, what does this person, what's the total of custodial employees, if this person is included?

**Roger Emmons:** This will make us four (4).

**Councilman Overton:** Four (4). And how many are, is it just the one (1) full-time?

**Roger Emmons:** No, they're all full-time.

**Councilman Overton:** We've got four (4) full-time?

**Roger Emmons:** This one (1) here would be for the Courthouse.



**Councilman Overton:** Okay.

**Roger Emmons:** And we'll have three (3) for the, for the Judicial Center, which we did years ago. We had, we had actually three (3) full-time in the Judicial Center. We had one (1) full-time and a part-time for the Courthouse.

**Councilman Overton:** That's what I thought.

**Roger Emmons:** Several years ago the Council chose to take away one (1) of the full-time custodians.

**Councilman Richmond:** Doesn't your custodian go out to the Jail and help them also?

**Roger Emmons:** Yes, the one (1) that's been working part-time now. She will also clean at the Jail and the Highway Department on a regular schedule. And Sheriff Wilder and Superintendent Bobby Howard, they've been very pleased with her work. And of course, we just don't know when the pandemic is gonna end. But, as Dan and Heather addressed this Council, they stated the importance of the additional cleaning that we need for this.

**Councilman Richmond:** Any more questions? All call for a motion then.

**Councilman Bacon:** I'll make the motion.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, Ron Bacon made the motion. Is there a second?

**Councilman Overton:** I'll second. I'll second, sorry, Dave.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, caught you sitting back in your chair.

**Councilman Overton:** You did. You caught me being a...

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion made by Ron, seconded by Brad to approve both 4A and B the Additional Appropriation of twenty-eight thousand four hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$28,479.00) and the Salary Ordinance of the same. All those in favor? That's three (3) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstone:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** That's four (4), and David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** I voted no last time. Voting no again.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so that'd be four to three (4-3 with David Hachmeister, Ted Metzger, and Rick Reid opposing) with David and Rick and I didn't ask for no. I assume you guys are no, right?

**Councilman Reid:** (Inaudible).

**Councilman Metzger:** Right.

**Councilman Richmond:** And Ted. Okay, as the nays.

#### **EXPENSE – COVID CARES ACT GRANT FUND**

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, next up is the CARES Act Transfer Resolution to Rainy Day. That figure is three hundred seven thousand and eighty dollars (\$307,080.00). Three-'o-seven-'o-eight-'o (\$307,080.00).

**Roger Emmons:** Greg, I'm going to yield to our County Attorney.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, thank you.

**Councilman Bacon:** Can you repeat that again? Three (3), 'o (0)...

**Councilman Overton:** Three-'o-seven (307)...

**Councilman Richmond:** Three-'o-seven-zero-eight-zero (\$307,080.00).

**Councilman Bacon:** Zero-eight-zero (080).

**Councilman Richmond:** This one (1), same one (1), nothing's changed.

**Todd Glass:** Pretty much. There's a little more information on there.

**Councilman Metzger:** Thank you, Sir. There you go. You got it.

**Cliff Whitehead:** Thanks.

**Todd Glass:** Council members, good night. Good evening and Happy New Year. Todd Glass, County Attorney. I think I can address both 4C and 4D. What I've shared with you is both a summary, that maybe you've seen before, summarizing a grant program that I've worked with the Commissioners to develop as a proposal. And following that, you'll see the summary that might be of some help also of the CARES Act Grant Fund numbers. You'll see the one million eight hundred four thousand four-'o-six-ninety-one (\$1,804,406.91), that was the amount if you remember, was reprinted into the General Fund just recently after it was cost down to us by the Finance Authority. The Authority...



made a couple of adjustments to that and that's the Auditor's number. I'm of the understanding from the Auditor that there's three hundred seven thousand and eighty dollars (\$307,080.00) available to reimburse to your Rainy Day Fund from that one point eight (\$1,800,000.00) and that is what 4C is. Of course, if you remember, you appropriated three hundred (\$300,000.00) to help the program in its early stages. And then the CARES Act came out, the CARES Act Funds became available, the program has gone kind of like topsy-turvy in the last several months in all honesty. But, we did get several hundred thousand dollars distributed out for COVID related expenses and expenditures. But, thankfully, we have the one point eight million dollars (\$1,800,000.00) left sitting in the General Fund and that's what 4D is, is if you approve the reimbursement to the Rainy Day Fund, you still have just, just south of one point five million (\$1,500,000.00). That's been noticed for the appropriation to the CARES Act Grant Fund that the Commissioners are proposing in conjunction with and partnership with the Council. And you'll see the first couple pages is that grant fund program that I've worked with the Commissioner for. They're very passionate about this program, of course, they want to see this through to the end. And, and we're following the same procedures that we implemented through the Indiana Finance Authority. We got many complements from folks up there in SBOA as far as the paperwork that was submitted for each and every expenditure. We will continue that. But, Commissioners, or Council members, this will allow not just County Offices and Departments but also Townships, libraries, non-profits, small businesses, small employers in Warrick County to come forth and request these funds for COVID related expenses, expenditures, just help them get by as a result of the Pandemic. If, if you agree to the appropriation, the Commissioners, this Monday at their meeting, they'll be passing this grant program and implementing it. They suggest it would be nice if one (1) Commissioners, one (1) Council member could serve on the committee reviewing requests. We'll take requests both of expenditure reimbursements that have been made that people would ask for reimbursements for. They can also request an expenditure that they need but might not have the funds for. There's a little added hoop or two (2) that they have to jump through, not only present all the materials they need, but also, if that request is granted, they have to come back to us within thirty (30) days with proof that that money was actually spent on that. And so, that the Auditor's Office, we have all the proper paperwork that we need for such expenditures. So, those requests will be summarized bi-weekly, submitted to this committee. If you like the program and agree with it, of the Commissioner and Council member, to review each request and then they'll recommend which ones to submit to the County Commissioners for approval every other week, they'll approve it, and then, send it off to the Auditor's Office for, as a claim to pay. This is a process, I think in talking with Commissioner Phillippe and Saylor and Johnson, they think it's kind of, rather fast paced. It keeps things moving. We'll take action on it every other week and probably try to get these funds out to folks as fast as we can. They'll approve those requests, as I mentioned, at each Commissioners' meeting, but we'd like to come back of course in the next couple of months, each month, report to you, hear all the requests that have been submitted and approved and paid, so that you can keep track of how we're, how we're doing. Of course, the idea is once it gets down to zero (0), the program's over. But, that's the proposed plan the Commissioners want to pass Monday. The appropriation request is for the balance of those funds. I will tell you, if you remember, we submitted Phase 1 and Phase 2 requests to the IFA and then things started changing. We had Phase 3 and Phase 4 requests already up there in the IFA when they put the kibitz on everything and decided they were just going to send it down to the County for a completion. Right? And, and in, in last month's meeting, you might remember, I attached these again, a summary of the round three (3) and round four (4) expenses that have already been paid, already had all the paperwork submitted. We have all the information that we needed. They were already submitted to the Finance Authority for payment. So, I'll tell you, once this grant program is implemented and if you appropriate the funds to it, rounds three (3) and four (4) expenses are first up. They're first up. These, these are things that have been spent, unbudgeted items that have been waiting for their reimbursements for quite some time because everything got stuck in the mud up at the IFA back in late October. So, you can see the summary of what those round three (3) and four (4) expenses are from the Board of Commissioners, Court Services, Economic Development, EMA...

**Naomi Curtis:** Todd, you can quit talking.

**Councilman Richmond:** Is there somebody there?

**Councilman Overton:** Is there somebody...?

**Todd Glass:** I, you know, I can talk a lot. That almost sounded like my mother.

**Unknown:** Krystal said that. Krystal said that.

**Todd Glass:** She passed away a couple years ago.

**Councilman Whetstone:** That's funny.

**Todd Glass:** But, anyway, I don't, I don't mean to keep going on. I can answer questions. These two (2) charts probably look familiar to you. And round four (4), you'll notice, round four (4) includes, we just got started on getting the word out to some non-profits, right? And you'll see that that includes Warrick Wellness Pathways, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Castle Band, and the 4-H Center. We're really hoping that once we get these two (2), Phase 3 and Phase 4 expenses reimbursed, if you go back to my little (inaudible) here, that still leaves eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$860,000.00) in the grant program. Commissioners are very interested, very passionate about getting the word out to local business, small businesses, small employers, restaurants, cafes, bakeries, whatever, and see if we can get more requests coming from the non-profits. I don't know if libraries need something, that sort of thing. But, we're gonna have a great opportunity to get some of these CARES Act Funds down really to the Warrick County folks that need it. That's our proposal and certainly if you have questions, I'll do my very best.

**Councilman Overton:** Todd, Todd, I've got one (1) question, and this is a hypothetical, but if we were to receive or if there's another round of CARES Grant money, I'm assuming, we're just approp...we would, this amount is only what would be appropriated. But, where would that, you got an idea or kind of...?

**Todd Glass:** There is in fact another two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00), which, they held ten percent (10%) back from the CARES Act allocations for each County. Remember that we got two point one (\$2,100,000.00), right? We got about three hundred (\$300,000.00) distributed and had one point eight (\$1,800,000.00) left. So, we have two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) still up there and just right before Christmas, we submitted the request for that two hundred ten thousand (\$210,000.00) and that's in the chute. That's being processed this month. So, Councilman Overton, you're right, we got at least two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) that we know is still



coming. So, when that comes down, it's, I don't know, honestly, if that's going to go in the (Fund) 8900 Line Item first or straight to the General Fund. But, it will be there for this Council to decide if you want to put it back into the Grant Program to keep funneling that to the folks that need it badly. You'll have that opportunity.

**Councilman Overton:** I was just kind of curious. If there are or if there's even additional funds from the Federal Government down the road.

**Todd Glass:** That's all that I know of so far.

**Councilman Overton:** Okay.

**Councilman Richmond:** The way I understand this, it's an Additional Appropriation for one million four hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$1,497,000.00)...excuse me...one million four hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred twenty-six dollars (\$1,497,326.00) and that goes into the Expense COVID line item Commissioners 1000.31116.000.0068. And that line item then, once we appropriate it to that, then the Commissioners, all they have to do is to make the claims go through claims procedure, correct?

**Todd Glass:** Correct.

**Councilman Richmond:** That is the right figure, isn't it? One-four-nine-seven-three-two-six (\$1,497,326.00)?

**Todd Glass:** Eighty-three (\$0.83), yes, that's what was also noticed.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so I need to put, Krystal, I need to put the eighty-three (\$0.83) in there?

**Krystal Powless:** They won't approve change.

**Todd Glass:** Oh, I'm sorry.

**Councilman Richmond:** Just even it out to zero (0) then.

**Krystal Powless:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** One-four-nine-seven-three-two-six (\$1,497,326.00).

**Todd Glass:** And also, of course, the reimbursement back to Rainy Day.

**Krystal Powless:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** We're going to do that Resolution. I think we should take it apart in two (2) parts. Anybody else have any questions for Todd?

**Councilman Metzger:** Yes, I do. I don't know if, yeah, it's a question. I kind of have a bad feeling about putting the entire amount into the 8900 Fund at one (1) time. Todd mentioned that they planned on coming back each month and giving us a report on who qualified and what they're doing with the money. I'm wondering if we just couldn't deposit maybe a third of that into the (Fund) 8900 and then as they come back and spend it, ask for an additional appropriation out of Rainy Fund. Or not Rainy Fund, the General Fund. And that way we can keep a little bit of control on the situation. This situation, it cuts the fiscal authority of the County completely out. And what the Commissioners do with the money, it's gone, it's up to them.

**Councilman Reid:** Yeah (inaudible).

**Councilman Metzger:** And once it's been paid, we're probably not going to get it back. So, you know, I'm a little bit uncomfortable about putting a total amount in there. I'd like to give them enough to operate for a while. But, Todd says they plan on coming back every month and giving us a report. Why couldn't we just give them additional amounts as, as they need it? It's a good program and I'm behind it. I understand it. But, I just feel like we're losing, the Council's losing a little bit of control here. And I don't like that. I think we should have our system of checks and balances intact.

**Councilman Reid:** You're taking the power away from us on the money and the transparency is lost too because when you come back, it's already been done. You know, I would rather you come to us every month and say here's these here, we normally, we'll vote for them and say, yes. So, I would rather have it here and let the Council make a decision each month on what's going to happen.

**Councilman Richmond:** There would be one (1) Commissioner and one (1) Councilman on the Board to look at it.

**Todd Glass:** And that's what we thought was being both transparent and reflexive of perhaps those, that concern. But, I will say that the process that we follow, and is in this program, both the Indiana Finance Authority and the State Board of Accounts were very impressed with it. And Warrick County did a much better job than most other Counties at keeping track of those expenses and making sure they were being applied appropriately.

**Councilman Richmond:** And I saw it somewhere in writing, Commissioners do plan to use the original COVID qualifications that the Feds put out and the State IFA had when they were going through the approval system. So, not everything's going to get approved by them, everything that comes along. Cause it has to comply with whatever the Feds, even though we don't have to really comply anymore to what the Feds say. And by, my feelings are, I want to see this money designated where it isn't going to get touched for anything else but COVID. Because that's what our Federal Government legislators put it aside for and not spent on anything else.

**Councilman Metzger:** I agree. I want the money spent on COVID too. But, I just hate, we're losing control of the situation. We're pretty much out of the picture once we approve this.



**Councilman Whetstine:** Greg, this is Chris here. You, you make some really good, good points there and I want to ask, did the Council not already vote to move this money over? I mean isn't it kind of already done?

**Todd Glass:** Uh, no.

**Councilman Reid:** It's in the General Fund.

**Todd Glass:** Councilman Whetstine, it was moved from the 8900 Line Item, which is where it had to go originally, and then it moved into the General Fund. It was transferred into the General Fund. But, now you have to appropriate it either to this grant program or I suppose you can buy yourselves some desk chairs or something or whatever you want to do with it.

**Councilman Metzger:** Right.

**Councilman Richmond:** Tell us why it was moved out of the 8900. I think that needs an explanation too. There's a reason.

**Todd Glass:** Well, I'm not the best person when it comes to some of these fund items to explain to you exactly how it works and why it works that way. But, the Indiana Finance Authority required the monies coming down from the County allocations to go in the 8900 Line Item and they made special rules for the Counties to get that money out to the people that needed it for COVID related expenses. Then they realized it was just too much work for IFA to continue to do that and decided that they wanted it to just go to the County, the Counties themselves to get disbursed. And when they decided that, then they changed the rules and said that the 8900 Line Item needed to go to General Fund. And then you appropriate it for COVID related expenses you see fit. I don't know if that's a really good answer for you, Greg. But...

**Auditor Stevens:** This is Debbie. May I speak?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yes, you have the floor.

**Auditor Stevens:** Okay, thanks. 8900 is a Federal Fund. All of the 8000 Funds are Federal Grants. So, that is by Statute that Federal money must be tracked and expended through a Federal Grant. So, when IFA wanted to get the money out to the Counties and move the money a little quicker than it was being moved through individual claims, they, they did allow for a Public Safety Payroll, which we submitted and, and recouped the balance, or was reimbursed by the Federal Grant. Once that money was moved out of Fund 8900 to reimburse the General Fund for Public Safety Payroll, that became General Fund money. These, these dollars are General Fund dollars. They're no longer Federal dollars. They won't be tracked that way. It's General Fund money and so Council must appropriate these dollars as they would any other General Fund money. Now, some of the ways that you're talking about expending the dollars, and if anyone has more information that they've obtained through State Board of Accounts than this, then I'm happy to hear it. But, there must be appropriation in departments making the purchases through the proper classifications for those appropriations. If, if the Sheriff needed to make, make a purchase, and it may very well be a COVID related purchase that Council agrees to, that money should be appropriated to the Sheriff's budget in the proper classification for that purp...for that purchase. I think we're trying to muddy the appropriations waters with something that took place in 2021 with CARES Act money. And that money is over. We do not have CARES Act money in the 2021 budget. So, anything that is being given to spend is General Fund money and it should be appropriated by the Council as you've always done. Does, does anyone have questions for me?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, I do.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I do.

**Auditor Stevens:** Okay.

**Councilman Richmond:** I'll go ahead.

**Auditor Stevens:** Okay.

**Councilman Richmond:** I think somebody else said they did also.

**Auditor Stevens:** Okay, not that I have the answers, but I mean just based on what I've said from...

**Councilman Richmond:** My questions...

**Auditor Stevens:** Go ahead.

**Councilman Richmond:** It revolves around what I said earlier. That this money was Federal tax dollars that was appropriated to go to COVID related issues. Well, we didn't get it all spent for COVID related issues in '20.

**Auditor Stevens:** Right.

**Councilman Richmond:** So, they figured out a way for us to continue to use it in '21, the State did, by doing it like you explained. Exactly like you explained. Now, if we would make the appropriation into the Commissioners budget as a line item, Expense COVID, then that, those items would have to be spent for COVID problems and preparing for pandemics and things related to COVID and that only. And it would be the claims process, we wouldn't have to go through an appropriation every time.

**Auditor Stevens:** Well, the...go ahead.

**Councilman Richmond:** If we had to appropriate every nickel and dime, we would be in meetings half the night.



**Auditor Stevens:** Well, the expenditures still would have to be made from the appropriate classifications. As an example, you could not pay personnel or salaries or part-time personnel from an expense line that wasn't in, in a salary line, in other words, in a 10000 line, unless, of course, it's contractual. Then, it would have to be spent from a contractual expense line. The numbers 10,000; 20,000; 30,000; 40,000's; those expense numbers, those are classifications and we should be making our purchases expenditure, and expenditures from appropriate classifications. And they should be appropriated in such a way by the Council. I know of no accounting exceptions to, to the way you've always appropriated budgets.

**Councilman Richmond:** I need to ask our Counsel, does State Board of Accounts have an issue on this?

**Cliff Whitehead:** No. John Goth on behalf of the County Attorney's Office spoke with Lori Rogers and went through, my understanding, and I spoke with John and Todd this afternoon, went through this exact procedure of what we were planning on doing. Ms. Rogers said that, I think one (1) other County is doing this or planning on doing this, too. They would take no exceptions to this procedure.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay.

**Todd Glass:** In fact, our proposed, our proposed...

**Auditor Stevens:** Well, that's a different answer than I, than I received from Ricki Hoffer, and they're both in the same office. So, Cliff, I appreciate that information. It's not unusual. But, I do think we need, I think I need that as the Fiscal Officer.

**Cliff Whitehead:** So, just to be specific, Debbie, so you, so, Debbie, you gave, Debbie...

**Auditor Stevens:** Coming from Paul Joyce.

**Cliff Whitehead:** So, just so I understand, you gave this exact procedure to your contact and he or she said, this exact procedure was unlawful?

**Auditor Stevens:** No, no. I have not, nothing, not one (1) thing has been shared with me outside of discussions in, I guess probably the Commissioners' meeting referencing some type of grant program. And I have not seen anything. Todd says he's sharing things with you tonight. I've seen nothing, and without some communication that says this is appropriate, and I'm talking about from Paul Joyce. So, that Paul Joyce knows that all of his people are on the same page and telling every single County the exact same thing in regards to appropriations. That we don't have to spend within classifications, that we can put money into one (1) department's budget, and another department can expend from that. Or that a small business, as an example, can submit a claim against the tax payers, against tax dollars without having provided goods or services to the tax payers for that claim. I have nothing that says that this, that this is appropriate. And I really think, I think we all need that. I think all of us need that. I don't think we can just say this person said this, then I talked to someone else, they say, yes, this is General Fund money. You must follow the same processes for General Fund dollars. And so, I think, and I can pursue this as an association officer for the Indiana County Auditors. I can pursue this through our Board to get some clear communication from State Board of Accounts on what is allowable when it comes to such an appropriation that you're asking for.

**Councilman Reid:** Debbie, are you asking for us to table this 'til we can get clearer clarification?

**Auditor Stevens:** Well, you can do what you want. I mean, it's Council's meeting. You know, the subject's on the floor for a vote or a motion I suppose at this point. But, who has anything in writing telling us that this is appropriate or that there won't be exceptions taken? I don't. That's all I'm saying. I don't.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Could I ask a question? Debbie, can I ask a question here?

**Auditor Stevens:** Sure.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Okay, thanks. This is Chris again. Greg, a couple of things. Debbie makes a good point. Let me ask, has anyone told you that this is not appropriate? Have we gotten any notification that this is appropriate or is not appropriate either way?

**Cliff Whitehead:** Yes, this is Cliff. We have. And I say we as Mr. Goth an attorney in the County Attorney's Office has received, has gone through, to my understanding, this exact procedure with this memo that was presented to the Council a week ago or so, that this procedure is not unlawful. And in fact, they, Ms. Rogers, did say that it would be acceptable. And I, and I believe what Mr. Goth relayed to me and to Todd, is that at least one (1) other County is already in the process of something very similar to this particular program. And to your point, I have not heard anything to the contrary. Specifically.

**Councilman Whetstine:** (Inaudible). Okay, thank you. My next question is, when this money originally came down from the State, from the Feds to the State and all that. Was it sent to the Counties to be put in, was Council supervision required? Or was this something that the State was going to monitor themselves. You understand my question? Were we ever monitoring this COVID money? The Council? Was the Council charged with supervising this COVID money?

**Todd Glass:** Well, Mr. President, if I could, like I said, the CARES Act Program took a lot of turns ever since it started back in whenever it was, September, whatever. But, the way it was initially sent down to the County, my understanding was to the County Executives to get these funds requested through the Indiana Finance Authority. We sat down with the Auditor and worked out a process that included her every step of the way to get those requests made. So, I take exception to the suggestion that she's in the dark. It's the same process that we've been following ever since September and October and including her office, and this program continues to include her. I'm concerned if, if you take that sort of an approach, well, I guess somebody here tell me, or the Auditor tells me, how does, how does Commanders' Grill come and get an appropriation from you if they need some money? How does, how does Boonville Country Club or the Library or that small café or bakery come and get your appropriation?



**Councilman Whetstine:** My question though is real simple. Was the County Council ever charged with supervising the COVID money?

**Todd Glass:** The CARES Act Program was, was put in place with, I believe, the Indiana Finance Authority in conjunction with the County Executives. Now, different Counties, Chris, did it different ways. Some Counties went through the County Executives solely and some used the Auditor's Offices. There was a lot of different things.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I kind of, well, could you just say, yes or no? Cause I'm kind of a simpleton. Was the Council...?

**Todd Glass:** Not the Council, no.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Thank you very much. Then, what I would say to that is, I find it insulting for the Council to take charge of that money, no differently that if I were to put money into a trust fund and assign a trustee, and that trustee did something different than what was commanded in the fund. So, I like the idea of putting it into a separate account designated solely for COVID and follow the exact same guidelines that were given to us in the beginning. And anything else is to me is insulting to the program. It should be, CARES Act money should be used for COVID and nothing else.

**Auditor Stevens:** Chris, I will say this. I'm sorry to interrupt, Chris. The money that was spent had to be spent by appropriation. There was no, this was a reimbursable Federal Grant. So, in that, Council had to make appropriation. They did have control over the expenditures. So, yes, they made an appropriation to first of all, everyone's budget, so if they had money there to spend for those purposes they could. And then three hundred and forty-five thousand dollars (\$345,000.00) was appropriated to the Rainy Day Fund from Council. So, there was Council oversight of the amount of money that was appropriated to be spent.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I see what you're saying. That there probably was Council oversight, but what I'm asking is was it required? And it appears as though the answer is...

**Auditor Stevens:** Yes.

**Councilman Whetstine:** It was required that the Council oversee it and distribute it out?

**Auditor Stevens:** Appropriation for expenditures was required. Yes.

**Councilman Whetstine:** That was, (inaudible) State monitoring. Cause I'm asking, Debbie, cause I honestly don't know.

**Auditor Stevens:** Sure.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I guess, I think putting something specifically for COVID into a General Fund or anything or any other kind of fund, I don't like that idea. I think it should go to, to a COVID fund and that we use for those, for those needs.

**Todd Glass:** We've, Chris, we've also been told, I think the most consistent thing since September from the State Board of Accounts and the Indiana Finance Authority is that these funds need to get to COVID relief. It needs to get to the people that need it.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yeah.

**Todd Glass:** And we've heard, and the Auditor has received too, many indications that this is not going to be at any point in time a revenue replacement resource for County. But, it's meant to be a relief fund for COVID expenses and to help the people out that need them and to get things done to help with the pandemic. The Commissioners believe in conjunction with the Council and working together with the Council and with the Auditor's Office, we can get those funds out to the people through this grant program.

**Auditor Stevens:** And I'm not disagreeing. I'm not disputing that, Todd. And so, please don't try to take a position. I'm an advocate for every one (1) of our small business owners and our non-profits who have suffered. But, but, you know, you're using that as the reason and the request for the Additional Appropriation when not one (1) penny of, of the previous year went for those purposes. I want to see that. I do.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Are you saying that last year money didn't go to COVID relief?

**Auditor Stevens:** No, I'm not saying it didn't go to COVID relief, I said small businesses and non-profits.

**Todd Glass:** Oh, yeah. I would, you know, I will, we, we were just trying to get started with getting it to the small businesses, non-profits, and libraries, and the IFA changed, kept changing all the rules on us. The one (1) opportunity that the Council has here through this grant program is finally we're gonna have several hundreds of thousands of dollars that we can actually get to small employers, small businesses. We've got this program. We've got a claim form. We've got the process. We're involving the Auditor's Office. That we're actually going to get more money to more of these non-profits.

**Councilman Overton:** I'm going to make a motion to approve this 4D just contingent upon Council getting a written confirmation that we're not doing anything that's not out of line with State laws and mandates.

**Councilman Bacon:** I'm going to second that motion, and I'm going to preference my second by telling you that I did talk to the State Board of Accounts today. It was not Paul Joyce, who I do know. Didn't get a chance to get a hold of Paul. Didn't have enough time to really get his, cause we've only got, for myself and for Chris, I'm sure, only two (2) days' notice from Debbie of what possibilities there are. So, I talked to Debbie and I got on the phone and talked to the Examiner locally that I know quite well here. And has been told, not in writing, but already been told there is no problem



with, as long as they go through the proper channels of setting up the appropriate, appropriate, or the budget line item, transferring that money into it, and following this program. So, we can get it in writing, but I've been assured also from the Examiner that there's no problem with doing that. They would have preferred we did it differently, just from knowing what's going on, if we should have just immediately put it in the grant program. But, that didn't come from IHA. That came from the Examiner's thoughts and that it would have just made it a whole lot simpler and easier. So, but, there is no issues from them, from the Examiner that we're doing it this way. So, I'll second the motion.

**Councilman Overton:** And Counsel, I guess I could have, do you mind doing that?

**Cliff Whitehead:** No.

**Councilman Overton:** Okay, thanks a lot.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, I have a motion by Brad. Second by Ron Bacon contingent that we're doing the right thing according to the rules and regulations and laws and our Council Attorney will check on this and verify it.

**Councilman Overton:** Which he already has. He's just going to get confirmation in writing.

**Councilman Richmond:** Confirmation in writing.

**Councilman Overton:** Yeah.

**Councilman Richmond:** And is there any more discussion?

**Councilman Metzger:** And this is for just 4D? We're going to come back to 4C?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yes, we're going to come back to the Resolution for Rainy Day separate.

**Councilman Overton:** Sorry, I completely skipped over 4C.

**Councilman Richmond:** I think we ought to do them separate anyway.

**Councilman Metzger:** I agree. Okay.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, seeing no more or hearing no more discussion, all those in favor of the motion?

**Councilman Reid:** Is that 4D?

**Councilman Richmond:** This would be 4D, the one million four hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred twenty-six dollars (\$1,497,326.00) deposited in Expense-COVID. That's three (3) of us here. And two (2) nays here. Ted and Rick. David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Aye.

**Councilman Richmond:** And Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so that'd be five to two (5-2 with Ted Metzger and Rick Reid opposing) with Ted and Rick opposing. And that's 4D the Additional Appropriation.

### **CARES ACT TRANSFER RESOLUTION TO RAINY DAY RESOLUTION 2021-01**

**Councilman Richmond:** Now, moving up to 4C, the transfer to, it's a Resolution, transfer to Rainy Day and the 2021-01 Resolution of the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana, transferring three hundred seven thousand eighty dollars (\$307,080.00). That's three-'o-seven-'o-eight-'o to the Rainy Day Fund from the County General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. And you might change your numbers on this. I changed it on mine in both places. There's one (1) down in section one (1), and then the title. Title's all I have to read, it that correct?

**Cliff Whitehead:** Yes, sorry.

**Councilman Richmond:** Do I have a motion?

**Councilman Bacon:** So moved.

**Councilman Metzger:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion by Ron. Second by Ted. Discussion? All those in favor? That's five (5) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** And David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Aye.



**Cliff Whitehead:** And I apologize, the number has changed. It's in the body of the Resolution, but the title should be three thousand...three hundred thousand seven...I'm sorry, three hundred seven thousand eighty dollars (\$307,080.00).

**Councilman Reid:** Yeah.

**Cliff Whitehead:** So, okay, did he say that? Maybe he said that.

**Councilman Bacon:** That's what I have is the motion, what I have. The number I have.

**Cliff Whitehead:** Thank you.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, that one (1) carried all seven (7) of us. Seven, zero (7-0). And that's just to repay the Rainy Day Fund. Thank you.

*(Resolution 2021-01 is located on Page 27 of these Official Minutes)*

**COUNCIL APPOINTEE TO THE COVID GRANT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**Todd Glass:** Thank you, Mr. President. Certainly, I'll help Cliff if I can be of any help, I will be on that. And perhaps the Council can think about who could serve with the Commissioner to help with the program.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, be sure and ask me about that before we leave tonight. There's one (1) Councilman and one (1) Commissioner that will be on that committee that reviews everything. Okay, let's see.

**Councilman Reid:** Greg, you want to be on that?

**Councilman Richmond:** I'd be glad to. I'm here in town. It's easy for me.

**Councilman Bacon:** What's this now? I'm sorry.

**Councilman Richmond:** For me being the one (1) Commissioner and one (1) Council member.

**Councilman Bacon:** Oh, yeah.

**Councilman Reid:** I recommend Greg doing it.

**Councilman Overton:** Yeah, I'll second that, that motion. We can just get that knocked out of the way.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. I'll add this as 4E, putting myself as committee member for the COVID Expense.

**Councilman Bacon:** Did you check to see which Commissioner you have to work with?

**Councilman Richmond:** What's that?

**Councilman Overton:** That's Greg, Ronnie. He gets along with everybody.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah. Alright. I've got a motion by Ted, no, I'm reading the wrong one (1). Who made that motion?

**Councilman Overton:** Rick. Rick.

**Councilman Richmond:** Rick.

**Councilman Bacon:** Rick.

**Councilman Richmond:** And Ted seconded the motion or who made the second?

**Councilman Overton:** I'm Brad. Ted's over there.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. I'm writing all over the place here. Alright, all those in favor? That's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstone:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** And David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Aye. You should have just volunteered for that and been done with it.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, I could have. But, I don't like to do that. I'm, I'm not that way. Anybody else, anybody wants to get involved, get involved. (Motion carried 7-0 with motion made by Rick Reid and second by Brad Overton).



**EMA BUSINESS – RETIREE PAY OUT**  
**SUPERIOR II BUSINESS – RETIREES PAY OUT**  
**HEALTH BUSINESS – VAXCARE/ANIMAL CONTROL**  
**HIGHWAY BUSINESS – RETIREE PAY OUT**  
**CLERK BUSINESS – RETIREE PAY OUT**

**Councilman Overton:** Greg, I'm going to ask you, I'm wondering if we couldn't take 5A, 5B, and maybe you said this earlier, 6A and 6B. These are all Handbook related items.

**Krystal Powless:** You could take 7...

**Councilman Richmond:** Those are different departments. What should we do, Cliff? He wants to do, they're all, they're all Handbook items. The 5A and B, Additional Appropriation for Vacation and Sick Pay and Salary Ordinance. And Superior Court's the same thing. The Vacation and Sick...

**Krystal Powless:** And you could add 7, cause it's a reimbursement and 8A is also, 8A and B are also. And so is 9A and B. So, all the way down through there. You can take them all.

**Councilman Overton:** So moved.

**Councilman Richmond:** Is that legal?

**Cliff Whitehead:** Yes.

**Councilman Bacon:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Alright. Let me find a place to write all this. Brad made the motion. Second by Ron. And this would be starting with 5A, 5A and 5B. I'm going to read them through also.

**Krystal Powless:** Oh, great.

**Councilman Richmond:** 6A, 6B.

**Councilman Overton:** 7.

**Councilman Richmond:** And 7 alone. Then 8A, 8B, and 9A and B. Alright. The EMA, which is 5A is two thousand fourteen dollars and seventy-three cents (\$2,014.73). The Salary Ordinance for 5B is two thousand fourteen dollars and seventy-three cents (\$2,014.73). And that's also in EMA. Superior Court II, 6A, is a total of twenty-two thousand four hundred fifty-six (\$22,456.00). That was fourteen-one-thirty-eight (\$14,138.00) for Probation Officer and eight-three... eight thousand three hundred twenty (\$8,320.00) for Misdemeanor Reporter. 6B is the same thing, fourteen thousand one-thirty-seven (\$14,137.00) for Retiree Vacation and eight thousand three hundred nineteen dollars and seventeen cents (\$8,319.17) for another Retiree Vacation. And then Health Business, this is a reimbursement that we do each month that they get. It's six thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$6,820.00) for VaxCare; seven thousand five hundred two dollars (\$7,502.00) for Animal Control. Highway Appropriation, Heavy Equipment Operator, twelve thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$12,264.00). And then the Salary Ordinance, Retiree, Heavy Equipment Operator, twenty-five (25) vacation days, nine (9) sick days, five thousand seven hundred thirty-six dollars and twenty cents (\$5,736.20). And Retiree, Heavy Equipment Operator, twenty-five (25) vacation days, thirteen (13) sick days, six thousand five hundred twenty-seven dollars and forty cents (\$6,527.40). The 9A, Additional Appropriation in the Clerk's Office would be Deputy, four thousand eighty-four dollars (\$4,084.00); Administrative Clerk, two thousand five hundred three dollars (\$2,503.00); for a total of six thousand five hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$6,587.00). And 9B, Salary Ordinance, Retiree, twenty-five (25) days and two (2) sick days, four thousand eighty-three dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$4,083.97). And Retiree, twenty (20) vacation days, two thousand five hundred two dollars and sixteen cents (\$2,502.16). All those in favor? That's all five (5) of us here. Chris?

**Councilman Whetstone:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** David?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Aye.

**Councilman Richmond:** Seven, zero (7-0).

**PUBLIC DEFENDER BUSINESS**  
**BUDGET REDUCTION – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Now we have the Public Defender Business. And as I mentioned in my note before to the total Public Defender, I'm going to read these too, was six-ninety-seven-three-forty-six (\$697,346.00). And, and that's a big number. But, we have to budget this. We're going to get reimbursed quite a bit. It's all on that summation that Warren did for us. And they did a budget reduction from Circuit Court Pauper Counsel, ninety-five thousand (\$95,000.00); Pauper Document, thirty-five thousand (\$35,000.00). That's Circuit Court. From Superior Court, Pauper Counsel, ninety-five thousand (\$95,000.00); Pauper Document, seven thousand (\$7,000.00). Superior Court II, Pauper Counsel, ninety-five thousand (\$95,000.00); Pauper Document, five thousand (\$5,000.00); for a total budget reduction of three hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$332,000.00). Then the Public Defender Fund; this is an Additional Appropriation now. The two (2) attorneys, two hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars (\$218,764.00). Contractual Services, six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00). Administrative Assistants, sixty-six thousand five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$66,582.00). Part-time, twenty thousand (\$20,000.00). Contractual Services, two



will get reimbursed for even that. Health Insurance was eighty thousand (\$80,000.00), but we won't need all of that. I don't know why I've got seventy-six-four hundred (\$76,400.00) written beside that from someplace. But, anyway, it says eighty thousand (\$80,000.00) on here. And I understand that's probably going to be, a lot of it paid for from the State. PERF, forty-three thousand two hundred (\$43,200.00). And FICA, twenty-two thousand eight hundred (\$22,800.00) for a grand total of, total Public Defender Fund, Additional Appropriation of six hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred forty-six dollars (\$697,346.00). And Warren, do you want to say anything to us? Warren did a lot of work getting that summation for us and I was real grateful, good news to see that.

**Warren Mathies:** I appreciate the opportunity to speak. I'm Warren Mathies. The, Judge David Kelley is the President of the Public Defender Board locally. And they, in December, appointed me to assume the position of Chief Public Defender to run all these loose ends down. Statute creates duties of us to report to you in an annual report and to manage the reimbursement for the County. And so, I met with the Auditor's Office to try and get an understanding of the funds that are out there. And this, this little reimbursement, budget reduction, recapture summary kind of explains it. The eighty thousand (\$80,000.00) that you're listing for the Health Insurance, I think that's your county number that you do for each full-time employee is twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) each and it comes to a total of eighty (\$80,000.00). But, the State of Indiana will only reimburse you for nineteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$19,100.00). And so that's where the seventy-six thousand four hundred dollar (\$76,400.00) number comes from. I wish they'd give us all the twenty (\$20,000.00). But, for some reason, they decided that's the right amount of money they want to give you. And then by activating and you all voting at the December meeting to start this process and do the Salary Ordinance for the four (4) positions, that qualifies you to claw back money all the way to October 1<sup>st</sup> that would have been expended out. So, the rough estimate there is if you take your last year's budgeted amount of three hundred thirty-two thousand (\$332,000.00) and divide it by four (4) for the fourth quarter, you got to back out mismeansors, take that times forty percent (40%) and we should be getting twenty-five thousand two hundred dollars (\$25,200.00) back there as well. So, it, it's a scary number and it scared me when I saw it, but when you factor in all the reimbursement we get, it evens out. And I think we'll come in under what you've been spending on average with the Additional Appropriations you do each year. It's my understanding, I think last year was four hundred (\$400,000.00) or within the last three (3) years. One (1) year it was four hundred seventeen thousand (\$417,000.00) you all spent. One (1) year was three-ninety (\$390,000.00). Last year, you guys had, according to the little printout I got you, you had an extra thirty-six thousand dollar (\$36,000.00) request sometime in the last year above what you all budgeted. So, when you take all these reimbursements and you take your flat line item that you guys budgeted for 2021, which was the reduction of three-thirty-two (\$332,000.00), and then you, this little shortfall here of forty-eight (\$48,000.00), you're going to come back with an actual expenditure for 2021 of no greater than three hundred eighty thousand (\$380,000.00). I think it will actually be much less than that because there's no four (4) full-time equivalence that you're paying for this month until everything hits. You know, gets started. It's going to be April or May probably before all those hires would occur. The other thing is, the State, and I got an email yesterday, I asked for grant money because they're going to the Odyssey System. They'll pay for the Courts and the Clerk. But, they didn't say anything for Public Defenders. So, I called the Commission and they said, oh, yeah, we've got a, we've got a grant. Good thing you asked. They weren't going to come knock on our door and give it to us. But, since I asked, they said we'll be eligible for it. So, I think we'll get all the computers paid. So, I think your line item there for the operating expense will be smaller too in the end. So, I'm optimistic after all this the County's going to see a savings over time. There won't be any of these great shocks to the system because of murder cases anymore. The other cool thing is when we go to the electronic system, there's an electronic mechanism to capture all Ordinance violations by local government in towns and cities. And so, that will be automated into the new Odyssey System and it will streamline the process for getting fine money that we're not easily capturing right now. I did an analysis of what we're capturing currently for Pauper Counsel cases and, statutorily, we're supposed to be collecting thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000.00) from the, from the fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee and hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee that's assessed when they appoint someone. There's a little, little checkmark that comes out of their bond that's supposed to go into this Public Defender Fund. And so, supposed to be getting thirty-seven thousand (\$37,000.00) and last year we only got fifteen (\$15,000.00). Doesn't mean it's just floating around in, in cyberspace somewhere. I think what's happening and some of the bond money hasn't been pulled out to collect it. And then other times, somebody may have not paid a bond. They've skipped town; they're still on probation. But, they still owe that fifty dollars (\$50.00). And so, it would be my intention to track those down. So, I think there'll be an immediate, once I'm looking at this and bird-dogging it, I think there'll be an immediate twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000.00) I'll find over the next year that we're not capturing right now by, by the calculations. So, that kind of been some, some of what I think, you know, we're going to witness with the program. I would ask you to support this. Judge Kelley, you know, had the foresight to try and get us all pointed in the right direction on it and I'm glad. Because, we're one (1) of, I think, the last twenty (20) in the whole State to get this State money. It's our money. It's our taxpayer money. We just got to go get it back. We've paid it up to the State. We might as well get it back. So, that's, that's in a nutshell what it does. And I'm happy to answer any questions you might have and if you see some area I need to be digging in, I'm happy to go dig it. Because, there's mechanisms for money. I did, on a side note, they're not allowing us to capture reimbursement on mismeansors. So, I talked to the Commission and we filed a bill with the legislature to go get that. And it's Senate Bill 37 and I'll keep you updated on it. If we get it passed next year, we'll get more money. So, that's what we're up to. And appreciate you supporting this, this budget issue.

**Councilman Overton:** Are you assuming these operating expenses, the forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00), will cover rent for wherever you guys are gonna...?

**Warren Mathies:** Roger was here, he, it would more than cover that. There are expenditures that the County, I guess, is doing in the Courthouse. But, we get forty percent (40%) of that back. So, they're knocking out a wall and painting over there in a small space with, where the CASA was.

**Councilman Overton:** I knew they were doing something.

**Warren Mathies:** So, there may be some expenditure there. We still, since there's four (4) full-time people and that's not a space big enough for four (4) full-time, that would probably be a rent component somewhere close by. The ones that we looked at, rented up on the square were seven hundred dollars (\$700.00), I think, a month. And the building, where I'm at, by Law Chevrolet, the landlord there is at six hundred dollars (\$600.00) a month. So, I don't envision that number being greater than fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) total dollars. But, then you've got to add in the computer expenditure for having online internet to tie into the Odyssey and the County system. It has to be a County-owned server or computer. And I met with Guy on Monday and they won't allow us to, I don't think they allow anybody to use your personal computer to be on the County system for security reasons which is a good thing. So, there'll be some



expenditure there. But, we're going to get that reimbursement back. So, that forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00), you see there, I don't think it's going to be spent in total. It could. But, even if it is, you're going to get forty percent (40%) back for sure from the State. Sorry for the long answer, but I think, think I'm getting where you need to be.

**Councilman Overton:** That's okay. Yeah, I mean, my biggest concern with this is just the fact that the timing. I'm definitely not a fan of the timing. And then, I hate the fact that we have to add, and I know I just voted on an additional Janitor or whatever, Maintenance. But, it's just these, the continued health insurance costs. Which you can't control that. That fact that we're just continuing in those health insurance costs are just eating away at us like a slow moving disease.

**Warren Mathies:** Well, I'm with you on that. I pay out of my pocket fifteen hundred and thirty-six bucks (\$1,536.00) a month for it. So.

**Councilman Overton:** That's the thing. So, you can really only hire anybody that's under the age of thirty-five (35) and can run a six (6) minute mile.

**Warren Mathies:** We will get nineteen thousand (\$19,000.00) of it back, though, for the County.

**Councilman Overton:** Yeah, it's not just, it's not the eighty (\$80,000.00). I'm just, I'm looking at, you know, the hospitalizations and those costs.

**Warren Mathies:** Right. Yeah.

**Councilman Overton:** Because, you know, if all we were concerned about really was just the twenty (\$20,000.00) for everybody, that's not that big of a deal. But, then somebody has to go ahead and get sick.

**Warren Mathies:** Sure. Yeah.

**Councilman Richmond:** Is that nineteen thousand (\$19,000.00) per person?

**Warren Mathies:** Per person. That's where the seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000.00) back to the General Fund would come.

**Councilman Bacon:** With the, if I may, with having a Public Defender Office, then the Public Defenders that we have in the office would be only defending the public? You wouldn't have a, these people won't have a private practice on the side? They're full-time?

**Warren Mathies:** That's correct. Full-time employees have to practice only Public Defender Law.

**Councilman Bacon:** Okay.

**Warren Mathies:** I'm, myself, I've already shut down all but about eight (8) of my civil cases. I called the Commission and said, what do I do about this? I'm going to hand them off. They said, you're not allowed to take any new ones and you're not allowed to have any protracted court appearances in civil law, but get rid of the ones you have and phase it out. Wind it down over the coming months. So, that's exactly what I'm doing. So, I've got about eight (8) of them left.

**Councilman Bacon:** Public Defenders, the Public Defenders would solely be focused on defending the people?

**Warren Mathies:** Right.

**Councilman Bacon:** People that we have that need that. Instead of doing it on the side.

**Warren Mathies:** That's true. Right.

**Councilman Bacon:** And would do a much better job.

**Warren Mathies:** Well, the two (2) full, the two (2) full-timers would. You'd still have the contract part-timers. But, that provides a benefit, and across, they did a seven (7) year study on what that means locally. So, by having full-time people watching that, there is a twelve percent (12%) decrease in your incarceration expenses at the Sheriff's Office.

**Councilman Bacon:** Sure. Yep.

**Warren Mathies:** The other thing you don't see is how things are consolidated in one (1) department. So, we no longer have, the Auditor's Office having to look at reimbursements or line items from each Court for each Public Defender thing they do. And you know, you see on the old budget they had the claw back that you just did or would be doing, the reduction, budget reduction. They have to invoice everything every month, and so, there's three (3) different sources of invoicing and reimbursement going down to the Auditor's Office. Paperwork wise, that'll all become one (1) person doing it. So, there'll be some benefit there. So, you know, that, there's a lot of hidden benefits to it by having full-time. There's also that seven (7) year study that showed that out-of-home CHINS cases, the Child in Need of Services Cases, they're twenty (20) days less. The children are twenty (20) days less away from their parents, which has a benefit in the community. We're not having to expend money while they're in a foster system for a while. So, you know, there's a benefit to having that occur that way. Over time, you'll see some of that.

**Councilman Bacon:** Thank you.

**Councilman Richmond:** So, do I have a motion for the Additional Appropriation for 10A?

**Councilman Bacon:** I'll make the motion.



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WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 01  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA,  
TRANSFERRING \$300,000 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO  
THE RAINY DAY FUND

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Council (the "Council"), as the fiscal body of Warrick County, Indiana (the "County"), created its Rainy Day Fund (the "Fund"), by passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2004-01, and thereafter amended, pursuant to I.C. § 36-1-8-5.1; and

WHEREAS, in any fiscal year, the Council may, at any time, transfer any unencumbered and unencumbered funds specified in Indiana Code § 36-1-8-5.1(b)(2)(A) and any other unobligated cash balances from any fiscal year that are not otherwise identified in subsection Indiana Code § 36-1-8-5.1(b)(2)(A) or Indiana Code § 36-1-8-5 to the Fund as long as the transfer satisfies the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Council previously appropriated \$300,000 from the Fund for COVID-19 related expenses that the County incurred; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to transfer an unobligated cash balance in the amount of \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund for the purpose of reimbursing the Fund for such COVID-19 expenses;

WHEREAS, the amount of the transfer is not more than ten percent (10%) of the political subdivision's total annual budget adopted under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-17 for this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the transfer is not made from a debt service fund; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on said appropriation has been duly given by publication as required by Indiana law, and the hearing on said appropriation has been held on the date thereof at which all taxpayers had an opportunity to appear and express their views as to such appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council, as follows:

Section 1. The Council found and determined that the transfer of \$307,080.00 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund consistent with the purpose of the Fund and such transfer is approved.

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PASSED this 7th day of January, 2021.

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Ken Bakula by  
Clara Ullrich  
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CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

By this contract for legal services ("Contract"), the Warrick County Council ("Council") retains the law firm of Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, L.L.P. ("ZSWS") for its legal services and to act as its counsel, principally through the services of Clifford Whitehead.

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2. Best Efforts. ZSWS will use its best efforts in representing the Council and further agrees to undertake no action by any member of the firm which would constitute a conflict of interest with its representation of the Council.

This agreement shall be effective on January 1, 2021 and will apply to the entire calendar year of 2021.

APPROVED:

ZIEMER, STAYMAN, WEITZEL  
& SHOULDERS, LLP

By: *Clifford Whitehead*  
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Date: January 7, 2021

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

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