

Councilman Rick Reid: It definitely appears like he's gonna have a lot of hats.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Yeah.

Heather Soberg: Or she.

Councilman Rick Reid: Excuse me. True.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: And we'd be happy to have any input from you guys on what that position ends up looking like. I just I guess my message is there is a, at this point, it's not a want, it's a need.

Heather Soberg: Thank you.

COMMISSIONERS CONTINUED

Heather Soberg: What's the next line we want to hit? Cause I've jumped on out.

Krystal Powless: How about the Communication line increase.

Heather Soberg: I just see the, where we stand with that now, with the forty-five thousand dollar (\$45,000.00) budget for 2022. We've already spent thirty-one thousand (\$31,000.00). So, I just really took the time to look at what we've already spent so far this year and look to make those increases where we needed to. And it would appear that we need to supply Communications and that's really, when you see a lot of those, that's what I've done is just to see what we've already spent this year to avoid having any additional appropriations for next year. And the Workman's Comp is a, hopefully, hopefully grossly inflated number. But, we do not have the audit back for 2021 yet to know what we still owe for 2022. So, that's a tough one (1) to judge. And with, you know, that that's based on our, the number of employees and the salaries and all those layers, and we know, we've added a significant number of employees to the Sheriff's Department and salaries increase every year. So, I, you know, that's a tough one (1) to judge without that information. So, it's just grossly inflated, I'll be honest.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Does that show a transfer out?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Heather Soberg: Where are we looking?

Krystal Powless: Oh, well, it might not be on your paper.

Heather Soberg: Okay.

Krystal Powless: They get a little different print out.

Heather Soberg: Okay. And I, we didn't have anything, we missed it on last year's budget for the ADA Compliance. We did come for an additional appropriation; I believe five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this year. But, we do need to make some headway with some of those projects and reaching some of that compliance, based on the study that was done. So, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) would help us kind of move that needle a little bit and get things corrected.

COURTHOUSE

Krystal Powless: Courthouse is on, oh, did you have something else?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Any more on the Commissioners?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Nope.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page sixteen (16), Courthouse.

Heather Soberg: Okay. I've got it in this stack. But, I think (inaudible) that will be a different conversation (inaudible). So, in Courthouse, again, the five percent (5%) increase for the salaries. Again, Janitorial Supplies, I've already, seen this, we've already spent almost eight thousand eight hundred (\$8,800.00) this year. Just increased that cost because the cost of all those items is going up. And same thing with Buildings. And the last line on my sheet anyway, sorry, is Equipment. We do have some very old equipment, buffers and floor scrubbers that we probably should start looking at being able to replace those.

Krystal Powless: Did you ask for anything in that line?

Heather Soberg: Um hum. Fifteen (\$15,000.00)

Krystal Powless: Yeah, well, I didn't put it down.

Heather Soberg: Okay.

Councilman Ron Bacon: It's on there now.

Krystal Powless: It's on there now.

Heather Soberg: Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is Maintenance Assistant, the assistant to Brad?

Heather Soberg: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, you've got one (1) in the Courthouse and Brad's in the Commissioners' budget?

Heather Soberg: No, Facilities Manager is Brad on this list. And then the Maintenance Assistant.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

CUM CAP

Heather Soberg: Okay, move on to...

Krystal Powless: And then next one (1) on their list is Cum Cap.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page thirty (30).

Heather Soberg: The only real changes to that one (1), that, this is, I noticed a difference, we had a little more in the Judicial Center HVAC and a little less in county owned buildings HVAC and with our new systems in the Judicial Center, I just adjusted those numbers, the County-Owned Buildings. We're seeing a decline in those pieces of equipment. So, need a little bit more money in there rather than transferring. Just wanted to kind of balance that out a little bit if at all possible.

E-911

Krystal Powless: And then, E-911. Page fifty-two (52).

Heather Soberg: With that one (1), there was a considerable amount of equipment purchased and I don't know if that is complete. So, just increase that budget to, to cover any equipment that, as things are changing, you know, to avoid the additional appropriation like we had to do this year.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is that fund still pretty healthy?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Heather Soberg: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Heather Soberg: Sorry.

Krystal Powless: I forget she can like look at the cash balance. I'm not used to having somebody else that can, yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: That knows, can do that, huh?

Krystal Powless: Brad wants to know if we can use Economic Development money for ADA Compliance. I think that would be borderline.

Heather Soberg: I don't know.

Krystal Powless: I mean, you'd have to write it into the Capital Improvement Plan. But, I mean, I guess it could be possible.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: (Inaudible) work on it as much as we can (Inaudible). Obviously, there's not a lot of money to work with to fix what we can.

Krystal Powless: Right, he's saying, can we pay for it out of Economic Development.

Councilman David Hachmeister: I say, some areas it could be.

Krystal Powless: So, I think they're probably some things you could.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Was he adding to or...?

Krystal Powless: Adding to Economic Development and the ADA Compliance line.

Heather Soberg: In place of what we're asking for or in addition to what we're asking for?

Krystal Powless: Maybe to try to kind of split it up? I don't know. But, you know, it's something that would have to go into the Capital Improvement Plan. You could put ADA Compliance in there and maybe get, you know, some things could be fixed with that. You would need to check with your attorney though to make sure. I don't, I'm not sure.

Heather Soberg: I'll make a note, thank you.

PUBLIC SAFETY-EMS

Heather Soberg: Okay.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Wake up.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thirty-nine (39).

Krystal Powless: The next is Public Safety and I only have that on there for EMS. And I know I told you, Heather, that EMS would speak to EMS. But, I do think they have a couple things they might want to comment on since Terry's in here. I think, Terry, that the, what I'm understanding from some of them is, how much longer we're under the current contract, are you guys negotiating a new contract, what is the time line? Those kinds of things.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Pretty much, it's...

Heather Soberg: Current contract ends in 2024.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: There you go. Current contract ends in 2024. We are working on renegotiation of the contract mainly because they've added the sixth ambulance in the rotation. And we have at least verbally agreed to work with Ohio Township on their new Libbert Station for a bay for said ambulance. So, yes, those are things we are talking about.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I don't know if you have any questions (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Do you have maybe a time frame in mind that you might have that negotiated or an amount that you're looking at, that kind of thing?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: That would be more of a Tony O'Neal question.

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Things that I can tell you is we have explored with other counties what they're paying. I'm from Knox County. I know that Knox County just used part of its recently passed Public Safety, Local Option Income Tax to help fund Good Samaritan Hospital's based ambulance service, and they are spending eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) a year. What it is I can't tell you is what else is coming into that service and from where. But, they're paying eight hundred thousand (\$800,000.00) out of their Public Safety Local Option Income Tax. Posey County, which has less ambulance and less service than us is spending, I believe, one point two million dollars (\$1,200,000.00) a year. Spencer County is spending, I believe, I don't remember what that number is. It's above a half a million dollars (\$500,000.00) a year.

Krystal Powless: Well, and see, that...

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: And normally...

Krystal Powless: We were spending upwards of two million (\$2,000,000.00) until we negotiated this contract with them and took bids. And, and that's why we were able to negotiate a contract where it kept decreasing each year. And we're down to, toward the end, of only three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) to be paid out until the end of that contract. I guess my question is, are we planning to negotiate a contract before this contract is over? Are we going to finish this contract?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: The current conversation is an addendum for the ambulance.

Krystal Powless: Okay, so continue the contract we have, but putting an addendum in to, for the new ambulance and possibly a bay?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I can't, I can't tell you where that conversation's going to land, because I'm just one (1) voice.

Krystal Powless: I know. Is there, is there any way that you guys, and I'm kind of directing Heather on this, could get an idea of how much that will cost? An ambulance and the bay. Okay?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I believe we know what that number is.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I'm not gonna say it out loud cause I don't remember what it is.

Krystal Powless: Right. That's fine. If you can just get that to me before we meet on the 28th of July.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Okay, so you need that on the 28th?

Krystal Powless: 28th of July.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: So, basically the total cost of the service?

Krystal Powless: Right, and the, the bay. So, like, we know what the contract says, but if we're going to make an addendum and adding an ambulance and a bay, what kind of a cost is that to possibly add to Public Safety until a new contract is negotiated.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And the bay would be paying to have it built one (1) year and then utilities after that. No rent?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: The conversation so far has been renting the bay, yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: And we don't know....

Councilman Greg Richmond: After paying for the bay?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: What's that?

Councilman Greg Richmond: After paying for them to build the bay, renting it?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We've never talked about paying for them to build the bay.

Krystal Powless: Okay, so we're talking about rent.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Ron Bacon: (Inaudible) renting the bay.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Councilman Ron Bacon: From Ohio Township.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I know I've heard comments from the outside world about the building. But, that hasn't been part of any conversation I've been a part of. The conversations I've been a part of have been, we have agreed to talk to Ohio Township about renting the bay if they build it. And I hope y'all understand that conversation kind of fell out of, you know, what would it cost us to build that building. We know what the, the highway building in District 1 has ballooned up to at this point and would probably be equal to or more than that. So, we feel like we're saving ourselves a lot of money by moving in the direction of renting the bay from Ohio Township. I think when I did the numbers, at first thought it was gonna be like a thirty-eight (38) year return on investment if we built our own. Lord knows what it'd be now. Does that answer all that?

LANDFILL POST CLOSURE

Heather Soberg: What's the next one (1) you have, Krystal?

Krystal Powless: Landfill Post Closure.

Heather Soberg: Thirty-six (36). So, with that one (1), I don't know if you were able to update the number I sent you with that email, Krystal, but that coming directly from our vendor, they're estimating those costs to be twenty-two thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$22,475.00) this year, or for next year. So that's....

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's what I was going to ask you about, Krystal, is a different figure....

Krystal Powless: Yeah, cause I don't think I wrote it on....

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's on the previous page.

Krystal Powless: Say that again, Heather?

Heather Soberg: Twenty-two thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$22,475.00).

Councilman Ron Bacon: It's in there (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Yeah, I know, but that's just from the vendor the expected costs.

Heather Soberg: And, Krystal, do they have anything for the public nuisance and safe buildings?

Krystal Powless: Okay, so Heather, that, it's not, I guess, you know, we were supposed to meet on that. We were both busy.

Heather Soberg: Yep.

Krystal Powless: It's not something that the Council budgets, because there's no money in the fund to budget.

Heather Soberg: Okay.

Krystal Powless: Okay. So, if they start, you know, if somehow there are fees or anything put into it, then they can budget for it.

Heather Soberg: Okay.

Krystal Powless: So, my thought process was for you guys, if it's something you want me to get started, that you could come and ask for an appropriation out of the Commissioners' budget to start getting it started. Then maybe you can collect fees and put into the fund, then eventually we would have money available to budget it.

Heather Soberg: Okay.

Krystal Powless: Make sense?

Heather Soberg: Um hum.

Krystal Powless: So, we would need to probably start that way. Either that or a Rainy Day situation or something like that.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: (Inaudible).

Heather Soberg: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: So, guys, what we're talking about here is, we've gone through the process of our Nuisance Ordinance. We're finding, as I mentioned, dozens and dozens of properties that are being filed on.

Fortunately, the vast majority of those people clean them up themselves. The ones that we've had, we've had to mitigate so far. I'll just use one (1) as an example. Lee Acres, I wish you guys could have seen it. It was just disastrous. The whole entire three-quarters (3/4) of an acre properties is filled with trash and debris and just nastiness. He got it about halfway clean, stopped. So, our original eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) mitigation fee only turned into fifty-eight hundred dollars (\$5,800.00). But, we only had seven thousand dollars and change (\$7,000.00) to work with. And that's just one (1) property. I mean we're literally in a position where we go through the steps of the process and we get to a certain point and if they don't clean it up on their own, we can only tell the neighbors who filed the property violation notices that, you know, we told them. That's, that's literally where we're at. We can, we can get bids and ask contractors to tell us what it's going to cost. But, we don't have the money to pay for it. Now, we do have minimal amount of fees coming in for those folks that have ended up cleaning up their own. There's some, there's some administrative fees and attorney fees that go along with that. And that's what built up a little bit of this seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00). And we've talked about maybe increasing or changing some of that fee structure, but, you know, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) at a time is not going to get a property cleaned up. So that's, that's kind of the message that we're bringing to you and hope that you'll consider in the future on the nuisance properties. We would also like to see a condemned building fund established. Unfortunately, that's a completely different process. So, it has to be a different pot of money. Same circumstances, just a different process. Those are a couple of things we're asking for.

Krystal Powless: So, basically, let's say that the Council agreed to front that with some money. I don't, and again, I haven't checked statutes or anything. But, let's say that we're able to do a little bit of that from Rainy Day. So, let's say you go out and you clean up somebody's property, and then you're gonna charge them, then that money would come into that nuisance fund and then you would start having money in there to stop seeking Council for money, but just appropriate from that fund.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Ideally, it all comes back plus the administrative fees.

Krystal Powless: Okay. Right.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Of course, we all will know, that there are going to be those that people just refuse to pay and they're going to end up on a tax sale. Hopefully, it goes on tax sale, we get that money back that way. If it doesn't sell on tax sale, then, then we've lost.

Krystal Powless: So, Heather, could you send me some (inaudible), send me an email so that I can email Cliff and ask him about finding any money for that, for the Nuisance Fund.

Heather Soberg: Okay.

Krystal Powless: Whether it can be transferred from Rainy Day, paid from Rainy Day, something like that. Otherwise, we would probably appropriate it into the Commissioners' budget. Okay?

Heather Soberg: Okay. Alright. I think that's all of ours, right? Thank you very much.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

Krystal Powless: Soil and Water is here. And in the front of, so, Storm Water is on page 45, but in front of their budget, I put their handout. Well, at least I did for me. If yours isn't there, yeah, it is. I see it in Ron's. Yes.

Councilman Ron Bacon: It is. We got it.

Krystal Powless: She will be coming to Personnel, just so you, I mean, I think most of you know that. But, it's on the handout. So, that part of it will all be going to Personnel. Any questions?

Councilman Greg Richmond: We on Storm Water?

Krystal Powless: Yes, but Soil and Water it the handout before Storm Water. (Inaudible) David has his. They do all have them out.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's a book, yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Everybody's got them.

Holly McCutcheon: Thank you, yeah. I brought extra just in case.

Councilman Greg Richmond: A lot of this is for Personnel.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Um hum.

Krystal Powless: I mean, I know, I, basically, it's mainly going to go to Personnel, and you're going to make decisions later. But, she provided some good information.

Holly McCutcheon: We appreciate your guys support over the years. We do.

Krystal Powless: You'll have to have, you know, have decisions to make if you decide to do position or, or one (1) other one (1) full time by the County or something else in Storm Water. You know, there's just gonna be decisions you're going to have to make on what you're going to do.

Councilman Greg Richmond: A lot of fund's brought in.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah, but the deal is, as far as funding it with no benefits for this position.

Krystal Powless: They have one (1) right now.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Out of Storm Water?

Krystal Powless: Its, well, they have one (1) right now under the Commissioners, right? Yeah, that's, am I saying that right? That is with benefits. There should be, no, he did (inaudible) Storm Water. Okay, so yes, they have one (1) full time with benefits paid for by the County out of Storm Water and then they have a supplemental line out of Storm Water that budgets extra money to fund it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: What she doesn't have in here, that I can see, is the comparison to other counties.

Krystal Powless: Oh, do you want one of those? Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Maybe they ought to see that they have it if they haven't. I know I was, I met with you one (1) on one (1). Can't compare ourselves to Allen or Hamilton. Dubois and Knox.

Holly McCutcheon: I was so excited for about two (2) seconds.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: (Inaudible) candy?

Councilman Ron Bacon: (Inaudible) have. You've got to open it up and look at it.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: That's funny. Did you see this, Greg?

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) 4500.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Through Pat Brooks.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Oh, Pat brought it in? Payday, yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's seven hundred thousand (\$700,000.00).

Krystal Powless: 445...yes.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Is that additional?

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) Paydays. I like those things.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) the last one (1) (inaudible).

Councilman Ron Bacon: (Inaudible) don't remember it.

Holly McCutcheon: No, I'm good thank you.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Middle of the day bribe.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Wonder what project that was.

Krystal Powless: Pass them down. Don't tell Debbie. Let her open it. I thought we were getting some Libs. Got little Paydays in it.

Holly McCutcheon: Got you all excited, didn't it?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Pass them back Debbie. (Inaudible) forgot to take them.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I need some WD-40. I guess really, this is, we start with the Personnel.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And then take it from there. And everybody can read up on it.

Holly McCutcheon: Well, thank you.

Krystal Powless: Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you. When you go to Personnel with this, I'm sure that you'll have some balances for Storm Water.

Krystal Powless: Oh, yeah. Yes, by then I will definitely have, hopefully, I'll be done.

STORM WATER

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, what did I do with the Storm Water. There it is.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Forty-five (45).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I knew it was there. Storm Water, Conservation was the big one (1), Director is up. I don't quite understand.

Krystal Powless: He put in the entire request in here and it's paid part...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Fifty-fifty (50/50), isn't it?

Krystal Powless: Yeah. It's paid partly out of here and partly out of Highway.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Highway.

Krystal Powless: And I don't remember, is it fifty-fifty (50/50)? I'd have too...

Steve Sherwood: That was the last decision, I believe.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Four (4), six (6)...

Krystal Powless: The only one (1) I had to increase was the Insurance Liability line item. But, you requested that because that's what you're paying.

Steve Sherwood: Yeah, we adjust the cost because of increases over the last two (2) years.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Steve Sherwood: Barbie forecasted that.

Krystal Powless: And Steve, if you, I know you had mentioned you were kind of, talked to the Commissioners about an increase in fees. Have you checked in...?

Steve Sherwood: Yeah, when the Board doesn't have any other questions regarding the budget.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, then you're gonna... okay.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Increase in what fees? Storm Water?

Krystal Powless: Storm Water.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The Insurance Liability was, the cost the last two (2) years, it's up. Okay, that's all I have questions for. Cause the biggie will be decided by Personnel.

Steve Sherwood: And what Krystal was referring to is we've had some initial discussion with the Board of Commissioners. Eventually we'll have a discussion with the Council as well. But, we're looking at, several years ago, Storm Water fee was cut ten percent (10%) to subsidize, I believe, the wheel and surtax. Pay Peter, rob Peter, pay Paul scenario.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I remember that.

Steve Sherwood: We're probably going to come back at some point in the future and ask to look at increasing the Storm Water fee from four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) a month to a larger fee. The reason being Newburgh's almost eleven dollars (\$11.00) per month, Town of Chandler's currently going over a cost increase from five dollars (\$5.00) a month to whatever it's going to be. City of Boonville which is not even an MS4 yet is charging five dollars (\$5.00) a month spending that money on, I believe, whatever Storm Water items are permitted under their Ordinance. So, at some point I'll present to you a larger list of projects and associated costs we plan to be doing near future and the reason to justify asking for a monthly fee increase to support that. As soon as I can put that together probably towards the end of this year, we'll be getting something for you, for your consideration.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Does that, will that require more Contractual Services or more personnel?

Steve Sherwood: Probably just Contractual Services at this point. We've got some larger projects. Some of you probably heard about our study that's being done in North Green Springs Valley subdivision.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Steve Sherwood: That's estimated upwards of three (\$3,000,000.00) to four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) all alone as a project. As you can see from our current budget, we got around four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) per year in there for projects. Of course, we've got a fund that grows every year. We just asked for seven hundred fifty thousand (\$750,000.00) a few months ago to go towards a project we're currently doing down there at the Fuquay and Pleasant Ridge Drive. Basically, that drains into Tanglewood. So, if you've driven down Fuquay, you've seen all the product on the side of the road. We have a contract cut and let to install that. Hopefully, I plan, I get a bit of that back with the ARP funds, if that was all approved Monday. I still have to follow up on that. But, we're going to put that back towards future projects as well. So, but, that's one (1) project. We've got a couple other, four (\$400,000.00), five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) projects. One's already designed, just waiting to be funded and things like that. But, I'll be getting you a list, things we can talk about for the future if we can justify raising this monthly Storm Water fee. But, I just want to let you know it's probably coming. Any questions I can answer for the Council? Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thanks, Steve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You been doing all the changing to the land out there?

Bobby Howard: We have. One (1) of the (inaudible) by Storm Water is trying to keep the dirt out of the ditches (inaudible) surface water, get it underground.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Kind of hitting the spot right here.

Councilman David Hachmeister: That's what I thought.

Bobby Howard: (Inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'm amazed how quickly you got it done cause it's growing corn already.

Bobby Howard: I couldn't figure out why it had been (inaudible) all year, Greg, then I got the bill for the bulldozer and it said they spent eight hundred (800) hours in a bulldozer this spring. Then I had ours with it. Somewhere, sixteen hundred (1,600) hours (inaudible) spring.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Wow.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Steve Sherwood: Have a good day, guys.

Krystal Powless: Okay, before you get up there to answer anything, what are you doing with Two Story? Is it just going to...?

Councilman David Hachmeister: He didn't start on it 'til late. But that's what got me out. He was going to be pushing it to be able to plant it this year.

Krystal Powless: What is it? Okay, so like, does it eventually, not to be, like, it's rock.

Bobby Howard: (Inaudible) looks like it has a (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Okay. And then it will kind of, cause when I go to Katelyn's now, I'm throwing all this dust on my jeep.

Bobby Howard: Go the other way.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible).

Councilman David Hachmeister: Everybody's talking (inaudible).

Multiple conversations going on at the same time.

Bobby Howard: So, I get to hear about that too.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Greg Richmond: I guess, identify yourself.

Bobby Howard: Bobby Howard Warrick County Engineer, I think, are we doing these in the order on those...

Krystal Powless: Yeah, on the, on the agenda.

Bobby Howard: Okay, so first is Highway?

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Bobby Howard: I mean, for the most part, I increased utilities. That's because of the new building. So, I asked for an increase in that based on assumption on what we think those utilities are gonna be. And those are the only, I think that's the only big difference in Highway that I am requesting. Do you have any other questions? I think everything else should be pretty close to the same except for the employee raises were figured.

Councilman Rick Reid: Is that new building completed?

Bobby Howard: It will be. It's scheduled to be completed near the end of November. So, it's on schedule right now. We're still working with utilities and services and things. Yeah, the shells up. They started getting some of the outside metal on. They've got the interior office areas slash/storm shelter kind of area almost done. They've got the floor trusses in above that and then they're going to pour the top mezzanine in concrete there. But the sidewalls are up on that core corridor throughout the building.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Inside I can see, looks like you've got the safe life support.

Bobby Howard: Yeah, so they just have the, the, they were getting ready to pour the roof on that. So, so it's coming along pretty good.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And the funds that you've got at the bottom line on all these, is that what your project's going to be coming in?

Krystal Powless: No.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: The green line?

Councilman Greg Richmond: No, the yellow line.

Krystal Powless: The yellow line.

Councilman Greg Richmond: MVH, Administration Maintenance and Repair.

Bobby Howard: The totals.

Krystal Powless: Those are just totals.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, the totals, that's what I'm saying. Is that what you project is going to be coming in, to be able to fund these?

Krystal Powless: What...

Councilman Ron Bacon: He's talking about these.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The bottom line on each segment of this page.

Krystal Powless: No. This has nothing to do with what's coming in. This is what he's requested.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Um hum.

Krystal Powless: Okay? I haven't ran any numbers on what's coming in.

Bobby Howard: Revenue and Highway should be a little higher still. But Local Road and Street's got to be tight.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, that's, that's what I wondered.

Krystal Powless: Yes, like I said, I haven't ran anything yet, but Bobby's correct in that assessment.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's the last thing on here. Everything looked okay to me. Just wanted to make sure it was funded.

ENGINEER

Councilman Greg Richmond: And Engineer's on 42B.

Krystal Powless: It's the same also.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Now, this is where half of that Director of Soil and Water Conservation is at?

Krystal Powless: Right.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And does Bobby split somewhere too? Or...?

Krystal Powless: No, that is all out of one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: His all other...okay.

RESTRICTIVE MVH

Krystal Powless: Okay, then we go to Restricted.

Bobby Howard: Restrictive.

Krystal Powless: Page forty (40).

Bobby Howard: Yeah, roughly, this last year was nine hundred thousand (\$900,000.00) for each line item. That's where all my local matches for my Community Crossings money comes from as well as, of course, that can only be spent on construction, reconstruction and preservation.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's something that's being lobbied to go back to the way it was.

Bobby Howard: There's been some back and forth on that in that regards. There's some talk about being lobbied to change the percentages a little bit because there's been a lot of problems with some of the communities not being able to fund their snow removal and those kinds of things. But, we changed how we set up our Local Road and Street in our system to offset that on our end. So, we don't have that problem. But, I think there's a lot of counties that do.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, I've heard from other County Councilman that complained on some of that. You probably heard that at State too.

Councilman Ron Bacon: I got the same complaints. Yes, yeah. I'm sitting here thinking, well, maybe you're not as smart as we are. That was just a thought.

EDIT ROAD

Councilman Greg Richmond: EDIT Construction's on sixty-four (64).

Bobby Howard: On EDIT planned on encumbering for Bridge 310 and that. But then, we had to ask for, budget wise, for our Telephone Road Project which should be nearing the right-of-way acquisition phase. I think it's at State so they'll be getting offers and their meetings with the appraisers should be getting offers soon. The Vann/Anderson Intersection Project, that is looking at, we've got a high number of accidents at that intersection. We've tried to put up LED flashing stop signs there. But accidents still are continuing. There's good sight distance but we're looking at other options. Possibly a round-a-bout.

Councilman Ron Bacon: What's their problem?

Bobby Howard: It's ongoing.

Krystal Powless: All the time.

Bobby Howard: It, a lot of folks believe it's, either think that the other lane has to stop as well.

Krystal Powless: Has to stop. I bet.

Bobby Howard: Or some just pull up and then go. Majority of everybody seems to stop according to the accident reports. And then just run out in front of another vehicle.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) four (4) way stop (inaudible) think.

Krystal Powless: I think people think it's a four (4) way. I really do.

Bobby Howard: That, I mean, we signed it across traffic.

Krystal Powless: I know.

Bobby Howard: I put stop bars down.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Probably the way that Vann Road kind of curves there.

Bobby Howard: Curves, yeah. I don't know. Cause in everybody's report, they just say they didn't see that car. And I don't know how. So, we're looking at what we can do to make it safer because of the number of accidents. So, that project should go depending on how smoothly the right-of-way process goes on that, that could go to construction next summer.

Councilman Ron Bacon: You're thinking about a round-a-bout in there?

Bobby Howard: Yes. That's what we're looking at to keep the traffic on mobility still running but then slow everybody down.

Councilman Ron Bacon: I like round-a-bouts, but boy we're still educating people around here. I keep getting behind them that stop.

Bobby Howard: I've seen it too. Somebody's coming in the person in there stops to try to let them in.

Councilman Ron Bacon: I've seen them stop and there's nobody there.

Krystal Powless: Or I've seen them pull right out in front of me.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Seen that too. Need some education.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Krystal Powless: I think Cum Bridge is next.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Twenty-nine (29).

Bobby Howard: I really didn't have any changes in that I don't think. More...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Minute.

LOCAL ROAD AND STREET

Krystal Powless: And Local Road and Street.

Bobby Howard: That's one (1) I'd like to discuss changing even further.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Hang on just a second. You did have a pay grade five (5) that did go up quite a bit.

Krystal Powless: Well, that's his raises request.

Bobby Howard: Yeah, those are...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Local Road and Streets, thirty-eight (38).

Bobby Howard: On Local Road and Street, due to our fuel issues with the way things are going, I wanted to change this even further than what I've done here. We've got a few more. We're far enough in the year, I think that we're able to forecast it a little better. But, I'll be coming to the Council for this year's budget on requesting probably removing, I had a little extra in equipment last or this year that I planned on buying some equipment with. But, I think that due to the fuel issue and I'm going to get down to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) this month for the rest of the year. And,

so, I'm going to ask for a hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) from Equipment to be transferred to Fuel. And I'm then going to ask for that same hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000.00) additional appropriation.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Bobby Howard: That was discussed and I need to discuss with you how soon I can do that.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Bobby Howard: Because I think we probably only have maybe seventy (\$70,000.00) in cash in there now or fifty (\$50,000.00) in cash. So, it would be next month maybe.

Krystal Powless: I have to look at it.

Bobby Howard: But, in this budget, I increased to three-twenty-five (\$325,000.00) at the time because we didn't have any idea where we were and of course we still don't know if fuel's going to come back down. But, it doesn't really look like it. So, I'd rather plan for the fact that it's as high as it is now. So, I would like to cut my Bituminous budget in this to zero (0) and move that fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) into Fuel. And then cut the Stone and Gravel to fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) and move that into Fuel for a total of four hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$425,000.00) in Fuel for next year. And that will be closer to what we're going to do now and I'm making some changes at the Highway Department to conserve the fuel. Making sure that we don't have vehicles leaving with just single occupants, those kind of things, with our pool cars. And they should be able to at least, the mowers can hitch rides to their lawn, to their mower and not each take a separate vehicle if there's one (1) available. They tend to disappear on us out there. We'll end up finding the guy that just took off with it and went to his mower. And we can change those things to have somebody swing by and get them who's nearby to help save on those costs. And idling is another thing I've talked to them about before and we're going to kind of make sure that the idling, those vehicles get turned off if they're sitting for too long. And long idles is worse for it then starting and stopping.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And that leads me to another question that I came up with on this trip I took, the bus trip. Why do busses keep their engines running all the time and these big diesel trucks keep their engines running, semis?

Bobby Howard: They don't necessarily have to do that. If it's a long idle, a long idle time is worse for the engine now and days then what starting and stopping is. So, I really don't want to idle longer than ten (10) minutes if possible. I mean, I'm still looking into that exact time.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I've seen them idle half an hour to an hour at least.

Bobby Howard: Yeah, to me, they're just, they're just, basically, an hour loses about a gallon of fuel at twelve hundred (1,200) RPM, thousand (1,000) RPM, idle speed is what I researched a little bit to kind of look at it. And you know, by the number of vehicles, if they, if they sit for an hour a day, you just lost that many gallons and four (4) to five (5) gallons, six (6) gallons an hour.

Councilman Greg Richmond: In a fleet of a hundred and twenty (120) trucks...

Bobby Howard: Yeah. So, that's what I'd like to look at changing on this is just put a little bit more in the fuel. I mean last year, was able to transfer out fuel to help fund some of my other shortfalls. But, this year, it's highly, it's just crazy to me. And then of course that in turn drives the price of rock up. Drives the price of asphalt up. I mean, this was a really good year funding wise for roads. But, because of the twenty-five percent (25%) increase in asphalt from the beginning of the year, we can't do what we could have done the last year. So, it's disappointing on that end is that when we get a good year of funding then we can't make I go as far as we need to because something comes up like this. So.

Councilman Rick Reid: How's your salt supply?

Bobby Howard: We've got everything pretty well full right now. I don't keep the District 1 barn full because it's, it's the size of the other three (3) put together, or the other two (2) put together. Salt did go up about ten dollars (\$10.00), if I recall. The State, we piggy back on the State's contract and I think that just came out last week on that rate per ton was, I thought it was around eighty-nine dollars (\$89.00) and I believe it was seventy-nine (\$79.00) last, last year. So, and we bought all of our allowance already to fill up and be where we are at the seventy-nine dollars (\$79.00) a ton. So, hopefully it's a mild winter.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, as hot as it is now, it ought to be warmer. I don't have any more. Anybody have anything?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Nope.

Councilman Rick Reid: You did a good job.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you unless you have something else.

Bobby Howard: Thank you. Appreciate it. And if you do have any questions, feel free to call or email me. You guys have a good day.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You too.

Break from 1:53 PM to 1:55 PM

SUPERIOR COURT 1

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, Superior Court I, Judge Meier.

Judge Keith Meier: If you don't mind, I'm going to have Ellen Sprinkle do the Superior General Budget (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Ellen Sprinkle: Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Identify yourself even though he said.

Ellen Sprinkle: Okay. My name is Ellen Sprinkle, I'm a representative of the Warrick County Superior Court I. As you're probably aware, Judge J. Zack Winsett has resigned. That was effective the end of day June 30th. So, we're waiting, the Governor will appoint our next successor. The application process doesn't close until Friday at 5 (PM) I think. So, we're in a waiting period. Really good to have Judge Meier help us coordinate judges and Judge Granger is actually our managing judge for the time. So...

Councilman Ron Bacon: Temporary, yeah.

Ellen Sprinkle: Temporary. Yes. So, we have, other than the salary increases, there were three (3) items on there. I didn't know if anyone had questions about them or wanted any explanation?

Krystal Powless: If you want to go ahead and, they've been touching on the ones that have increased. So...

Ellen Sprinkle: Okay.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, if you want to just touch on them.

Ellen Sprinkle: Okay, so the first one (1) was the per diem for the Petit Jury. We have not had any jury trials in a while. Especially during the pandemic, that kind of closed down. I inherited this position as far as budget claims and things a year and a half ago. So, I'm kind of coming in from the back end, although I have been with the County twenty (20) years. But, I did list out the per diem for the jury trials. As you are aware, mileage has gone up. I attached, from our printout from our jury management program, what the per diem has increased. Jurors are also paid fifteen dollars (\$15.00) a day if they're not selected. If they are selected, it changes to forty (\$40.00) per day. And while we had eight hundred fifty (\$850.00) in that portion that may have paid a portion at one (1) point, but we won't even pay a misdemeanor trial at this point. So, it just delays things if we have to go back and ask for more money. We do, we do pay out of the jury fund first. But, we share that with two (2) other courts. So, we can imagine if somebody has a large trial, it could effectively knock that out. So, we're just trying to get that bumped up a little bit. And then the second one (1) we have was equipment maintenance agreement. We, our contract had run out on our current copy, copy machine. So, Sherrie Sievers reached out to Judge Winsett and we ended up getting into a new one (1) with a new lease. And when that amount goes into effect, what we have current in the current budget wouldn't cover the cost of it with the additional copy charges. And then there's the property tax that comes in and so we asked for an increase in that. Obviously, any overage, we just go back to the County if that, those numbers weren't correct. But, that's what we're anticipating it to be. And then last one (1) was to increase our meals and lodging for jury. Originally, we had five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00). We've already exceeded that by a lot. So far, we've had three (3) trials this year. And of course, with fewer restaurants, you know, cost of food's going up. We have just very few restaurants around here locally that will agree to do it and get paid later. So, if we could just get that increase, so, like, we don't have to wait to get either transferred or additional appropriations and that would honestly put us in line with the other two (2) courts.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The, I know there's a salary increase, but there's a big jump for the Case Manager I.

Ellen Sprinkle: Those are items that Judge Winsett or Judge Meier will be addressing as part of the Drug Court.

Krystal Powless: That's part of Personnel.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Ellen Sprinkle: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I thought maybe step system had kicked in.

Krystal Powless: No part of the Personnel Committee requests.

Ellen Sprinkle: Yeah. That was, it was kind of an unknown towards the end. That was what Judge Winsett, we, he ultimately told me to put on the forms. And I know Judge Meier was doing work and it was all, everybody's doing separate work, but that was the number that was on there. But I think there's been other requests come in regarding that too.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Ellen Sprinkle: Okay?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Ellen Sprinkle: Thank you.

DRUG COURT

Councilman Greg Richmond: Drug Court. It's on page sixty-eight (68).

Judge Keith Meier: Good afternoon, gentlemen. Déjà vu. It's been seven (7) years. Kind of like riding a bike except the tires are a little flatter now. Anyway, I'm Keith Meier. I'm a former Judge in Superior Court I and now a Senior Judge in Indiana. I was asked by the Office of Court Services to step in to Warrick Superior I and watch over the following calendars and the Drug Court and Court Services programs. And that occurred about five (5) days before Judge Winsett left. And so, I've been working, cobbled together the budget. There was a narrative that was submitted to you about needs. And let me just highlight, we have a Pretrial Release Coordinator. And I'm not exactly sure why that's under Superior I other than the fact that their office is over the Court Services Building. But, that is a result of the Indiana Supreme Court amendment to Criminal Rule 26 several years ago. Every County has got these now, or they should. The idea is let low level offenders out of jail without bond. The thought was they're incarcerating too many people merely because they can't post bond and they don't really pose a risk to the community. But, they have to be assessed. And the good part about this, the last two (2) years, that salary has been funded by the State. And we've been informed now that on September the 30th, that grant is dried up. The anticipation was before this that it would go on until it's spent. But for whatever reason, Court Services in Indianapolis said September the 30th, this is the drop-dead date on this and the money goes. But, we still need the Pretrial Services Coordinator and they're asking for thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and twelve-fifty (\$39,912.50). I don't really know how that compares with the salaries around the State. Jenny Fuhs, who's the Director of Community Corrections, has been helping me with some of this stuff. She's been very helpful. You were going to check it. Did you ever come up with the average pay for the pretrial around the State?

Jenny Fuhs: We did not. But that salary is based out of (inaudible) current salary. (Inaudible).

Judge Keith Meier: Okay, so I guess this is what he is being paid under the grant. So, and that position supports all of the Courts. And I just haven't had time to figure numbers. My suspicion is that salary is probably saving the County a great deal of money on incarceration costs. But that's my gut reaction. I can't really support that with any material because I just haven't had time. The second thing is a Coordinator for Drug Court. Drug Courts in Indiana are regulated by statute and by Drug Court rules that are promulgated by the Supreme Court. Those rules and statutes require Drug Courts to have a Coordinator. For whatever reason, the decision was made back in November of last year by, I guess, Judge Winsett to drop the Coordinator position from the budget. The problem with that is Drug Courts also have to be certified by the State periodically. This Drug Courts certification is this year, 2022. If the State comes in and we don't have a Coordinator, that's going to affect the certification. It's kind of like having a baseball team with a bunch of very good players and no manager. I don't care how good the players are, the team's not gonna do as well without a manager. And that basically has put me in the position, since the Coordinator left in November, not me for that long. But the last several weeks trying to keep the program going as being the daily Coordinator. You know, the staff comes to me for everything. And that's fine, because I am really vested in this program and I want to see it continue. It's served this county well over the last fifteen (15), seventeen (17) years. But, we need a Coordinator. The participants in Drug Court and CSAP are drug tested routinely. Of course, you have males and you have females. This staff is all female. So, it's not difficult to find a female who can monitor a female participant's drug screen. But, we don't have a male to monitor the male drug screens. And historically, the males cheat more on drug screens than females probably because it's a bit easier. But, they will cheat. And to try to cover that, the staff is used the oral swabs. But they are not as sensitive as a urine screen. And we need to hire two (2) part-time males to work. I think we've got them down fifteen (15) hours a week each for thirty (30) hours a week. And remember, we have to cover Drug Court seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year because participants are responsible for reporting. So, we're asking for ten thousand (\$10,000.00) a piece for a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) (This was misstated. Should be \$20,000.00) which is really a bargain. I mean, that's much better than getting a full-time position and that will not give me as many hours, number one (1). And number two (2), it won't cost you more, you don't have the benefits for the part-time. And actually, what I'm looking for, I'm looking perhaps for some retired law enforcement officers in the County who'd like to make a little extra money. So, I know most if not all of them. The fourth thing is reclassification of two (2) Case Managers. And this is a little tricky. We don't know how long it's gonna take the Governor to appoint a new judge in Superior I. You know, the horror story was a couple of years ago when I took almost a year to fill one (1) of the positions in Vanderburgh County, Judge Tornatta when he retired. And I would hope that wouldn't happen here. But, I can't say that it won't. And I don't want to come in and it wasn't my goal coming in down here back in Drug Court and completely redoing everything. I'm trying to maintain the status quo and give a base for the new judge, whoever that may be, to come in and build on that. So, the Case Managers, two (2) Case Managers, both of whom are female, have been taking responsibilities from the absent Coordinator position and doing those things that have to be done. And they were doing it, I think once, one (1) month one (1) of them would do it or six (6) weeks. One (1) of them would do it the next week, other six (6) week would do it. And that was a lot to put on. And quite frankly, I'm surprised they didn't quit. Because that's way above their job description. But now, one (1) of the first things I, brought up to me is we would like to have some back pay for that. And I said, you know, that's not my call. I mean I understand you did the work. This to a decision that's got to be made by the Council. The problem is too, since we don't know how long it's gonna take to get a new judge. I don't want to fill the Coordinator position with a person the new judge doesn't like. Because they've got to work hand in glove. So, that causes a dilemma because we need somebody in that position. But, it's not advisable really to get someone now, hopefully January 1st. But, we need the girls to keep doing what they're doing in terms of doing the job Coordinator. And believe me, I've tried to get one (1) of the Case Managers to accept the position of Coordinator. But I couldn't do it. They do not want that job. So, Jenny and I talked about it and one (1) of the things we thought of doing, at least going forward, is give them a little bit more money every month, which would come out of what the Coordinator

would be making if there were an incumbent in that position now. Excuse me, I don't know if that's a good idea or bad idea. So, appreciate I'm just trying to cobble together this program and keep it going.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, there's two (2) Case Managers?

Judge Keith Meier: There are two (2) Case Managers.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Cause in that column, it has fifty-eight-five-'o-six-seven (\$58,506.70).

Judge Keith Meier: Yeah, that is, that, the Case Managers have filed a, and Judge Winsett signed off on it right before he left, their applications to bump them up from what is a PAT B, PAT C, whatever that new classification system is for Warrick County.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Each one (1) get fifty-eight-five-'o-seven (\$58,507.00)?

Judge Keith Meier: There's a little bit of difference because of longevity. But that's roughly, yeah, they're both about the same. Which is about a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) increase. And I have no idea what the company that reviews all of this for you is going to say about that. But, if you do that, then you have to realize that that's gonna stop us from being able to hire a Coordinator. Cause that money's gonna have to come out of the Coordinator position. So, you know, we're kind of damned if we do damned if we don't.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Krystal, you see what I'm talking about?

Krystal Powless: Yes, yes and again, it's all going to Personnel and I think it's one (1) in his fund and one (1) in Drug Court. And you know, I'll research all that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Okay.

Judge Keith Meier: And then the last thing, I noticed that there was nothing in there for education and travel concurrent with education. And every one of the people in Court Services has mandatory education hours every year. And I was kind of upset, they have the National Drug Court Convention in Nashville not next week, but the week after next. And I always sent the staff to the National Convention when it was close like St. Louis or Chicago because it was much cheaper than flying them across country. But, there is nothing built in to the budget for that. And next year, it's probably, I don't know where it's going to be, but it's usually, probably going to be on the east coast or west coast. So that's gonna be different to warrant enough money to pay them to go out there. But, there's other training within the Midwest area that they really could benefit from and need to get their hours through. I don't know really and amount, I would say probably three (\$3,000.00) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). And it's been a long time since I've messed with Probation monies. But there's a possibility we might be able to take that out of Probation User fees. Which I would certainly not be opposed to, but I don't know what a new judge, what they would want to do. But it is something we need. Are we really, we really going to risk our certification and that if we lose the Drug Court Certification, I mean that's going to cost the County a bunch of money. Because we process a lot of people through that program. I think there's fifty (50) people in the program now. And that's even after the hit by COVID. And I've been talking to the staff about some things we can do to get more people into the program. This is not a program you can just sit and hope it works out. You've got to build the program as you go along. And, you know, there's plenty of takers for the program. They've had that, now they need to take it. They need the treatment. So, anyway, those are, those are my items and I'm more than happy to answer any questions you've got.

Krystal Powless: Just to clarify Greg's question. The reason, Greg, one (1) position is, one (1) Case Managers paid out a Superior I and one (1) Case Manager's paid out of Drug Court. So, the salary that you were referring to is for one (1) person, but it is approximately ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) more because they've asked for it to be upgraded.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, I was just looking at one (1) figure here and I thought for two (2) people.

Krystal Powless: No. It's for one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Let me see if I had any questions on the others.

Krystal Powless: I think the others were fine.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes, they're fine.

Judge Keith Meier: Good?

Councilman Greg Richmond: All good.

Judge Keith Meier: Thank you, gentlemen. Good to see you all again. Hopefully, I won't be doing this again next year. I guarantee you I won't be doing this again next year.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Thank you for taking over.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: For the interim.

Judge Keith Meier: You know, I, so important that that court keep running.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Judge Keith Meier: And without, without a head, it's kind of difficult. And I was the one (1) that started the Drug Court Program. Of course, that was a new program and all that. And I'm really invested in those things. I've kept them. I've set in on Drug Court the last seven (7) years when Judge Winsett couldn't be there. (Inaudible) any questions you've got. Feel free to contact me. Be happy to answer.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I've been to graduation performances. Those ceremonies are really good.

Judge Keith Meier: Yeah, I've done a lot of things in my life. But that is by far the best thing I've done is the Drug Court. And as Greg said, the graduation, just see how these people have changed. You know, it's really heartwarming.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It is.

Judge Keith Meier: It is damn tough job to change.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Oh, yeah. It is.

Judge Keith Meier: They bite the bullet and they do it. So, and we need to continue to support that. Thank you, gentlemen.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Councilman Greg Richmond: Building. Come up here and identify yourself for the record.

Angie Lutz: Okay, Angie Lutz. I'm here for the Building Department in place of Dennis Lockhart.

Councilman Rick Reid: He is working, I'm sure.

Angie Lutz: He is working. He stays busy. Yeah.

Krystal Powless: And to help Angie out since she's not done this before, the only increase was the Gas, Oil, and Lube line which, I, so.

Councilman Greg Richmond: What's nice about this fund is it's self-funded.

Krystal Powless: Correct. Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'm okay with it. I didn't have any questions.

Angie Lutz: Okay. That's it?

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's is.

Councilman Rick Reid: Done a great job.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah. Tell Dennis you filled in very nicely.

Krystal Powless: No, tell Dennis, tell Dennis it was the worst thing you've ever done and he owes you.

Councilman Rick Reid: You need a vacation.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Bye, bye.

TOURISM

Councilman Greg Richmond: Tourism. Twenty-seven (27). I see Shari is here. Funds are coming in good, aren't they?

Shari Sherman: Yes, they are and we've, they've broke ground on another hotel. So, that will bring in more and we can spend more.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, I see commercials from other communities occasionally. It'd be nice if we could get that...

Shari Sherman: We're working on that. The thing of it is, we don't want those commercials here.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: That's what I, that's what I was just thinking of.

Shari Sherman: We want them in Indianapolis or Terre Haute or Bloomington or where you can't see them. And that's one (1) of the things that we ask all of the people that we give grants to that spend money to promote and advertise. We don't want the money spent in Warrick County as much as we'd like to spend it local. But, we want them to advertise. So, that's one of our requirements is to make sure that we want people to come in to the county.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Just like the 4-H Fair. I see the one (1) up at Gibson all the time, Vanderburgh County.

Shari Sherman: Yeah, now their, that's, I don't think that's the Tourism. That's their fair board that's doing that. But...

Councilman Greg Richmond: I know our fair board is not that wealthy.

Shari Sherman: Yeah, well...

Councilman Greg Richmond: They can ask for a grant.

Shari Sherman: I was going to say, apply for grant. We were...

Councilman David Hachmeister: They know it. Everybody...

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Who me?

Shari Sherman: It's a very simple process. It's about one (1) page. It's kind of here's what it is. And what we ask for is to get estimates on what you're going to spend it for. Like Lamar billboards on (Hwy) 41 or whatever. Just get those estimates, fill out the one (1) sheet form, come and answer any questions, and right now, it's five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). But, they can only apply for two (2) years and then we ask that they sit it out. Cause we hope that they're bringing money in and they can afford to do some of this. That we don't become, that they don't become dependent upon the Tourism to do that. Now, we are doing some things that are for everyone. We just are working on the wayfinding signs so you'll see on Interstate 69 and 64, you'll see the signs that says, you know, coming attractions and things like that, camping. It will promote Lynnville Park and Scales Lake with wayfinding signs getting them clear down to Scales Lake in each turn that they make. We have to pay for that sign. And then, we're going to do the downtown areas. And the only museum in the County that we can do, based on their requirements, is the Coal Mine Museum. So, we'll have wayfinding signs to the Coal Museum too. So. Lots going on. So, we have a part time person. The Chamber and Tourism pay for that position equally. So, we are looking at some, a larger project, much larger project if the Sports Complex comes in. So, we didn't want to ask for it yet, cause it's...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Still waiting.

Shari Sherman: Still waiting, but if it does, we'll come back and ask for, probably ask for additional appropriation on that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is the group still trying to get all the funding?

Shari Sherman: Well, and Tourism would be part of that funding to promote outside the area to do some promotions and that. So, that's kind of where we are with that. But we don't, we don't want to put it in this year's budget or next year's budget. We have given out over, almost forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) in grants in the last two (2), three (3) years, 2021-22. So, you give it to us and we'll spend it. Questions?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Well, yes. Not on your budget here, but since you're talking about the grant and various things, could you kind of help me out here? I was talking to a fellow who runs the softball program at Vann Road Park. And he told me that he was not eligible to apply for the grant. Is that true? Is there anything...?

Shari Sherman: I have not talked to him and I don't know that he has. It would be...

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I believe you.

Shari Sherman: It would be to promote outside the area.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: We'll they have, right now, and someone mentioned earlier, a large tournament in Evansville that's taking place. And that tournament has, is so large, it's also being played at Vann Road Park.

Councilman Rick Reid: It's packed out there.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: It's packed. I had mentioned this to him cause I think it seems right...

Shari Sherman: It's advertising.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: It's advertising, like you said. It's advertising out on billboards or whatever. They bring in a lot of out of state things. So, I just wanted to clarify that.

Shari Sherman: They, they can call our office.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: They could apply?

Shari Sherman: They could apply for advertising money, yes, outside the area.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: He said it had something to do with the fact that the boys and girls there on Vann Road lease, they have a lease agreement.

Shari Sherman: I don't know who he talked to.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I don't either.

Shari Sherman: Cause that wasn't...

Councilman Greg Richmond: You can lease it from the...

Shari Sherman: Yeah, that, it doesn't matter where the event, I mean, we do like the Monarch Car Chow, we gave them money a year or two (2) ago.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: More about advertising the County. Yeah.

Shari Sherman: And you know, it's for events. We did the Antique Steam Engine, The Newburgh Museum, the Warrick Wellness Trail to, you know, we just funded the Party in Paradise for them to do advertising. And the, I can't talk about the one (1) that's coming before us tonight.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: He may have just wanted to shut me up.

Shari Sherman: Yeah, I mean, call and talk to us. I mean, we try and find ways to, you know, to advertise. The one (1) thing we get at times is people just saying, we do good work, give us five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for our, to, you know...

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I'm sure that's probably all on your application what they're...

Shari Sherman: It is.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: What they're wanting to do.

Shari Sherman: And I mean, and it's not for, they can't use it for salaries. They can't use it for sprucing up their, you know, location or anything like that. It's really to advertise the event or like the museum, you know, to advertise there. To put in, you know, in some different locations. So....

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Okay. Yeah. Good, that answers that. Maybe ask more.

Shari Sherman: Yeah, give me a call.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Ask more of their organization, I guess. I should say...

Councilman David Hachmeister: Just like (Inaudible).

Shari Sherman: Ask if they've called and talked to us, who they've or if what they wanted wasn't really what it's for and they were told...

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah, and that would advertise, it would need to be local advertising?

Shari Sherman: No.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: No, it's got to be out of the area.

Shari Sherman: We want them to advertise out of the area. Yeah, we want people to come in.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Now that you're saying some of that, may be what he was referring to. Maybe he thought it was for things, advertising only.

Shari Sherman: Yeah, no. Yeah. I mean, people here should know about it and other ways or see it.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah, we want to bring people in from other areas.

Shari Sherman: We want them to bring, ideally, we want them to do then is to spend the night but we need more hotels so they can spend the night.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah, I'm sure those families are spending the night. You know, I'm sure they're all in Vanderburgh. There's not another place for them to be.

Shari Sherman: Yeah. So. Okay.

Several talking at once.

PROSECUTOR

Councilman Greg Richmond: Ready to go. Prosecutor, Child Support, Pretrial. First is Prosecutor.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Mike Perry, Prosecutor. How are you all?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Alright. I think there's a misprint again or the Chief Deputy should probably be five thousand (\$5,000.00) not five hundred (\$500.00).

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Yes. Well, just depends on how much she works here in the next couple weeks. I actually have a Chief Deputy, Jenny Greer's here with me today. Did I do that?

Krystal Powless: No, I did that.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Oh.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Once you get to typing all those zeros.

Krystal Powless: I'm telling you.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Not the first time it's happened.

Krystal Powless: These are numbers I had to type in, guys. Yeah.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: So, basically, everything is pretty much the same as it was last year except.

Krystal Powless: Part-time.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: I'm sorry?

Krystal Powless: Part-time.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Part-time.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Yeah, the Part-time job I'm requesting and then the, I'm wanting to change the salary structure of my attorneys to better reflect how it kind of goes out in the real world. Vanderburgh County has a similar structure. And I believe those requests will be addressed by the Personnel Committee at some point.

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: And then, across the Board, three percent (3%) increase in salary adjustments. Although, after today's news, I should have asked for a nine point one (9.1%) increase.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah, that's crazy.

Krystal Powless: That's okay. I advertised ten (10%) for everyone.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Did you?

Krystal Powless: Just, I mean I, yeah, just to advertise high.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: I understand. So, that's really all I have. If you have any questions.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Done with that one (1).

CHILD SUPPORT

Councilman Greg Richmond: What about...

Councilman Rick Reid: Twenty-four (24).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Child Support on twenty-four (24). I noticed your administrator's amount was down just a slight bit. Is that because it's a new person?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Yes. Yeah, Sharon Shoulders took a job in another department. And so, we hired a young lady that had some experience over in Vanderburgh County but she doesn't have the longevity and all that that Ms. Shoulders had.

PRETRIAL

Councilman Greg Richmond: And then the Pretrial's on sixty (60).

Prosecutor Mike Perry: I don't know if I have the same thing that you have.

Krystal Powless: They're a little bit different.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: But it, basically, your paper and I put it in a computer spreadsheet.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Yeah, Pretrial is, so we're starting to show some vast improvement in that over, from the lockdown. We took a big hit in the collection of those funds. People weren't writing tickets. People weren't out. So, the monthly collections are back up to what, close to what it was previously, pandemic. I think we've got quite a bit of money. Probably over two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) in that line item, do we not?

Krystal Powless: I haven't calculated it.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Okay, that's fine.

Krystal Powless: But, that sounds right last I looked. Yes.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: And then our grant for our, our VOCA Grant for our two (2) Victims' Advocates, they did not grant us all the money that we requested. But, I think we had enough to cover it, right?

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't have anything.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Nope.

Councilman Rick Reid: Nope.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Do you have any idea when the Personnel Meetings will be?

Krystal Powless: Um hum. I have an idea. But, we changed it. It's not on the back of this.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I have it in my phone.

Councilman David Hachmeister: The 22nd.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Of August?

Krystal Powless: Yeah. August 22nd and this is tentative. I'm going to send it out here. It's at 4:00 (PM), unless something changes. Okay?

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Okay.

Krystal Powless: But, I will send a new agenda soon.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Alright. The only reason I ask is at some point in time, I'll have to go and take my son back to the airport for him to go back to college.

Krystal Powless: August 22nd is quite a bit later than we normally...

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Right. I think his school starts either that week or the week after.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: So, I will keep an eye on that.

Krystal Powless: Well, let me know. I mean, we could try to work something out. But, yeah.

Prosecutor Mike Perry: Alright. Thank you very much.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page nineteen (19).

Councilman Chris Whetstine: No one in the room saw it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Circuit Court, page nineteen (19).

Krystal Powless: I didn't see it. Did he see it?

Councilman Ron Bacon: It's on film.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: He saw it. He saw it. He saw it. He laughed.

Councilman Ron Bacon: He knew it was coming.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Did you get him? Did you shoot him?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I missed him. But no one in the room saw it.

Councilman Rick Reid: (Inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Did he see it?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: He saw it. I was doing this and he was like, trying to hold it in.

Councilman Rick Reid: (Inaudible) not here either.

Councilman Greg Richmond: We're ready Judge.

Judge Greg Granger: You're ready? Good afternoon.

Councilman Rick Reid: Afternoon.

Councilman Greg Richmond: First is Circuit Court budget. And did you put a pretty good raise in here for everybody?

Judge Greg Granger: I did. Used fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I noticed that. Probation Officer...

Krystal Powless: That's set by Statute.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Controlled by State.

Judge Greg Granger: Correct.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That jumped eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) and seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for another Probation Juvenile. Those are the biggies. Pauper Document Copies, pretty big.

Judge Greg Granger: The one (1) significant increase was, I'm trying to reclassify a Court Reporter position, that's, it's listed as a Court Reporter Assistant at one (1) point and I think it's, this year it's called Court, Clerk Reporter Stenotype. The, all the Court Reporters I have are COMOT 3 or E, and this position that Sharon Shoulders fills was actually a combination of two (2) previous positions. One (1) was a Misdemeanor and Probation and then there was another Court Reporter for civil cases, family law cases, guardianships, personal injury cases.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The one (1) Michele Busing was in?

Krystal Powless: No, it says Shoulders out to the side.

Judge Greg Granger: Where it says Shoulders.

Krystal Powless: And that has been sent to WIS to be reclassified.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, the two (2) big raises that I was looking at were pretty large was Busing and Carlisle.

Judge Greg Granger: Those are both the Probation Officers.

Krystal Powless: Yeah. Those are set by Statute.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's what I wondered. I figured that's what it was. Other Services were up a little. Not much though. The big, the big one (1), the Pauper Document Copies is up fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00).

Judge Greg Granger: Some of that...go ahead.

Krystal Powless: I didn't know if you were going to speak to it. Normally, if he has a trial or what, he has to come back and ask you for more money. That's the line that, you know, they pay the services out of. It was probably down in '21 because of COVID.

Judge Greg Granger: Correct.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Judge Greg Granger: And what's happening a little bit more frequently is competency evaluations where we have to get two (2) psychiatrists to evaluate competency and seems like we had a couple more of those than previous years.

Krystal Powless: So, basically, you can either appropriate it now or you can appropriate it later. It's one (1) of those that, you know.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Going to be done.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Judge Greg Granger: Had a lot, like Krystal said, a lot of that depends whether trials are gonna go or not. If, the more trials, more expenses we're going to have.

ADULT PROBATION

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page fifty-five (55) is Adult Probation. I didn't see anything out of line there.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page forty-eight (48). Guardian Ad Litem. Nothing super big there.

ADULT PROBATION ADMINISTRATIVE

Councilman Greg Richmond: And page fifty-four (54), Adult Probation Administrative.

Krystal Powless: Again, this is basically set for those Probation Officers.

JUVENILE PROBATION CIRCUIT COURT

Councilman Greg Richmond: And the last one's on fifty-seven (57). Juvenile Probation, Circuit Court. And nothing stood out from there. So, other than the Personnel stuff, that's it.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: They all look the same, don't they?

Judge Greg Granger: Any questions?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Nope.

Judge Greg Granger: Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT II

Councilman Greg Richmond: Let's see, Superior Court is eighteen (18).

Councilman Chris Whetstine: That was pretty darn straight-forward wasn't it?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. Fifty-six (56) and...

Councilman David Hachmeister: We've got...

Councilman Ron Bacon: Twenty (20) minutes early? Superior Court.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah. Two (2), eighteen (18).

Judge Amy Miskimen: Figure I always get here early cause you all are usually a little bit...

Krystal Powless: We are. Yes.

Councilman Ron Bacon: We are. We're thrilled.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: And I have Public Defenders Office called and hopefully they're on their way. So.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Good.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, everybody ready?

Councilman Rick Reid: Yep.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Ready for you.

Judge Amy Miskimen: Good afternoon, everyone. I have to apologize. This is the one (1) day this week I have no court cases. I forgot about the budget meeting and I'm wearing jeans today. So, apologize.

Unknown: You're not the first.

Judge Amy Miskimen: I'm normally very dressed up but, you know, the one (1) day. We're asking for an increase in printing expenses. We've had a lot of juries get called. Most of them settled. We've had one (1) go and we have several more lined up. Of course, I never know if they're going to work out at the last minute. But, somewhere out at the Jail, some, some prisoner has written on a wall or made sure the news gets around to ask for a fast, speedy jury trial, and that's what I've been dealing with from March through the end of the year. So, from the time they ask it to seventy (70) days later, I have to have a trial within that time period. And it's just, even if it ends up working out two (2) weeks beforehand, we have to start sending out summonses, making calls to people, and it's just a lot of paper. And so, that's what we've been dealing with.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Interesting.

Judge Amy Miskimen: Yeah, I'd like to know where, who's talking about it.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Judge Amy Miskimen: We always joke around with security; you find where that's written and you paint right over that?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Your Probation Officer...

Judge Amy Miskimen: Um hum?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Was up a bunch. Is there a reason?

Krystal Powless: That's a statutory...

Judge Amy Miskimen: Statutory, yeah.

Krystal Powless: All Probation Officers are Statutory.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. That's all I saw in...

Judge Amy Miskimen: Everyone else, I'm asking for a five percent (5%) raise. I understand, you know, if that's not in the cards. But, I always request it.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

ADULT PROBATION ADMINISTRATIVE

Councilman Greg Richmond: And then the Adult Probation Administrative.

Krystal Powless: That will be the Probation Officers also again, page fifty-four (54). Page fifty-six (56) is, that's the other one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, there was one (1) on fifty-four (54) that was zeroed and it's been added.

Krystal Powless: Cause, she hired another Probation Officer, Jenny.

Judge Amy Miskimen: Right.

Krystal Powless: That, it meets that requirement of five thousand (\$5,000.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

ADULT PROBATION SUPERIOR II

Councilman Greg Richmond: And then, fifty-six (56) is Adult Probation. None of that stood out for me as anything different.

Councilman Rick Reid: Everything looks in line to me.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yep. Looks good.

Judge Amy Miskimen: Thank you, all.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thank you. Have a great day.

Judge Amy Miskimen: Thank you. You too. I hope y'all have a great rest of the day.

Krystal Powless: Thank you. Close to the end.

Judge Amy Miskimen: (Inaudible) by now.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Krystal Powless: If you all would like, Heather was calling the Public Defender's Office and he's sick today. So, they're trying to get the other one (1) to come over. And they said, well, if they can't, I can speak for them. But, we'll give them some time.

COUNCIL

Krystal Powless: If you want to go to ours on page twelve (12), I, I didn't know what to do. I think, I think I put down five percent (5%) because that's what everyone was putting down. But then, (inaudible) okay. So, if you want me to put anything down different, I certainly can.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Is full-time an option?

Councilman Ron Bacon: No.

Krystal Powless: You are joking, right?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Just a question. Yes, I was joking.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTINUED

Krystal Powless: I think we had that discussion. If you go to page twenty (20) for Public Defender, he has a nice email that I attached that explains all his increases. You guys are fast. You, seriously. I don't know how you got here that fast.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: We broke laws coming over here.

Krystal Powless: Cause it hasn't been that long since I had her make that call.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Well, we were planning on 3:25 (PM), but I understand we're ahead of schedule.

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Alright, my name is Brett Roy. I am the Chief Deputy Public Defender for Warrick County. Forgive me, I've never done this before.

Krystal Powless: I think they're reading through the email that he sent. So, basically, it probably be good to address the Operating Expense line item increase in the Pauper Counsel increase.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Yes. The Pauper Counsel increase, we are governed more or less by the Indiana Public Defender's Commission and the Supreme Court. And the Supreme Court, we got an email on June 3rd that they're raising the rates for all Public Defenders. And as you recall, I'm sure from prior discussions with Mr. Mathies, we have to meet those standards in order to qualify to get the reimbursement. And so, if we don't, we'll lose that forty percent (40%) return that we're getting from the State, which I hope we all can agree was a considerable amount. I think we've brought back over the last year and a half a little over three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for the County. So, we want to make sure we qualify and we keep bringing that back to the County. And I actually anticipate that number going up. Because once we rise, these salaries and things rise, obviously the County's paying out more money, but that's more money we'll get reimbursed as well. And we anticipate the Misdemeanors will actually start getting paid for here very soon. So, that number will raise even more. But the increase with Public Defenders is to try to get them on par with the State requirements. When we look around the State, other counties even pay their part-time independent contractors a great deal more than we do. I think Gibson County was seventy...almost seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) that their individuals make. I think we're paying right around forty (\$40,000.00) or forty-one (\$41,000.00).

Councilman Rick Reid: Wow.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: So, obviously we're, we're a little behind and we're trying to eat that up and catch that up without breaking the bank all at once. So, that's why the Public Defender request went up. Additionally, as our County grows, we are incurring more and more cases. As you're aware of a few years ago, we added a fourth court and wouldn't be surprised if we don't have a fifth court relatively soon as the County grows and our numbers go up. We follow those because we have to track how many cases each individual Public Defender handles per year. And I will assure you, those numbers aren't going down. So, we need to meet the times. We need to follow those increases. Because we're going to struggle from the same problems that a lot of people have, and finding qualified people is difficult. And if we're not paying them the standard rate, not only do we run the risk of not getting that reimbursement, but we run the risk of not having quality defenders. And I think that would be a tragedy for the County. But that's why our Public Defender cost went up. We're looking to increase their, their pay, so, we can hopefully increase it and reach that point that we're on track with the rest of the State. I know I've done contractor work in other counties and some counties pay hourly. And that would be, that would be a nightmare. Because they make a

hundred (\$100.00), almost a hundred dollars (\$100.00) an hour. And some of our folks, they'd make, they'd make the forty thousand (\$40,000.00) we pay them right now probably within the course of three (3) or four (4) months for the time they put in. So, that's why that increased. Our operating increase, Operating Expenses actually went up a little bit. We've had a couple of murder trials that have gone now to appeal. And I know that the Dysert Law Firm, (inaudible) law firm where Mr. Dysert works has not been paid yet. That's ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). We've got another out that we're farming out, to an appeals attorney out of Evansville which will be another ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) worth. We anticipate, we're trying to get our operating expenses covering those expenses and some others we know are coming. So, that's why those numbers went up. Then I think there was a salary increase mandated by the Supreme Court because of the Chief Public Defender and the Chief Deputies salaries have to match what the Prosecutor and the Chief Deputy Prosecutor make by Statute. Those have to match for us to get qualified for that reimbursement.

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: If you have questions, I'll be more than happy to field them if I can. Say it again, I've never stood in front of you before in this, this capacity. It's usually Mr. Mathies. And unfortunately, he sends his apologies. He came down ill, and could not be here tonight.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Do you know what the portion or percentage is that we get back?

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: We get forty percent (40%) of everything.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Forty percent (40%), okay.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: As indicated I think, last year, I think it was a little over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) that we brought in. And I anticipate that number a little bit higher. I think it was hundred and ninety-six (\$196,000.00).

Krystal Powless: I just laid it in front of Greg.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Right. I've got it here. It was a hundred ninety-six thousand nine hundred three dollars (\$196,903.00) that we brought back in 2021. And for the first half of this year, I think we've already brought back in a hundred three thousand three hundred eighty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$103,386.58) that the County got reimbursed by the Indiana Public Defense Council. Again, that number actually, in the future, will go up cause I'm pretty sure they're going to pass and we'll start getting reimbursed for Misdemeanors as well. So, that number will, that number will hopefully be even higher.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Oh, and Cassie informs me I didn't even pass for CHINS works. So, our Children in Need of Services, those folks, they get appointed counsel right out of the gate. They qualify, most times qualify maybe if they don't meet our standards due to the nature of the cases. And those just passed that we'll start getting reimbursed for those. So, that number, that number should rise.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody else have anything?

Councilman Rick Reid: Thanks.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I think that's it.

Councilman Ron Bacon: You still work, you still located, work...

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: I, I'm at Warren's Office, yes. I closed my practice. I'm full-time (inaudible) for Warrick County.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Warren's still out there?

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Yes, Sir.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Weren't they talking about moving him back in downtown. Didn't we talk about this?

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: We were looking for space. We really wanted to be, not necessarily in the Courthouse.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Right.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: But...

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Close.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: When we talked about being within walking distance cause we actually had a working office that was manned part-time in the, in the Courthouse right across from Superior Court II. And long story short, it's amazing how many people can't leave that Courtroom and walk into our office and make an

appointment. They walk out and then we never see them again and we don't see them until the next court day. So, we're wanting to get something that's within walking distance. Cause we do have a lot of clients that, you know, they don't have their license.

Councilman Rick Reid: Right.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Or they can't afford to drive. And so, we really wanted to get something here close so, you know, there's very little excuse to not be able to walk out of the Courtroom and walk across the hall or walk across the street. And, couldn't find adequate space. We were hoping to actually acquire Charlie Martin's office whenever he, whenever he retired but we were a day late and a dollar short there because the guy that bought it beat us to the punch. Judge Kelley called over and it was already gone. I think in the future that might be a possibility, but right now we're set up out there. We're hoping to grow as well as our County grows. We've talked about potentially maybe another, another full-time Public Defender or whatever the County needs to meet our budget requirements.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, so you're set up where now?

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: It's in Warren Mathies old office. It used to be, years ago, this doctor...

Councilman Ron Bacon: Eskew, at the corner of Eskew and the highway.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Doctor Inman and Doctor...it was a dentist's office to start with.

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible) yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. Dentist's office.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Wilson.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Yeah, Dr. Wilson. My old favorite there. So, yeah, we've been out there, Warren's been out there ever since 2017. We've been out there since, I've been there since our beginning.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Brett Roy: Thank you all.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thanks.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anything else to come before the Council?

Krystal Powless: Can I just ask a question?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Sure.

ELECTION DISCUSSION

Krystal Powless: The Election situation, would you like for me to now put that on the August agenda? Or do you want me to hold it off 'til September? I mean, we're going to have to transfer money from Rainy Day. There's no question. If they're, I mean, they're not going to save enough.

Councilman David Hachmeister: (Inaudible) check. Bake sale.

Krystal Powless: I mean, I'll hold it 'til September. But, I, I don't have the August Agenda ready yet and I can add it if you'd like for me to.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, we should get it over with.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Ron said golf scramble.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Won't make enough.

Councilman David Hachmeister: We can.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Get it over with so they know that they've got it and we'll have time to tell them that we can't keep doing this. Or would it be better to go at it with them not funded?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I would go not funded.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Wait 'til September?

Councilman Rick Reid: (Inaudible) that decision.

Krystal Powless: Wait 'til September?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I don't know that.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Greg, you said that through the years, how many office holders have turned around and overspent and came back to us anyway.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Exactly.

Krystal Powless: That's the truth.

Councilman David Hachmeister: We slapped their hand and bailed them out and they come back... don't worry about it.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: The Board has to be unanimously (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: This is a hardship for us. It's not like any other office. We have to have the Election.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: (inaudible) statute.

Krystal Powless: I'm making a note to (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: But, you're right. We slap the hand and nothing happens.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: What did you say, Debbie?

Krystal Powless: I heard it too, but...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Just because everyone says it, doesn't mean it really is statute 'til you see the statute.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: But, it would have to be a unanimous on the number of election sites.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah, I think sometimes people tell us things.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Certainly not saying, they can cut the poll workers.

Krystal Powless: Right. And the machines.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: And didn't she say they were cutting machines.

Krystal Powless: Right. But it's not going to save us.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Guess they can't cut days.

Krystal Powless: I mean, I was saying we needed it maybe if they gave us sixty (\$60,000.00) we might be able to manage it. But, they're not going to be able to do that. So.

Councilman Greg Richmond: We need to decide on how much to deposit.

Krystal Powless: Well, here's the thing, if you only give them enough to cover, then you're still going to be short the next Election.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It would be considered a loan, if you, right?

Krystal Powless: No.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: From Rainy Day?

Krystal Powless: Nope. Cliff has already verified that. And it shocked me also. But he sent me the Statute and I went, oh.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: So, it can be deposited into their fund, not spent from (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Into it, correct. It could just be deposited into their cash.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Okay.

Krystal Powless: Which would help fund future Elections, but they can't keep doing what they're doing. You know, because basically, they've depleted all their cash even to fund next year's Election. They're only gonna get in what they're supposed to get in. It's not quite enough to cover. So, if you know an appropriate say a hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,00.00) or not appropriate, transfer.

Councilman Ron Bacon: What is next year, City and Towns?

Krystal Powless: It is, well, it is, but it's only rein...so much is reimbursable. Not like everything we do out of the Election budget.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Oh.

Krystal Powless: You know, there's a full-time employee. We pay their insurance and benefits from the County. That's not reimbursable from them. Only the portion without that's on the Election. And I don't know...

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, they actually pay for the machines? They pay for the machines, the people and any rent?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: For the Cities, Municipalities?

Krystal Powless: Probably the inspectors and...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: They pay a hundred percent (100%) for any Election specific costs.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Based on population of the people that are in their municipality.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: That's how, that's how that's divvied out, is based on the number of voters in those units.

Councilman Greg Richmond: What if it's a Township?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Pardon?

Councilman Greg Richmond: What if it's a Township? Campbell Township doesn't have any towns or cities.

Councilman Rick Reid: They don't have any towns or cities.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: They're on the County's cycle for Elections.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah, they don't have any elections this year.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It's just, that's the cities. It's Newburgh, Chandler, Boonville....

Councilman Ron Bacon: Elberfeld.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Elberfeld went to a, they went to a County cycle.

Councilman Ron Bacon: And Lynnville.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Which is really beneficial for them not to have a hundred percent (100%) agreement and shorten the term (inaudible).

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Get on a County cycle.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: So, who's not on a County cycle?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Boonville, Newburgh, Chandler.

Councilman Rick Reid: That's it? Lynnville?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Tennyson have one (1)?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Tennyson, Skelton now.

Several talking at once.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: They, I think they're on the County Cycle, right? Tennyson?

Krystal Powless: I feel like they are on County cycle. Cause when you go through...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: They only have a Board.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, and look, I think the Township Boards Are always on there. So.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Newburgh is too. Their Township Board is up right now. They're...

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's the Town.

Krystal Powless: But that...

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Or not Town, their Town Board, their Town Council is in this Election.

Councilman Greg Richmond: They're staggered though every couple of years, aren't they?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: They're staggered, yeah.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: They don't have their own, separate.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It's not a hundred percent (100%) of the Board up for election at the same year like it is in the City.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Right. They're on the County cycle. I'm just trying to...

Krystal Powless: Portion, a portion of it.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It staggers. So, I think they'll have an election next year.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I think so.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Maybe they did the same thing. Have to go back and look.

Krystal Powless: I guess what I'm saying is not a hundred percent (100%) we pay out on this out of the Election budget is going to be returned to us next year. It's not. It's not even probably, I don't know, what percentage it, but...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I can go back and look.

Krystal Powless: I know.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I'll just send you an email.

Krystal Powless: Okay, that would be great.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: From the last time. And the thing is, you really have to work with them to say, capture every single penny you can that is billable.

Krystal Powless: And see, that's, are they doing that?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It's not right for the County. Yeah. There were a lot of things last year, last Election that I said, what about your MicroVote. Cause they were paying it under Contractual in a separate line and they just didn't think about, well, that's, that's billable.

Krystal Powless: Exactly.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Anything that was other than maybe (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: And maybe, I don't want to say Democrats, maybe Boonville, by doing these vote centers, when they have to pay their fair share of the vote centers, and they see how much it went up, maybe they'll change their tune. Then again, maybe they'll borrow money like they do.

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's true.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Well, it's concerning to see us getting into Rainy Day. You know we were down early distribution on settlement and we were right under a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of surplus in General only. That can be gobbled up real quick. Like a couple more payrolls and that type of thing. I think a calculated that we're at about a ten percent (10%) surplus. And we should probably be at twenty (20%) or twenty-five (25%).

Krystal Powless: Which we've always known.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Twenty (20%) or twenty-five percent (25%) surplus is considered healthy. We couldn't operate very long on a ten percent (10%) surplus.

Krystal Powless: Nope.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, we need to get cash balance built up this year and next year then?

Krystal Powless: Not if we're giving raises and gasoline increases.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Um hum.

Krystal Powless: It's just not going to happen. I would be, I would be happy to stay status quo. Like not to have to dip into our cash. But I don't know if that's possible. Yet.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: A mindset of saying, having an attitude of, you know, putting together a budget. Which, I saw the Election budget and they said, if you can, you know, don't purchase this and it can wait. Don't purchase. And there were certain things, expenditures and can you reduce this. You have to have this many. But, a mindset of all we have to do is go back to Council and they'll give us the money. That's like a theme almost.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Councilman Rick Reid: We've got deep pockets.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Like this, if you see sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000.00) on a Treasurer's Report, then everyone thinks everyone thinks we've got sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000.00). We don't have sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000.00). We have sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000.00) in the bank, but, that is across the County, you know, that's not General Fund budget.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Like the guy from Folsomville thought we had a hundred and twenty-seven million (\$127,000,000.00). You know what I'm talking about?

Councilman Greg Richmond: John?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: They might see a nice healthy balance. But then as soon as it's disbursed, settlement twice a year...

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: But again, we have a lot of money in funds that aren't debatable. You know the funds are there for specified purposes.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Question was, if we have that much money, how come we didn't reduce the taxes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: Just for example, over, from '20 to '21, you gave WIS was, you know, it was expensive. And you dipped into your cash by about five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) instead of savings. But we had been saving for like thirteen (13) years.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible).

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, you cut him off, Greg.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, I did.

Krystal Powless: Last year we didn't save. So, you just can't continue to do that. So, cause I mean, I can remember when we had seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) (inaudible).

Several talking at once.

Krystal Powless: And that was there in the Treasurer's Office. Just so you know. (Inaudible) and it was two point five million (\$2,500,000.00).

Auditor Debbie Stevens: What was it? Oh, yes, what was that? He had receipted something to the General Fund or that shouldn't have gone.

Krystal Powless: Yeah. So, when the cash was reported, it was (inaudible).

Auditor Debbie Stevens: There's a County, Owen County, did not turn in their additional appropriations and they're a little County. And I think they were in the whole like six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) and you know can you imagine trying to dig out of that. That would be huge for us.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: A little County like Owen to try to dig out of a deficit.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Spencer, Indiana.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That used to be an AIC president.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I know. How could you not know?

Krystal Powless: Another thing that can be considered, I don't know what you're thinking. I just know what I was told to do as far as calculating raises. But, you know, you don't dip into your Rainy Day. If you dipped in like five hundred

thousand (\$500,000.00) to offset raises one (1) year or something like that. I am throwing stuff out there. Okay, so just, slap it down.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It will continue.

Krystal Powless: I just, I'm just trying to give you ideas. I know that the inflation is bothering you and you would like to do something about it. And again, this is not even running numbers. I haven't even ran numbers yet to tell you. I can tell you that budgeting some of the Sheriff's Department in LIT really helped the situation. I don't know that we could have even done W/S if that wouldn't have happened. You know? I don't know. But, I did run, Greg asked me to, the very first page in your book shows how much it would cost. And again, that money would be divided among the funds in which their budgeted in. But, the amount of salary increase for each person is just listed on there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's all funds. Like Health Department?

Krystal Powless: Yes, it's all, it's not all coming out in one (1) place. It would be, you know, each of their funds, I didn't do it by fund of course. So, and that's why I said, you know, you could try to offset a little bit out of Rainy Day possibly. So...

Councilman Greg Richmond: The problem with offsetting it out of Rainy Day Funds is that money we let go of and fund it with, out of Rainy Day Fund, next year, it stays.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Right.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You don't take a cut back.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: It keeps coming every year.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. Somehow, I'd like to see us be able to fund the raise and the budget without going into Rainy Day.

Krystal Powless: Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. I was just, I know it's weighing on you, and I know you want, you always want me to come up with ways to think of stuff and that was just one (1) I thought of. I agree. If we can do this without touching Rainy Day, that would be excellent.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Because I don't see Rainy Day gaining anymore.

Krystal Powless: It will. It will. No. It will, Greg. It's just...yes, it will, but it's gonna take a little time since we passed this new LIT to build back up. And then they'll send us that extra supplemental.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: But I don't know how soon it will catch up.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Cause if the recession hits and people become unemployed again.

Councilman Rick Reid: It's going to be tough.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Then we won't be getting that money as income.

Councilman David Hachmeister: (Inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I was really shocked that the Pandemic did not hurt the income of the State that much. And what was it, ninety-nine percent (99%) of the people paid their property taxes on time?

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It didn't (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Yeah, that surprised me. They paid them.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: They work and they pay their taxes. People are wonderful in Warrick County.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: And even how many still paid early, paid it all at one (1) time.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It was like, what is the deal?

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, one (1) of the things too, as far as, well, I haven't put a pencil to it, but I'm pretty sure that Solid Waste is overspent their levy.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Councilman David Hachmeister: You know, and, or however much, to me a budget's got to be cut there.

Councilman Rick Reid: It's gonna be hard to raise taxes to help that.

Krystal Powless: But here's the thing, what you guys do in that situation? You've set that levy at five percent (5%) and they have to live within that or they, you know, they get written up. And just like we would as a County.

Councilman Greg Richmond: They haven't gone over their levy. We have built up a certain amount of balance.

Krystal Powless: But they are asking for some big-ticket items this year.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes. They need it to pay that place out there, needs to be paid.

Krystal Powless: I mean, why can't that be done over a period of time?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, they could do that.

Krystal Powless: You know, like we all have to, you know.

Councilman Greg Richmond: They have to ask them to do that.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, the ground out there was purchased a few years ago. That all went straight back to the Commissioners. Correct? It's not with the landfill anymore.

Krystal Powless: Now, that, I do not know.

Councilman Rick Reid: I think you can transfer it over...

Councilman Greg Richmond: To Solid Waste.

Councilman Rick Reid: No, to the men carrying the garbage.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, that's what I'm asking.

Krystal Powless: I don't know, David.

Councilman David Hachmeister: The Commissioners requested it, but, of course I never did figure out why we bought it. But, you know, I was against it. Why would you buy ground and you're not going to get an income off and lose the tax money off of it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You mean when they first bought that for a landfill? Is that what you're talking about?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, of course, the other thing too, we leased it for years, and then we turn around and buy it after it's completed. You know.

Councilman Rick Reid: Now it's more of a liability because you have to...

Councilman David Hachmeister: You've still got to...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is it leased from the Commissioners to the Solid Waste? Is that what you're saying? I'm lost.

Councilman David Hachmeister: I don't know. No, I think the Commissioners bought it. Council approved buying it. But I don't know.

Krystal Powless: Are you talking about where the land where the Solid Waste sits?

Councilman Greg Richmond: And the renewable?

Councilman David Hachmeister: No, on the east side of the road that used to be the landfill.

Krystal Powless: Oh.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Commissioners...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I don't know who, I've looked into that. There were some people that came in and looked at it.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, part of the ground sold. The County's didn't.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yes, but, yeah.

Councilman David Hachmeister: South of where, south of where the Commissioners, or I keep saying Commissioners. Commissioners presented it to us and the Council asked on buying it. But, that'd be straight across the landfill.

Councilman Rick Reid: Dr. Salve.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, it originally belonged to...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Let me just bring GIS up.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Owned the Village Fireside, Rankin. And the County leased it from Rankin for a landfill. And...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Originally bought it because we were in charge of the methane wells.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, we still are, you know.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Cause we sold to somebody and we still have to do the methane.

Councilman David Hachmeister: (Inaudible) or not.

Councilman Rick Reid: I thought that landfill is owned by Aigner now. He leased it from the County for a \$1 a year for ninety-nine (99) years. That was a dumb ass move. I don't know why they did that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible).

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yes, you do.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I didn't realize it was just a dollar (\$1.00) a year.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yes. Yes.

Councilman Rick Reid: What's funny was, Howard went out there to dump a load of dirt and Aigner was out there, said you can't take that dirt off that. That's our dirt now.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Um hum.

Councilman Rick Reid: But, Howard was ticked. Said, what do you mean? He said, we leased this for ninety-nine (99) years and you can't touch this dirt.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, what was he doing digging the dirt out there?

Councilman Rick Reid: Just taking some dirt some other places. But, you know, he usually goes out there just gets some junk dirt to fill (inaudible). You know, it was probably not the greatest dirt. But, Aigner owns that.

Krystal Powless: And just so you all know, we moved the Personnel Meeting from, to Monday, August 22 at 1:00 pm and we have our first Budget Session, Tuesday, the very next day. I will work diligently to get that report done as quickly as possible. But, you will not get that in a week in advance like you normally do. You may get it; I will get it to you hopefully by noon the day of the meeting.

Councilman Rick Reid: What's the Personnel Meeting? Is that just the Personnel Committee? Who has to go to the Personnel Meeting?

Krystal Powless: Chris, Brad, and David.

Councilman Rick Reid: Okay.

Krystal Powless: So, I did want to tell you that. If you think that's why I gave you those packets a little early and I'm trying to send you the W-E-S recommendations as they come in so you can kind of see what's going on.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, I don't like all the WIS's recommendations. I can tell you that.

Krystal Powless: Well, they're class... I mean, they've turned some down and they've approved them.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Pretty liberal, I, excuse me, well, they really never did turn anything down.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I thought they (inaudible) make sense.

Krystal Powless: Well, yeah, they, they approve the ones that were not really written correctly because they weren't turned in correctly the year before. They did not approve the ones they'd already written for just saying I need more money. It made sense to me. But, I don't know.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah. I thought it did too.

Krystal Powless: But, I mean, we still have more to go. They haven't sent any today. But, they're probably about half done.

Councilman David Hachmeister: And just remember everybody, just cause they ask for it, don't mean we need okay it or don't have to okay it. I think they pretty well went today on, told us what they needed or had to have and lot of the others just request, hey we'd like to have this.

Krystal Powless: Well, I feel differently than you do, David. I'm gonna just go ahead and say it, if that's all right.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Do what?

Krystal Powless: I feel like if we're gonna, if we were gonna use the company and we contracted with them to write our job descriptions and classify people that we should take some heavy weight to what they say about it.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, and I say, that's fine. I'm just, a lot of it I don't agree with. But, and a lot of it too, I didn't walk around with them, but I know some of the places they didn't talk to people. Maybe I shouldn't say, didn't talk enough as far who done what.

Krystal Powless: Listen, every employee was supposed to fill out thoroughly exactly what they do. And a lot of employees did not take the time to do that and it came back to bite them in the rear end. And when they would have sat down and they would have truly put down it taking the time, what they do, and fill out their questionnaire properly, I don't think they'd be complaining right now.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, we had a couple today that listed things that they'd done. We've done this, you know. Well, worth a hell of a lot more money if you've done all that.

CONTINUED CLERK DISCUSSION

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I have a recommendation. Let the Clerk use her Perpetuation Fund to help pay. I mean, the Recorder uses her Perpetuation Fund.

Krystal Powless: Can you though? By Statute?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I don't know. We'll look at the Statute.

Krystal Powless: I know the Statute, I thought it was only for preserving. Don't quote me, because this has been years ago when I looked at it. But, I thought it was only preserving records in the, in the Clerk's Office. Okay?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It could be.

Krystal Powless: So yes, absolutely. If you want to look at that and you can find it can be used for Election, you let me know.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Well, I don't know about Election.

Krystal Powless: Right?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I mean, it's, it's..

Krystal Powless: Preserving records.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: (Inaudible) fund.

Krystal Powless: Right. Preserving records could...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Maybe it could give relief to the General Fund.

Krystal Powless: Correct. Could be, I mean, I don't know, maybe the statute may be specific that you can't pay salaries. I don't know. But, whatever the statute allows, I agree with that.

CONTINUED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Auditor Debbie Stevens: That is the Warrick County Commissioners. There's one (1) lot owned by Dale Rankin, REDSKYSUNSET?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Probably the person that sold just a year ago.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yeah, seems like wasn't it in a tax sale or something?

Councilman David Hachmeister: No, Rankin won the sale.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: No, this REDSKYSUNSET, LLC.

Councilman David Hachmeister: That could have been. That's just, just a little bit south of the entrance to, south of the entrance of the landfill.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yeah. And then right at, north of that is the Commissioners property there.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah, yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yeah.

Councilman David Hachmeister: I think it was forty (40) acres.

Councilman Rick Reid: I think (inaudible) lease in there and might not have recorded it. Maybe, I don't know.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Did what?

Councilman Rick Reid: (Inaudible).

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Oh, a lease.

Councilman David Hachmeister: No, the lease is across the road.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: The building, the building sits on Warrick County Solid Waste Management.

Councilman Rick Reid: The ground's on the other side.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah, be just west of the Solid Waste building, what you're talking about the lease. Right?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: What I'm looking at all around it says Warrick County.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Oh, it does?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Around the Solid Waste, the Recycle center.

Councilman David Hachmeister: If it's leased then leave it.

Several talking at once.

Councilman David Hachmeister: It's leased just like a rental, okay.

Several talking at once.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yeah, it says (Inaudible). Well, let's think about this. They're leasing it. They would have had to have done some kind of transfer. (Inaudible) Aigner's owned it.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, then if that's the case too, taxing would go back to...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: There's no tax (inaudible).

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, if it's in the name of the County, no, but if it's in the leaser, it would be taxed.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: That could be what happened. I hadn't even thought about that.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah, I think if you're talking about a hundred (100) acres...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Record of owner is, that land (inaudible) Warrick County Solid Waste around behind it is Warrick County.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Okay. I'd just as soon not have bought it and get some tax money off of it.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: That's right.

Councilman David Hachmeister: It'd be minimal (inaudible) landfill, but...

Krystal Powless: (Inaudible).

Councilman David Hachmeister: Same as the School Corporation. You know, never get rid of any...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: (Inaudible).

Councilman David Hachmeister: Or, if you got some income off of it.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Councilman David Hachmeister: You know, rental or whatever.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yeah, I don't know what all's in the agreement. (inaudible) landfill there.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: (Inaudible) so much information. I didn't think of the (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Cause I can't keep my mouth shut, right?

Councilman David Hachmeister: If we leave, we're done.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, we're done. You can move and Dave can second. And we all approve.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: There's our motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: David seconds. (Meeting adjourned).

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:24 PM.

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