

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
February 4, 2021
6:00 PM

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

Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Greg Richmond: Roll Call.

Krystal Powless: Ron Bacon?

Ron Bacon: Here.

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here.

Krystal Powless: Ted Metzger?

Ted Metzger: Present.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here.

Krystal Powless: Richard Reid?

Richard Reid: Present.

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here.

Krystal Powless: Chris Whetstine?

Chris Whetstine: Here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 7, 2021
EXECUTIVE SESSION JANUARY 20, 2021

Councilman Richmond: Minutes, first item of business. We have the Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 7th and the Executive Session, January 20th notice.

Councilman Overton: So, in the Regular Meeting, at the very, I just took a picture of it. But, Councilman Reid says, I nominate Greg. Then Councilman Richmond says, Rick has nominated himself. We're getting feedback now. What might be best? So, I don't know that you actually meant to say.

Councilman Richmond: Myself was what I guess it should be. Let me see where that's at.

Councilman Overton: Oh. Rick has nominated myself. Oh, maybe that's, okay, I see what you're saying then. Okay. We just meant, Rick has nominated me. Okay.

Councilman Richmond: Yeah, myself is what I put.

Councilman Overton: Okay, I've gotcha. Makes more sense now.

Councilman Richmond: I found one (1) correction and Kristine's already got that corrected. That was on Page 25.

Councilman Metzger: Motion to approve the amended minutes as they read.

Councilman Reid: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, I have a motion, that's both of them, the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Metzger: Sure.

Councilman Richmond: Okay. Ted Metzger made the motion. Second by Rick Reid. All those in favor? David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

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

**COMMISSIONER BUSINESS
CUSTODIAL RETIREE – VACATION PAY BACK**

Councilman Richmond: Item number two (2), this of course is part of the Handbook. We could do 2A and 2B together. 2A is a Salary Ordinance, second week for Custodial Retiree, second week vacation, a thousand ninety-five dollars and thirty-four cents (\$1,095.34), and 2B is the Additional Appropriation it would take for that Salary Ordinance of a thousand ninety-six dollars (\$1,096.00) even.

Councilman Overton: Have a motion...I'll make a motion to approve 2A and 2B.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad for 2A and 2B. Is there a second?

Councilman Bacon: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Ron. Any discussion? All those in favor? Okay, and David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

Councilman Richmond: That's seven, zero (7-0).

**LIT BUSINESS
TAX PHASE-IN
ERA – FIBERTECH
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION 2021-02**

Councilman Richmond: Local Option Income Tax Business, Tax Phase-In, ERA, that's Fibertech.

Steve Roelle: Good evening, Steve Roelle, Economic Development. I'm here tonight for the Preliminary Resolution/ERA for a six (6) year, Personal Property, Tax Phase-In for Fibertech as Greg said. Fibertech is outside of Elberfeld in Greer Township. If you've ever been on I-64, you'll certainly recognize the building on the south side of it. Inside that building, they're a plastics company. They make a wide variety of products for a wide variety of industries. They do rotational molding. They do plastic repair and plastic recycling. I'm joined here tonight in the back of the room by Brett Rasche, who's their Chief Operating Officer, and also Mallory Priddy, who is their Safety Manager/Human Resources. If you have any Fibertech specific questions, they're happy to come up here and push me out of the way and answer those questions. I did send out a one (1) page summary of this tax phase-in to County Council this week. Just the highlights of it is that it's a pretty straight-forward personal property tax phase-in. It scored six (6) years' worth of phase-in. It's about a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), nine hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$942,000.00) to be exact of new manufacturing equipment in the form of two (2) rotational molders. One's going to be installed in the first quarter of the year. One's going to be installed in the fourth quarter of the year. It's bringing in sixteen (16) new jobs. Six (6) with the first installation. Ten (10) more with the second. The jobs average seventeen dollars (\$17.00) or pay seventeen dollars (\$17.00) an hour with full benefits. Fibertech's at about seventy-eight (78) employees right now. After this, they'd be ninety-six (96) employees. One (1) of the larger manufacturers in Warrick County. This was unanimously supported and discussed at the last Economic Development Advisory Council Meeting and also the Warrick County Redevelopment Committee for approval of a six (6) year tax phase-in. And if approved tonight, we'll all be back here next month for the Confirming Resolution. That's all I got, unless there are any questions.

Councilman Richmond: Any...

Councilman Metzger: Motion to approve.

Councilman Reid: Second.

Councilman Overton: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, that motion was...

Kristine Georges: Resolution would be '02.

Councilman Richmond: Be '02? That motion was made by, was that Ted?

Councilman Metzger: Yeah.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, and seconded by Rick? Got to find that Resolution. There it is.

Steve Roelle: I've got a copy of it, Greg, if you would like it.

Councilman Richmond: I've got it here somewhere. Just got to label it. Thank you. Okay, this is Warrick County Council Resolution 2021-02. A Preliminary Resolution declaring an Economic Revitalization Area known as ERA for Personal Property Tax Phase-In, Fibertech Incorporated. Is there any discussion from the Council? From the Public? Seeing none, all those in favor? That's all of us here. How about David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

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

Steve Roelle: Okay, thank you. We'll see you next month.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Reid: Thanks, Steve.

Councilman Bacon: Thank you.

Councilman Metzger: We'll be here.

(Resolution 2021-02 is located on Page 10 of these Official Minutes)

**ASSESSOR BUSINESS
DEPUTY RETIRE – VACATION PAY BACK**

Councilman Richmond: Okay, number four (4) is the, again, it's a Handbook issue. And it's a Salary Ordinance of one thousand eight hundred eighty-six dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$1,886.78) for Assessor Deputy Retiree. And I assume the Additional's not there because it wasn't made in time?

Krystal Powless: No, they don't, they don't need it.

Councilman Richmond: They don't need the Additional? Okay. So, it's just a Salary Ordinance.

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad to approve. Is there a second?

Councilman Bacon: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Was that Ron?

Councilman Bacon: Yeah.

Councilman Richmond: And discussion? All those in favor? That's all of us here. David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

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

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
VAXCARE – ANIMAL CONTROL**

Councilman Richmond: Health Department Business, it's the usual reimbursement. It's Vaxcare, seven thousand three hundred forty-five dollars and sixty-four cents (\$7,345.64) and Animal Control, eight thousand three hundred six dollars and seventy-one cents (\$8,306.71); for a total of fifteen thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars and thirty-five cents (\$15,682.35).

Councilman Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Brad. Is there a second?

Councilman Bacon: Second.

Councilman Metzger: I'll second it.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Ted. And discussion? All those in favor? That's all of us here. David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

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

(February Additional Appropriations are located on Page 9 of these Official Minutes)

**SHERIFF BUSINESS
COMMISSARY REPORT**

Councilman Richmond: Now, Sheriff's Business, first is the Commissary Report. It's just a discussion. I think we don't have to approve this, is that correct?

Sheriff Wilder: Correct. Sheriff Mike Wilder. Yeah, this is a report that I turn in twice a year. It's kept on record in the Auditor's Office. This is the beginning of the year report. It's a little bit more in depth. But, I've included everything. If there's any questions, I'll be happy to take them. Our, I will say a little bit about our Commissary, this year our numbers were down as far as inmates because of COVID. So, our population's down, but we actually, it, revenue wasn't too bad. This year, we also, I recently added a thing called chirping which is basically texting, the inmates can text. There's a fee for texting. They basically get a small, almost the size of an iPhone. It's caged. It's on a private network. They

can't send pictures. And they can't, I mean, it's just, all they can do is text. It's monitored a lot like their phone calls. But, it did create a lot of revenue. Even though it's not much charge to the inmate, but that text is the way people communicate and they love that versus phone calls cause they can do that all the time. Basically, allow them to keep that. It's kind of a good thing too. Keeps them in check. As punishment, sometimes we take them away. That kind of create revenue. So, our Commissary didn't do too bad considering our numbers for average inmates was quite low compared to normal years.

Councilman Overton: Sheriff, has our health costs been, have they been impacted much by COVID? Or maybe with the lower inmates, maybe the health care costs...?

Sheriff Wilder: With the lower inmates, I think it was probably down. We didn't, I'm just trying, off the top of my head, we never had too many major ones this past year. I know we had one (1), you never know someone's health. A lot of people come in there and a lot of the inmates we see, probably don't go to the doctor on a regular basis. And now, they're seeing a nurse on a, you know, they have that health care right in front of them. So, sometimes, even health care they wouldn't seek on the outside, they do through us and we're obligated to do that. But, I think we've kept it in check. Don't have the exact numbers.

Councilman Overton: Yeah, I just, they just, I just was kind of curious since you said that. When you said the commissary, where it was at and I wondered if our numbers were down a little bit, I wondered if maybe the health care costs, or if COVID had been hitting those as well. Thanks.

SHERIFF'S CONTRACT

Councilman Richmond: And the next item is 6B, Sheriff's Contract Discussion. Now, were we going to wait until after the Commissioners' to actually adopt?

Sheriff Wilder: Well, it's up to you guys. I presented this to the Commissioners at their last meeting. They have approved it. So, if you guys approve it, obviously, their approval is only if you approve it cause you're the financial body. So, you know, I think they have to approve anything that's a contract. They've approved this. So, it's just waiting on your approval.

Councilman Reid: Motion to approve.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Rick Reid to approve.

Councilman Metzger: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by, was that Ted, Ted? Now, discussion? Any discussion from the Council? Seeing none, I'll call the question. All those in favor? That's all of us here. David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

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

(Sheriff's Contract is located on Pages 11 through 12 of these Official Minutes)

SHERIFF'S SALARY ORDINANCE 80% OF PROSECUTOR'S SALARY

Councilman Richmond: Now, we need the Salary Ordinance which is eighty percent (80%) of the Prosecutor's Salary. Had that written down somewhere? Krystal, do you have it? Can't remember where I put it.

Councilman Overton: It was on something.

Krystal Powless: One-fifty-six-one-twenty-five (\$156,125.00). Eighty percent (80%) of that is one-twenty-four-nine (\$124,900.00).

Councilman Richmond: One-twenty-four-nine (\$124,900.00).

Councilman Reid: Motion to approve.

Sheriff Wilder: You won't even need though...

Councilman Metzger: Second.

Sheriff Wilder: You'd only need a portion of that cause, isn't there already a certain amount approved?

Krystal Powless: Well, we're approving the Salary Ordinance.

Sheriff Wilder: Okay, sorry.

Krystal Powless: We're not approving the appropriation this time.

Sheriff Wilder: Okay, sorry.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, the motion was from Rick. And the second was from Ted. Okay, and that's for one hundred twenty-four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$124,900.00), eighty percent (80%) of the Prosecutor's Salary. Any discussion? All those in favor of the Salary Ordinance? That's all of us here. Dave, David?

Councilman Hachmeister: Aye.

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

JAIL STUDY UPDATE

Councilman Richmond: Any Public Comment? That's all I had.

Sheriff Wilder: I'll just make one (1) brief review. Greg, you were with us yesterday. Our feasibility study for the Jail is moving along. We had our visionary. Greg was there, couple of the Judges, Prosecutor, so I just want to kind of bring you up to date a little bit about that feasibility study. We had a visionary where all of us came together, kind of brought a vision of what we could see in the future, ten (10) years, twenty (20) years (inaudible). They took those, I guess, ideas one (1) last time and kind of came up with a potential building that would look, rather would have courts, new courts in it, just whatever. Or just the Jail or Community Corrections. So, that will be done at the next, and it will be kind of a final presentation. And once that is done at some point then that would, we would bring something potentially up in front of the Council and Commissioners and obviously the public at some point if that was to be determined, you know, redoing the building we have. But, I just wanted to kind of bring you up to date where we are. Study's kind of done now. We're doing our last final touches, the committee and also some of the stakeholders and just kind of, we are moving along with that project.

Councilman Reid: What's the new building going to cost if you do build it?

Sheriff Wilder: That part won't be determined until after like another meeting. Because like what we did at this meeting, we're kind of deciding what we think we would need. And then they'll give us a couple, so, then after we meet the next, we're gonna kind of design that building and then that's when they'll come back with some cost preparations. And those are the things we would present then to the Council. Showing, you know, and I think they would do like, and Greg, kind of correct me, they're going to show us a couple different options on land we own. If we wanted to go out here, if we wanted to acquire land back by the Courthouse. So, a lot of this is just trying to, what would we need. I mean it's kind of a dream, some of it's a dream scenario. Some of it's what we definitely need to have, so it gives you guys' options or an option to stay still. So. But, I think it will probably be a month or so before that would even be all completed. Don't you think, Greg?

Councilman Richmond: Yeah, I think it will take them a month. They're going to do the charrette, I think it's called. I don't know if that's a French word, I'm not sure.

Sheriff Wilder: It is I believe.

Councilman Richmond: I don't quite understand it, but I know it's another meeting/gathering of ideas. And no, there's not a dollar sign on it. They haven't decided, you know, do we renovate what we have? Do we even need another one (1)? They use population and trends. It's a very thorough study and they'll have some designs if we decide that the trends are and the population expanding and the needs going like it is. One (1) thing that they stressed to me, that I'm thoroughly in favor of, we need to think about ten (10) to twenty (20) years down the road, and not just for today alone. This Jail we have now has lasted thirty (30) years. And we tried, I was on the Council when we put this thing together. And we tried to project into the future. And getting thirty (30) years out of a Jail anymore nowadays, is almost unheard of. We have a lot of Federal regulations, State regulations. We have to deal with a lot of issues that weren't around then. Go to the Old Jail sitting a block from here and you can see what it was like when I was growing up as a kid. I mean, we've come a long way. So, all these things will have to be put into this design. It's very, very complicated. And nothing is cheap anymore because of all the rules and regulations. We just have to deal with it and do the best we can. We don't want to find ourselves, I feel like, in a position that Vanderburgh did. You build something and seven (7) years later you build something else.

Councilman Reid: Yeah, they did.

Councilman Richmond: This, this is, I don't, if we have another one (1), we can't have over three (3) Councilmen there. But, if a couple more Councilmen would want to come along, I could announce when that other meeting is so you all can be up to date. This was a daytime meeting. I would assume the next one (1) would be also. But, it's very interesting to hear these guys. They're very thorough.

Sheriff Wilder: Yeah, a lot of projections.

Councilman Metzger: Daytime works for me, great.

Councilman Reid: Yeah, I wouldn't mind to hear that.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Metzger: I have a question, Mike.

Sheriff Wilder: Yes?

Councilman Metzger: What is the reasoning behind needing to locate property close to the Courthouse? What's the main reason they would do something like that?

Sheriff Wilder: Kind of how they brought that up is cause transferring prisoners or the Courts like your Probations and Community Corrections and all those are close. You know, with Warrick County, with where our, where it sits, that may not be feasible. But, as they said, you need to at least look at it. Cause if we do build a Jail, I mean, you guys will have the community in front of you saying, did you think of this? Did you look at this? So, that's kind of what they want to do is look at that. Cause is that a viable option? Because a lot of them do try to build their Judicial Systems close together. You know, with Warrick County, where it sits, I don't know if that's really going to be a viable option. But, they've told us you need to at least look at that in case you do build, build a Jail someday, you can say, yes, we thought of that. That was going to be very expensive because of where our Judicial, where our Courts were located.

Councilman Metzger: Right.

Sheriff Wilder: Same way, like, we're going to look at a generic locations. There's gonna be a lot of things, and like he said, it's going to be good to come to the meeting to kind of understand it. It's hard for me to sit and explain it all, but you want to be, if we do have to build a Jail or a building that's going to be a Judicial System with all these, that you can explain to the community why you're doing that, spending taxpayer's money, and that you look at all other options. And that would be just one (1) of those options to that, saying, yes, we explored that.

Councilman Metzger: But, primarily for the transfer of...?

Sheriff Wilder: Yeah, just because your Courts, it'd be nice if they were all in one (1) building. Somebody, you know, just walk the prisoner from the Jail over to there. You know, Evansville used to have that when their old Jail was right there but they outgrew it (inaudible). But, it makes a lot of sense I'm sure as an attorney as they go, they're already at the Courts. They can visit with their inmate, you know, they're right there. It's just convenience probably more than anything. But, then Community Corrections, it's easier to communicate with Judges if you were all in the same building. I don't think that will happen in Warrick County just because of the way we're set up already. But, we need to at least explore that possibility.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: Yeah, one (1) option was, this is really not a Judicial Center, because it has all our other offices in it pretty much except those that are over here.

Councilman Metzger: Right.

Councilman Richmond: And they talked about a Judicial, actual Judicial Center that would have the Clerk and the Courts and the Probation and...

Sheriff Wilder: Community Corrections. Drug Court.

Councilman Richmond: Community Corrections all housed in one (1) out there or someplace else as a possibility which would give loads more room over here. But that's just, again, this is all dreaming, we have to look at everything. So, that's why this next meeting's going to be pretty important.

Sheriff Wilder: Yeah, (inaudible) they discussed like already in that building they're running out of room, whether it be the Auditor that needed to expand or it's the Courts. So, one (1) thing that they're just going to have as an option is enough square feet in this other building if we get it to expand whether it be the Courts or the Auditor's or, you know, the Assessor or storage for all their, things like that. The building, the building twenty (20) years from now, not like, like the President said, not for today we're building.

Councilman Metzger: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Reid: Thanks a lot.

COUNCILMAN BACON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE AIC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilman Richmond: Is there any public comment? Seeing none, I do believe that Councilman Bacon has something?

Councilman Overton: I have something too.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Bacon: Thank you, Mr. President. Just wanted to let everybody know that I have been appointed to the AIC Legislative Committee for legislation this year. And I, we've had two (2) meetings already. We'll have another tomorrow morning. They're all virtual. And so, what we do is look at what's going on at the State House, and I know very well what's going on at the State House. And so, we're (inaudible). This is what we are following right now and it's twenty-seven (27) pages of bills that have an effect on the County Offices that we would be looking at. So, I wanted to let you know that the, I'm not going to go through all twenty-seven (27) pages of it cause we'd be here the rest of the night.

Councilman Reid: Thank you. Appreciate that.

Councilman Bacon: But, we'll be going over it for at least a couple hours, two (2) or three (3) hours tomorrow morning. Like I said, virtually. Some of it, some of it will not get done. A lot of it won't. These are bills that have been presented and been handed down on First Reading and may get a hearing, may not. Some of them have got hearings some of them are already passed one (1) House and waiting to go to the other. So, I'll be contacting the ones that are involved locally. And say if it's the Auditor or the Clerk or the Sheriff's Department, I'll be talking to them to get their input to what's going on. So, I just wanted to let you know that, and also the Council. The one (1) thing that's going to affect everybody, with COVID, and I mentioned it to Greg a little bit ago, was, and to Krystal, to see what our options were. There's a bill to allow virtual to continue on a regular basis. I'm not sure exactly how that will turn out, but it doesn't mean, when they say virtual, they don't mean just us listening to Dave talk and us hearing him. It's going to be hearing and seeing. So, and that's for the community for what we have to do to abide by the laws, they have to be...

Councilman Reid: So, Dave, you're going to have to wear clothes.

Councilman Bacon: Pardon?

Councilman Reid: David's gonna have to wear clothes.

Councilman Bacon: Yeah, David can't sit around in his pajamas or his underwear, yeah. And so, it will be hear and seen. I'm not sure how we're going to be able to do that. We've talked about that but we've got probably a couple of options we could do if it goes into effect. But...

Councilman Metzger: I've been for that for a long time.

Councilman Bacon: Pardon?

Councilman Metzger: I've been for that for a long time.

Councilman Bacon: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: Typically, I can see David. Tonight, he had computer problems.

Councilman Bacon: Right.

Krystal Powless: And he had to call in on Brenda's phone and I can't see him. But, I have always been able to see him (inaudible).

Councilman Bacon: In the past, in the past, yeah. He's been available, he's been able to be seen by one (1) person anyway.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Councilman Metzger: (Inaudible).

Councilman Bacon: I think, what they're trying to get at is if the community's watching virtually, they can see all of the Councilmembers. Even if they're on virtual. So, that's one (1) of the big things we're working on. But, I'll be working on a lot of them and I just wanted to let you know that. So, the reason if I do contact you or if I contact the Office Holders, whoever it involves, then I'll let you know. Cause there's quite a number of things here that are quite interesting if it happens. So, we'll wait and see what happens and what doesn't. So, that's all I've got.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: I had a quick question in reference to what we just did. Krystal, will the Additional Appropriation for the Sheriff be next month?

Krystal Powless: I was going to try to talk to him after the meeting.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: I will talk to him, yeah.

Councilman Richmond: Okay, I'll set this aside.

THANK YOU FROM THE RICHMOND FAMILY

Councilman Richmond: Brad has something for us.

Councilman Overton: Yeah, and I, I'm going to read the thank you card from Councilman Richmond:

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy in the loss of my father. The beautiful stone you sent was placed in our landscaping visible from our front porch. We appreciate your prayers and support during this time of loss. Greg, LaDonna and my brother.

(From), Greg

And I'd like to say I attended the service and it was really a, I didn't know Greg's dad, but it was a very inspiring service and just to hear it and he was a World War II Veteran that had fought in the Battle of the Bulge and he had, what was it, the Bronze Star, Greg?

Councilman Richmond: And a Purple Heart.

Councilman Overton: Yeah, and a Purple Heart as well. And it was really, it was really something. I remember seeing, his father came when I was at Oakdale for a Veteran's Day Service, and it was real, cause your dad came back in his uniform too. And I mean, he looked, you know, if you would have ironed out a few wrinkles, your dad would have been ready to go. He still was right there and he was in shape and ready to go. And it was really, it was really something to see Greg and his dad both at the Veteran's Ceremony. So, that was, that was just a little something extra I wanted to add as well.

Councilman Richmond: Yeah, I appreciate that. I was gonna mention that. I sure do appreciate the expression of sympathy and cards, things like that that I got from everybody. Dad and I were really good buddies. I'm a lot, in many ways, similar to him. If I'm sitting in a room, I don't, my mouth doesn't, I know it does here, but my mouth doesn't run so often. And we were both rather quiet creatures. And we could sit there and watch a baseball game, make a few comments here and there and just enjoy each other's company. But, if you were close to him, he had a lot of patience with me and my brother and my mom. My mom was the talker in the family. And she's always say, isn't that right, Bob? He wouldn't say a word. He'd just say, yes, Evelyn, yes. That was about it, their conversations, he was a very, very quiet man. And went through a lot for our freedoms. As I mentioned, gravesite, I, his last days here, he was a hundred (100) years old. He would have been a hundred and one (101) in March. He was all shriveled up and he was not living any kind of a life the way he was. And he did not ever wish to be in that condition. And hard of hearing,

couldn't see much. He had a great life and has blessed my brother and I raising us in a Christian home. And just knowing where he is now, totally brand new, relieved, hopping all over praising God. I guess I'm not supposed to say that in public but I'm going to. It just, it thrills my heart to know that. Yes, I'm sad that I've lost him and I can't hug him anymore and I can't talk to him about the Cardinals anymore. But yet, I know where he is. So, that's one (1) thing I wanted to, I appreciate everything that everybody's done for me during this time.

COVID RELIEF GRANT UPDATE

Councilman Richmond: Then, I also wanted to report to you. I went to a meeting. I was in two (2) different meetings today concerning the COVID Relief Grant Fund line item. And Dan and I met on that committee. We're getting prepared to do the, the charitable groups that had troubles. Like one (1) I can think of is, and David you're on the line here. There's an application to fill out. The 4-H, they didn't get to have their fair this year and that was their big fundraiser. So, we're considering, you know, any 501c3 organization that has lost fundraisers, lost funding, that's hurting, as a part of the OCRA Grants that's coming out. This is separate from the, I take that back. Now that's, the OCRA Grant's for small businesses. This is part of our COVID Relief Grant Fund line item that we're offering to Non-Profits. That's the term I'm looking for. Round 1, 2, and 3 were approved by the State before they turned over the balance to us to put in the General Fund. And up for approval at the Commissioners' February 8th meeting, a total of thirty-eight thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars and seventy-two cents (\$38,946.72) if the storage building costs of the Ohio Township Fire Department has for us to put our PPE in and preparation for future disasters and pandemics. If that wasn't already paid for, that wasn't included.

Councilman Reid: How much was that?

Councilman Richmond: Thirty-eight thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars and seventy-two cents (\$38,946.72), but we weren't sure whether the Ohio Township Trustee's cost of the storage building was already paid in Round 3. So, we're checking on that. So, and this is for us to store our preparation for future disasters and have supplies ready. I mean, my personal opinion is the way this virus is mutating, we're going to be wearing these masks for a while. And so, we need to be on guard and be ready. But, if the building was not in this total cost, the total amount that we would be using is two hundred nine thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollars and fifteen cents (\$209,765.15). That would be the building cost and all of their other PPE stuff included. Then, like Ohio Township Trustee, let's see, I bet, let me back up. I had this organized at home before I came. Thirty-eight thousand nine-hundred-forty-six-seventy-two (\$38,946.72), of that, Ohio Township Trustee, outside the cost of the building, is twenty-six thousand one-hundred-fifty-seven (\$26,125.67) for PPE. Newburgh-Chandler Public Library, five thousand six hundred twenty-nine dollars and four cents (\$5,629.04) for PPE. The Castle Band Boosters, a non-for-profit, four thousand three dollars and eighteen cents (\$4,003.18). Warrick Wellness Pathways, INC, that's a non-of-profit, one thousand five hundred eighteen dollars and seventy cents (\$1,518.70). St. Luke's Lutheran Church, non-of-profit, five hundred fifty-four dollars and ten cents (\$554.10). The 4-H Center, one thousand one hundred sixteen dollars and three cents (\$1,116.03), that's for basically the sanitization that they had to do sanitizing. And that little bit right there was the thirty-eight-nine-forty-six-seventy-two (\$38,946.72). But, if you add the building in, that's going to be more. But, here's, here's the good news. That will leave us, let me see here, we started with one million four hundred ninety-seven dollars and three hundred twenty-six... I'm sorry... one million four hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred twenty-six dollars (\$1,497,326.00). And would subtract from that the two-hundred-forty-eight-seven-eleven-eighty-seven (\$248,711.87). And that would leave one million two hundred forty-eight thousand six hundred fourteen dollars and thirteen cents (\$1,248,614.13) left. And today we got news that the ten percent (10%) holdback that they held back has now been given to us and it's going to go into, if it hasn't already, into Line 8900 and then we'd have to go through the same process again to transfer it to the General Fund and then put it as an Additional into the grant line item. So, that would leave us with a balance of one million four hundred fifty-one dollars six... one million four hundred fifty-one thousand... I'm not used to big numbers... six hundred five dollars and thirteen cents (\$1,451,605.13). So, we're doing pretty good. We have a lot left to be disbursed, but I wanted to try to be as transparent as I can as to where this stuff is going. And there's a printout of it. This printout I got today, they thought was up to date, but then we got to talking, did that building come out of previous? So, we've got to research that. I'll know more next meeting. So, that's what's going on with the COVID Relief Fund.

Councilman Reid: Thanks for your update.

Councilman Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Metzger: Thank you.

Councilman Richmond: Anybody else have anything to come before the Council? I'm in favor of a motion.

Councilman Reid: Motion to adjourn.

Councilman Richmond: Motion by Rick.

Councilman Metzger: Second.

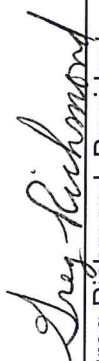
Councilman Richmond: Second by Ted. All those in favor? That's all of us here. David, I guess you are too?


Councilman Hachmeister: Yeah.

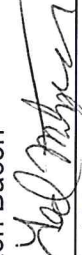
Councilman Richmond: Seven, zero (7-0).


ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

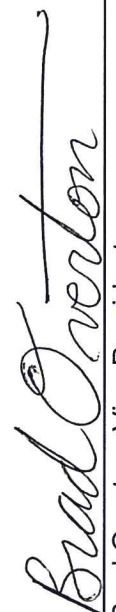
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 Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
 Warrick County, IN

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Sec. 1 Be it ordained (resolved) by the Warrick County Council, Warrick County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the proposed specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

FUND	APPROPRIATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Courthouse	1000.11655.000.0162	Custodial Employees	1,095.34	\$1,095.34
Total Courthouse				\$1,095.34
Health	1159.21375.000.0000	Vaccine	735.64	\$7,375.64
Total Health	1159.22500.000.0000	Animal Control	8306.71	\$8,306.71
				\$15,682.35

Taxpayers appearing in the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action.

Adopted this 4 day of February, 2021.

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 Brad Overton
 Greg Richmond

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ATTEST:

Auditor Warrick County _____ Deborah Stevens

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 02

A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PHASE-IN (Fibertech, Inc.)

WHEREAS, Fibertech, Inc. ("Fibertech") has submitted a Statement of Benefits - Personal Property, and Fibertech has made application for Economic Revitalization Area designation pursuant to IC 6-1-1-12.1 et seq., and has requested Tax Phase-In for personal property located in Warrick County, Indiana and more particularly described as:

Part of the East ½ of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 4, Range 9, Warrick County, Indiana, with a street address of 11744 Blue Bell Road, Elberfeld, Indiana 47613 and Parcel Number 87-04-18-300-063.000-007 (the "Property").

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Economic Development Advisory Council ("EDAC") and the Warrick County Redevelopment Commission ("RDC") on the 21st day of January, 2021 received Fibertech's Statement of Benefits for personal property and also received Fibertech's application for Economic Revitalization Area and Phase-In of Property Tax, and EDAC and RDC made unanimous recommendation (and RDC adopted Resolution 2021-1) for approval by the County Council;

WHEREAS, Fibertech intends to purchase and install two (2) new rotational molding machines in two (2) phases over the next ten (10) months in the approximate amounts and addition of new employees as more particularly described herein:

Phase 1:

Purchase and installation of personal property (Retoline 200) - \$298,900.00
New employees - 6

Phase 2:

Purchase and installation of personal property (Retoline 400) - \$643,100.00
New employees - 10

WHEREAS, the Property meets the criteria for designation as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to IC 6-1-1-12.1 et seq.

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

Section 1. The Warrick County Council has reviewed the Statement of Benefits for Personal Property, the recommendations of EDAC and RDC, and additional information submitted pursuant to IC 6-1-1-12.1 et seq., and makes the following findings:

- a. The estimate of the cost (\$942,000) of the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment is reasonable for equipment of that type; and
- b. With respect to new manufacturing equipment not used to dispose of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or hazardous waste into energy or other useful products, and new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment, the estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed (16 additional employees) or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the installation of the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment; and
- c. The estimate of the annual salaries of the individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment; and
- d. With respect to new manufacturing equipment used to dispose of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or hazardous waste into energy or other useful products, the estimate of the amount of solid waste or hazardous waste that will be converted into energy or other useful products can be reasonably expected to result from the installation of the new manufacturing equipment; and
- e. The other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment; and
- f. The totality of benefits to accrue from this project is sufficient to justify the deduction.

Section 2. Based on these findings, the Warrick County Council has determined that the purchase and installation of the equipment described above is in the public interest and the Property described above is hereby declared to be an Economic Revitalization Area.

Section 3. The designation of the Economic Revitalization Area shall apply to property tax deductions for personal property taxes.

Section 4. The designation of this Economic Revitalization Area for the Property shall be in effect up to and including February 1, 2026.

Section 5. Deductions for the personal property additions specified in Fibertech's (1) Application for Economic Revitalization Area and Phase-In of Property Tax, and (2) Statement of Benefits - Personal Property which take place within this Economic Revitalization Area shall be allowed for a period of six (6) years beginning with increases in assessed value resulting from such personal property improvements.

Section 6. The Warrick County Auditor shall cause to be published notice of the adoption and substance of this Resolution in accordance with IC 9-3-1. Such notice complies with IC 6-1-1-12.1-2.5(e).

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and action had confirming, modifying and/or rescinding the same.

PASSED this 4th day of February, 2021.

Warrick County Council

Greg Richmond
Greg Richmond, President

David Buchmeister

Richard Reid
Ron Bacon

Chris Wheatstone

Brad Overton
Brad Overton, Vice President

Ted Metzger

Chris Wheatstone

ATTEST:

Warrick County Auditor

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Warrick County Sheriff's Salary Contract



THIS AGREEMENT entered into by and between Michael K. Wilder, Sheriff of Warrick County, Indiana, (the "Sheriff"); the Warrick County Council (the "Council"); and the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County (the "Commissioners"); the Council and Commissioners being collectively referred to as the "County", WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is entitled to fees for the collection of tax warrants as described in I.C. 6-8.1-8-3 ("Tax Warrant Fees") as well as a salary fixed annually by the Council; and

WHEREAS, any Agreement with the Sheriff must provide for a procedure for financing prisoners' meals that involves depositing all meal allowances ("Meal Allowances") received under I.C. 36-8-10-7 in the county general fund for use for any general fund purpose; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Indiana did in 1993 enact I.C. 36-2-13-2.5 which provides the Sheriff and the County the opportunity to contractually agree to set the Sheriff's salary in a fixed amount in lieu of fee compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and the County believe that it would be in the best interest of the Sheriff and the County to provide for a fixed amount of compensation for the Sheriff in lieu of the Sheriff's receipt of the Tax Warrant Fees, the Sheriff is willing to assign the County those Tax Warrant Fees; and

WHEREAS, the County, in consideration of the Sheriff's assignment of such Tax Warrant Fees to the County, is willing to approve a fixed amount of compensation for the Sheriff.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions recited herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. As the Sheriff's total compensation -- excluding benefits further described in Paragraph 2, below -- ("Sheriff's Compensation"), the Sheriff shall receive:

1.1 A fixed salary equal to Eighty Percent (80%) of the annual minimum salary paid by the State of Indiana to the Warrick County Prosecutor for calendar years 2021 and 2022, which shall be paid from the County General Fund in the manner that salaries of other County officials are paid; and

1.2 Holiday pay for a number of holidays equal to the number of paid holidays for the other members of the Sheriff's Office at a rate utilizing the compensation hereunder as the annual base rate.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting the Sheriff's medical, retirement or disability benefits -- including health insurance, retirement, disability or life insurance benefits -- previously established by the County and existing as of December 31, 2018, and such benefits shall be in addition to and not considered a part of the Sheriff's Compensation.

3. The Sheriff shall assign to the County and from time to time deposit in the County General Fund any and all Tax Warrant Fees for use for any County General Fund purpose.

4. The Sheriff shall pay for the feeding of the prisoners from the meal allowance funds, provided under I.C. 36-8-10-7 under the procedures established by the "Accountable Plan" established in 1995. Neither the Sheriff nor the Sheriff's officers, deputies or employees, shall make a profit from the Meal Allowances. After the expenses of feeding prisoners are paid, the Sheriff shall from time to time deposit any unspent meal allowance money ("Unused Meal Allowance") in the County General Fund for use for any County General Fund purpose.

5. The County and Sheriff agree that neither the Tax Warrant Fees nor the Unused Meal Allowance shall be compensation for employment under the Internal Revenue Code and any regulations promulgated under that Code. Assignment of the Tax Warrant Fees and Unused Meal Allowance to the County by the Sheriff shall be made on such terms and conditions as the Sheriff, the County, and the State Board of Tax Commissioners each shall agree in order to effectuate this Agreement and to the fullest extent possible to preclude each the Tax Warrant Fees or the Unused Meal Allowance from being deemed compensation for employment under state or federal law, including the Internal Revenue Code and the Internal Revenue Service Regulations, and thus subject to W-2 reporting.

6. The Sheriff shall at all times maintain all required records and reports in such form and manner as prescribed by Indiana law and the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

7. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed in any manner to relieve the Sheriff of any of his responsibilities or duties under I.C. 6-8.1-8-3 or I.C. 36-8-10-7, nor in any other way be deemed to limit the powers and duties of the Sheriff provided for under Indiana law.

8. As required by I.C. 36-2-13-2.5(b), the Sheriff shall file an accounting of expenditures for feeding prisoners with the County Auditor on the first Monday of January and the first Monday of July of each year.

9. The Sheriff shall execute and deliver to the County such documents as may be required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

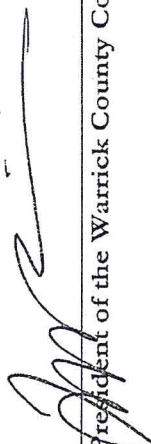
10. This Agreement shall commence January 1, 2021, and remain effect for the remainder of the Sheriff's term of office to and including December 31, 2022, and would otherwise terminate only upon the death, resignation or other termination of the term of Michael K. Wilder as the duly elected Sheriff of the County.


11. Miscellaneous Provisions.

11.1. This Agreement supersedes all previous contracts or agreements between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

11.2. This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto effective as of the date stipulated.

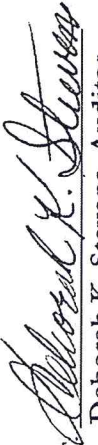
- 11.3. Failure to insist upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such terms, covenants or conditions.
- 11.4. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.
- 11.5. The parties agree that the normal rule of construction to the effect any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in interpreting this Agreement.
- 11.6. In case of a material breach of this Agreement by a party, the non-defaulting party shall be entitled to recover actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, and specific performance and injunctive relief.
- 11.7. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced under Indiana law. The parties agree that any dispute arising in any way from this Agreement shall be heard only in the exclusive jurisdiction in courts of appropriate jurisdiction in Warrick County, Indiana. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of such courts and will not bring an action in any other court.


 Terry Phillippe, President of the Warrick County Commissioners


 Greg Richmond, President of the Warrick County Council on
 Behalf of the Warrick County Council


 Michael K. Wilder, Sheriff of Warrick County

02/04/2021
 Date

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 Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor

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