

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**  
107 W. Locust Street  
Boonville, Indiana  
April 8, 2021  
6:00 PM

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Attorney Matt Koresel for the absent Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

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

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, we'll have the Roll Call please.

**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:** Present.

**Krystal Powless:** Chris Whetstine?

**Chris Whetstine:** Here.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**MARCH 4, 2021**

**Councilman Richmond:** First up is the, it says Tabled Items. I believe it's Minutes. We don't have any Tabled Items.

**Krystal Powless:** No.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. Regular, March 4, 2021 Minutes. Anybody find anything? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

**Councilman Overton:** Motion to approve.

**Councilman Reid:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion by Brad. Second by Rick. Any discussion? All those in favor? Ron, did you vote? Sorry, okay. That's all, seven, zero (7-0) then. Thank you.

**Councilman Bacon:** I'm used to (inaudible).

**Councilman Reid:** We're not quite that high-tech.

**COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**  
**INSURANCE**

**Councilman Richmond:** Under Commissioner Business, I believe the first item on Insurance has asked to be moved to our May meeting.

**CONTRACTUAL SERVICES – RAINY DAY FUND**

**Councilman Richmond:** So, let's move on to 2B, Commissioner Business.

**Roger Emmons:** Good evening, Councilmen. Roger Emmons, County Administrator, Warrick County Commissioners Office. The additional appropriation is twenty-seven thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars (\$27,365.00) from your Rainy Day Fund. That's to pay for the balance that we owe for the new phone system. The 2020 didn't carry forward and we didn't get around to encumbering those funds. So, they just need to be re-appropriated to finalize the, the project.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Motion to approve.

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

**Councilman Overton:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Second by Brad. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor? That's everybody, seven, zero (7-0). Thank you.

**Roger Emmons:** Thank you, Gentlemen.

**Councilman Richmond:** Thank you, Roger.

**WARRICK COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUSINESS**

**Councilman Richmond:** And the Warrick County Community Outreach Business presentation. Is Mr. McVey here? I've gone to these meetings and I have seen this. And what he just wanted to do was kind of open up to us, to let them know what they're doing. There's an extreme need for the homeless in Warrick County as in many counties in the country. And if you read through the plan here, he just kind of wanted to educate us as what was going on. They are in the formation process of all this. I can't speak for everything that's gone on since I've been gone a month. But, they have monthly meetings. And I attend most of them. And you can see what they're looking at, their vision. And of course they're going to be seeking grants and some private funding, try to get all this in operation. And perhaps someday they may come to us asking for help on a grant or something. I don't know that. I'm not trying to put words in his mouth. But, we know how some of these things work. So, anyway, I'll let that go by.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS  
VACATION PAY OUT**

**Councilman Richmond:** And we'll move on to the next item which is the Salary Ordinance. That's a vacation pay out two (2) weeks under Economic Development of one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,875.00). And that's for the Event Center Coordinator who has left employ.

**Councilman Overton:** Well, this is based on Handbook requirements, so, motion to approve.

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

**Councilman Bacon:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Second by Ron. Any discussion? All those in favor? That all seven (7) of us? Yeah. (Motion carried 7-0). Takes me a while to turn my head.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** And one (1) minute, Terry, I think you guys ought to look at that situation. You know what I mean?

**Commissioner Phillippe:** (Inaudible).

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Work sixteen (16) months and get three (3) months' vacation, or three (3) weeks' vacation.

**Commissioner Phillippe:** Understood.

**JOB DESCRIPTION  
FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT COMOT III**

**Councilman Richmond:** 4B is Job Description. This is the position that we moved the two (2) part-times into one (1) full-time. And it's not a money thing this week. It's just the job description.

**Councilman Overton:** Motion to approve.

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion to approve full-time Administrative Assistant as COMOT III in the job description by Brad. Is there a second?

**Councilman Whetstine:** I'll second it.

**Councilman Richmond:** Second by Chris. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's all seven (7) of us. Seven, zero (7-0). Thank you.

**PARKS AND RECREATION  
DISCUSSION**

**Councilman Richmond:** Now, 5, was asked to be withdrawn or removed. Is that correct?

**Krystal Powless:** Yes.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so we can skip over that one (1). That was the Parks Department.

**CIRCUIT COURT BUSINESS  
BAILIFF – RETIREE**

**Councilman Richmond:** Now, we move into Salary Ordinance, Circuit Court, Retiree, Bailiff, three thousand three hundred seventy-four dollars and thirty-three cents (\$3,374.33). And the Additional Appropriation is three thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$3,375.00) to round it to an even number. We can do both those together if you like. 6A and 6B.

**Councilman Overton:** Motion to approve 6A and 6B based upon the Handbook, County Handbook.

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

**Councilman Bacon:** I'll second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Second by Ron. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's all seven (7) of us. Seven, zero (7-0).

*(April Appropriations are located on Page 10 of these Official Minutes)*

**SUPERIOR COURT II BUSINESS  
TRAINING**

**Councilman Richmond:** Superior Court Business, Salary Ordinance, Bailiff Court Administrator for training, seven hundred thirty dollars and sixty...sixty-two cents (\$730.62) and the Salary Ordinance for Court Reporter Trainee, one thousand twenty-four dollars and thirty-four cents (\$1,024.34). I don't think anybody's here.

**Krystal Powless:** No appropriation is needed. She's requesting to bring in someone to train under each position just for a little bit of time before they retire.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, so, it's not any funding then.

**Councilman Overton:** If no additional funding, motion to approve 7A and 7B.

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion to approve 7A and 7B, the Salary Ordinance, training for Bailiff/Court Administrator, 7A and 7B, Court Reporter.

**Councilman Bacon:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Any discussion? Oh, I need a second.

**Councilman Bacon:** I'll second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Ron seconded. Thank you. Any discussion? All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0).

**SHERIFF BUSINESS  
JAILER – SICK DAY PAYOUT**

**Councilman Richmond:** Salary Ordinance, Sheriff's Business, seven (7) sick days, one thousand eighty-two dollars and eleven cents (\$1,082.11), for Jailer.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Let's approve it before he speaks.

**Councilman Overton:** Motion to, is that...

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Motion.

**Councilman Overton:** Second.

**Councilman Richmond:** Motion by David and second by Brad. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's seven, zero (7-0).

**Councilman Reid:** Thank you very much.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Now, you can talk.

**JAIL ISSUE DISCUSSION**

**Sheriff Wilder:** Mr. President, could I address you guys. It's not on the agenda. It's just about an upcoming, it's an issue that's been in our Jail that I'd like to bring to the Council's attention. I'll try to make it short.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay.

**Sheriff Wilder:** Recently, we had a young gentleman that lives in our community that is in a group home that's behind ERA on Triple Crown right there. It's right in the middle of a neighborhood/community. He's a special high needs patient for them. And they, I've got to almost give you the whole background. But, he, he kept escaping and tearing up people's property close by, neighbors, different things. We had no resolution but to bring him to jail a few different times. But, he was released immediately back to the group home. Over the time, the Judge basically refused to give him back to the group home cause the very last time he broke into Schnucks. The time before that he almost hit an old lady with a brick at Walmart. His, his episodes were escalating. The last time breaking into Schnucks, throwing a brick at the gentleman inside. These people that are confronted by him honestly don't know who he is and his needs. And he's, he's started to become dangerous. Res-Care which is the group home, the Judge determined, could not keep him in a safe environment and to him, told me that I had to house him. My medical staff says you can't house him. He took certain medical needs that took over eleven (11) hours throughout the day to be with. He has a special tube where he has to have all his medicines and his food come through this tube. I only have nursing forty (40) hours a week. And that's for the entire jail and he would need nursing during the entire eleven (11) hours, but also for Saturday, Sunday. We, me and the Judge, I mean, he worked with me sort of. I mean, but he did what he had to do to protect society and I understand that. And, but, we were really put in a hard place. Our neighboring Sheriff Dave Wedding has twenty-four/seven (24/7) medical care. He, through conversations, agreed to watch him for us or house him for us as they have that. We have the same medical providers, and that medical provider was telling him, you know, you're gonna have, they need help. While he was at their jail, he became very violent, suicidal, attacking the staff. He hit the nurses. So, they kind of reached back and said you're gonna have to take him back. We were really in a scrambling mode. I was trying to hire a nurse and the only thing we could figure out, we tried different avenues. No group home would take him yet, because he has to be on a list, and those lists we already know last three (3) or four (4) months. DOC would not take him. We originally reached out to DOC, they won't take inmates based on just medical needs only. So, we were really getting in a bind here trying to hire, going to have to hire around the clock which would cost the County money. It's not my doing; this is what was forced upon me to do. But, we were able, the State DOC did, after we reached back out through a Judge's order, they agreed to take him because of the violence he showed in the Vanderburgh County Jail. So, that's where I'm coming now. He's now currently housed in DOC in a special medical violent unit. This boy does not need to be in this unit. But, that's the only place he can get the attention he needs at this time until basically, he's gonna be deemed incompetent through the courts and State might take him on anyways, but through a different type of home. I just bring this to your attention because I, we will have to pay for this housing eventually. And I will probably not have that type of money in my budget to cover it. I don't know, Dave Wedding had him for three (3) weeks. He did not charge me for the time he had him over there. In return, I've been housing a few of his prisoners free of charge. Kind of a, you know, patting each other's backs. But, DOC, they won't, they will charge us for this inmate. I believe, and I'll have to do the checking, be roughly around thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) a day. I mean, it's not astronomical figures. But, it's money we'll have to come up with depending on how long he's up there. Is, I know Ron's been on State, the State, this is where you see Sheriff's with their heads beating against the wall. I have two (2) more in my jail now that need, I think I was told, especially with this, there's only like forty-seven (47) beds in the entire State of Indiana that can house this boy and there's a lot more on the list. They've moved him up to a priority one is what I've been told. But, this is the challenge. Not this County's problem, but the State's problem in housing people that just have special medical or needs or physiological needs that doesn't need to be in County Jails. But, anyways, that's another argument for another day. But, I just wanted to let you know that we will potentially have a bill that I'll have to bring before you next, maybe month or so. And that's kind of what that story, I think it was going to be a really long email to try to explain that. So, I just wanted to take a few minutes. I can tell you as a Sheriff, I don't like, I was really, you never want to have anyone with those types of needs in your jail because you want to give them the medical attention. The doctor kept saying, you've got to get him out of here. I didn't know where to take him. Luckily, Dave Wedding took him off for us. But, like I said, he finally called and said, no more. But, that's just, I just wanted to kind of bring you guys up to date on that. I thought that'd be a lot easier than trying to send a long email. Thank you for your time.

**Councilman Metzger:** Thank you.

**Councilman Richmond:** Thank you.

**Councilman Reid:** Good luck.

## **PRESENTATION USI INSURANCE SERVICES**

**Councilman Richmond:** The next item, I want to prep us just a little bit. As County Councilmen, we do not make a decision on the selection of who our insurance, health insurance provider is. That is a Commissioner's duty. So, I just want to let you know that since Ryan Secord is a part of the public, the public's allowed to speak. That he can speak, but the decision is in the Commissioners, and they've made their decision already. So, Ryan, you can come up and speak. Please limit your time. We have some things to do.

**Ryan Secord:** (Inaudible).

**Krystal Powless:** I can hand those out.

**Ryan Secord:** Oh, thank you. Thank you very much.

**Councilman Richmond:** Is that what, same thing that I downloaded?

**Ryan Secord:** Yes, Sir. Yes, Sir.

**Councilman Richmond:** And I have seen...

**Ryan Secord:** Good to see you again, Mr. President.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, I've seen this before.

**Ryan Secord:** Absolutely. My name is Ryan Secord. I'm with USI Insurance Services. We quoted the medical benefits for Warrick County for the 2020 and 2021 plan. While we were not selected, I was asked by Council, a Councilmember to come and explain some of the challenges that Warrick County is facing in their medical benefits. I live in Hendricks County. It's a little bit different everywhere you go. In Hendricks County, for example, the Council does make this decision outside of the purview of the Commissioners. Not saying that that's how it works here. But, that's, you never know where it is until you come to one (1) of these meetings to figure out where everybody's at. So, I appreciate your time. If you would, just flip to page two (2) really quickly. I will go through this very, very fast. If you look at the groups in Indiana, how we measure health insurance is typically on a per employee per year cost. Groups in Indiana on average pay between twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) and thirteen thousand five hundred (\$13,500.00) per employee per year. Our clients in our space on average pay around ninety-eight hundred (\$9,800.00) to ten thousand five hundred (\$10,500.00) per employee per year. Warrick County is currently twice the Indiana average at twenty-three thousand four hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$23,491.00) per employee per year. We see some of this throughout Counties, but as somebody that works with County Government, Municipal Government on a regular basis, this is one (1) of the highest PDPY's I've seen in the State. And I can explain a little bit as to why you guys have gotten there. Do you want to flip to page two (2)? It tells you, excuse me, page three (3). Tells you just a little bit about us and how we plan manage. We have ten (10) different individuals that work on the plan on a daily basis on your behalf. And they are experts in the individual silos that they work in. Traditionally, under a medical benefits plan, you'd have a broker like myself, an account executive, or maybe two (2). That's kind of where it falls. But, this is such a sophisticated system and it's changing so rapidly in terms of compliance with the Federal and State Government depending on where you are, that you really need to have a group of experts working on the individual silos to pull every penny of the tax payer's dollars out and hold them to the accountability that I'm sure you'd like to see them held to. That's why we have underwriters, attorneys, wellness consultants, comp consultants, pharmacy consultants, etcetera, all working on your behalf on a day to day basis to help contain and control costs. If you flip to page four (4), this is one (1) of thirteen (13) silos, excuse me, fourteen (14) silos that we go through and look at in terms of projected savings. For the 2021 plan that you're currently implementing right now, USI would have been able to save you one point four million dollars (\$1,400,000.00). You would have spent one point four million (\$1,400,000.00) less on your healthcare that you would have otherwise. This is an annual number as well, which means we're starting at a baseline. So, it becomes two point eight million (\$2,800,000.00) next year and then so on and so forth. If you'll look on that page four (4) that there's a pharmacy and underwriting and analytics portion. We did two (2) projections out of the fourteen (14) silos that we look at. And of those two (2) projections, we were able to put together on the pharmacy side, two hundred forty thousand ninety-one dollars (\$240,091.00) of guaranteed savings as well as two hundred ninety-two thousand eight-one dollars (\$292,081.00) of guaranteed savings on the underwriting side. Now, if you look on the impact site right there, those are the projections that we gave before we actually went out and did hard numbers. So, you can see that we were actually projecting significant less savings than you were actually able to receive. The reason why I point that out, because if you go through pages four (4), five (5), six (6) and seven (7), you can see how those impacts show individually where we project that we can create savings on your behalf without any sincere impact to your employees. So, if you look at care intervention or underwriting or population health management, each one (1) of those has a little silo that says, hey, this is what we think that we can save you. The reason why we do two (2) projections out of fourteen (14) is A, we don't do all the homework without being the broker, but the point of doing the projection is to show that our analytics system is fairly accurate in terms of being able to demonstrate true savings opportunities for our, our prospective clients. So, if you want to flip to page eight (8), I will, I've only got three (3) more and I'll get right out of your hair. Let me know when you guys are there. What we were looking at with those two (2) projections that we completed, again, guaranteed hard savings dollars that we know works in tandem with what you have. These systems work with your current providers that you work with, including your clinic. I know you guys have recently moved PBM's into 2019 as well, but unfortunately, a considerable amount of money was left on the table through that process. In the pharmacy side alone, again, there's over two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000.00) in savings. In 2021, there was a guaranteed savings of five hundred thirty-two thousand one hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$532,172.00) annually with no disruption, no profound changes, nothing that would have been noticed by your employee base whatsoever. The additional proprietary analytics system shows that, and that's the one (1) that was projecting the savings as I showed you in that impact section, shows an additional one million sixty-seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$1,067,828.00) of the taxpayer dollars being left on the table currently that would have otherwise been in this budget this year for you all to do with as you please. So, how do we get there? Well, we went through and pages nine (9) and ten (10) will kind of explain that. These are our case studies that we have done on your behalf. We essentially mirrored formulary on your pharmacy, your pricing, and tiers were all exactly the same. Your employees were able to get the same drugs and do everything that they're doing exactly today but for about five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) less than you're paying. This all comes from contract negotiations. The average pharmacy benefit contract has a hundred and thirty-eight (138) different price points where they nickel and dime you along the way. And part of our job as consultants is to go through that process in tandem with our attorneys and make sure that we're capturing those price points and pulling them out so we're creating favorable contract opportunities on behalf of Warrick County and the tax payer. The same thing applies on the Stop/Loss side. We are the largest privately held brokerage firm in America. In the world, really, because nobody really does health insurance the way America does. And as a result, we've leverage (inaudible) business. We have a Stop/Loss consortium that does three (3) key things that provides opportunity and savings for Warrick County. One (1), we get preferential pricing. Our client receive preferential pricing because our (inaudible) business is so profound. Two (2), we have what's called the no new laser guarantee. So, a laser is when some large claim, double lung transplant or a heart-like issue or a brain tumor. Something in effect where the insurance comes back and says, hold on, we're not paying for that. We're going to laser that person out and that's going to come out of your bucket exclusively. With our no new laser guarantee, we ensure that when key issues come up within your medical benefits plan, the insurance company can't silo that person out so they become exclusively your problem financially. And then we have a no, the third prong of this is a rate cap guarantee, which would ensure that just because you got a new, no new laser, the insurance company doesn't come back and ding you the next year on your renewal. So, there's a number of opportunities here that you can see from Northwind Pharmaceuticals within this consortium that allows for the Council to consider what their medical benefits should be for next year. We have one point four million dollars (\$1,400,000.00) of the tax payers' money that is going strictly to margin of insurance companies. I'd like to see something, something happen with that. If you look at page eleven (11), it's just our purpose. We're here to be good stewards of tax payer dollars. We want to minimize the impact to employees, so that they don't even know this is happening. The entire premise behind maintaining health insurance benefits as a program is important. Especially in government. When I deal with governments, it's a three (3) prong process. You have to worry about your neighbors, your friends, your voters. There's not a, this is not an atmosphere that handles disruption very well. So, I'm very confident in saying that with that one point four million dollars (\$1,400,000.00) in annual savings, your employees would feel almost no disruption whatsoever to their current benefits packages. It would work in tandem with your clinics, with your local hospital groups, and everything that you're working on now. And quite frankly, that number's just the beginning. We haven't even gotten into the opportunity to look as some revisions and opportunities that might help your spend money in a

more intelligent manner. My job is to bring this information to your attention and you may do with it as you will. So, I appreciate your time and I'd be happy to take any questions if you have them.

**Councilman Reid:** What year was it that you arrived at...?

**Ryan Secord:** That would be your 2020 that would have applied for January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year 2021. So, this is the most recent data with an exception to January and February and March.

**Councilman Reid:** Who's your insurance with the Stop/Loss carrier?

**Ryan Secord:** The insurance with the stop/loss carrier went through, let me, let me get back to you on this. (Inaudible). So, we have a consortium that USI runs with Stop/Loss organizations. Every major Stop/Loss carrier participates. This was one (1) of many. I think we redacted the name for obvious reasons. But, I can answer that question for you when I get back in the office. So.

**Councilman Reid:** What's your experience? You've had this position a long time?

**Ryan Secord:** Yes, I've worked with government for the better part of seven (7), eight (8) years.

**Councilman Reid:** The same company?

**Ryan Secord:** No, Sir. My, my last company was purchased and acquired and absorbed in. So. Absolutely.

**Councilman Richmond:** What does USI stand for? I've forgot.

**Ryan Secord:** United States Insurance. We love America.

**Councilman Bacon:** Have you contacted the Commissioners?

**Ryan Secord:** Yes, Sir. You know, I've known Commissioner Johnson for quite some time. And Terry and Dan, I've known them for a couple, a couple years as well. I, as I said, I quoted both the '20 and '21 insurance plans.

**Councilman Bacon:** Okay, so, they've already had this information?

**Ryan Secord:** Yes, Sir.

**Councilman Bacon:** Thank you.

**Ryan Secord:** Yes, Sir.

**Councilman Richmond:** Anybody else?

**Councilman Reid:** The current insurance, (inaudible) doing a lot better now. Being self-funded, it seemed like we were going through a rash of expenses on insurance.

**Ryan Secord:** Yes, Sir. And the problem with self-insurance is that if it isn't managed as a financial asset, it can run away from you pretty quickly. And I'm not an attorney, I'm not an underwriter, an analyst, I couldn't claim to be. I couldn't have a peer to peer conversation with either in terms of what their professional experience is. That's why we have a team of experts working behind you on your behalf on a day to day basis holding the insurance companies accountable to what they charge you on a yearly basis. Thank you. Appreciate your time.

**Councilman Metzger:** Thank you.

**Councilman Richmond:** We have a Commissioner present.

**Commissioner Phillippe:** Mr. Phillippe, District 2. All I have to say this evening is that we'll be back to visit you guys in May. As you know, our existing broker, Mr. Waltz, was here to talk to you this evening, but we asked him to wait until May so we could hear what Mr. Secord had to say. Again, we'll be back in May to tell you the things that we're working very hard on to achieve those exact same goals. That's all. Thank you.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay.

**Councilman Metzger:** Thank you.

### **OTHER BUSINESS** **PASSING OF COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S FAMILY MEMBER**

**Councilman Richmond:** Let's see. Other Business, remember to keep Cliff and his family in your prayers.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** I apologize, in case you didn't know, his sister passed away after eight (8) years, brain cancer and was buried today.

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL INCOME TAX**

**Councilman Richmond:** And I got a call from the Commissioners, we have a committee that was set up on the Local Option Public Safety Income Tax. And our representative on that was Cindy. And since Chris took Cindy's place, I've talked to Chris a little bit about it, is it alright if we put Chris on that committee?

**Councilman Bacon:** So moved.

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Definitely.

**Councilman Richmond:** So, Ron, you moved to do that?

**Councilman Reid:** I hope you got thick skin.

**Councilman Richmond:** David? Did you second that?

**Unknown:** What?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Yeah.

**Councilman Richmond:** All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0).

**Councilman Reid:** He abstained.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I'll abstain on this.

**Councilman Richmond:** Abstain?

**Councilman Whetstine:** Abstain.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay. So, six (6), zero (0), and one (1) abstention. (This vote would be amended later in the meeting as Chris Whetstine would change his vote making the motion carry 7-0). Anything else to come before us?

#### **UPDATE ON HOUSE BILL 1381 ON SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY**

**Councilman Bacon:** Mr. President, I'd like to bring you up to date on 1381, House Bill, the one (1) we did the Resolution on concerning the solar/wind issues. It did pass the House and it is in the Senate now. It's been referred to committee and gone through First Reading and has been amended immensely. It's now a hundred forty-one (141) page, pages of amendments. So, basically, it's a new bill. They've listened to, I want to thank Senator Messmer, who actually is our Senator, who has championed the bill in the Senate. They've listened so far to what we've had to say as far as the Counties and the State of Indiana and the AIC. And the way it stands right now, I understand it could change tomorrow. Well, tomorrow's Friday, so it won't change tomorrow. It'll change Monday cause they're not in session tomorrow. Whatever the County has in Ordinance, like the end of July, then that Ordinance supersedes the State. After that, if there's no Ordinance or the Ordinance is different that the State, we'll rule. So, what I'd like is for permission from the Council to look at our Ordinance if we have any concerning wind and solar power and work with Economic Development Director to bring back to you what we need to do after the bill is concluded. By the time our next meeting comes around, the House will be out of session. And, so they'll actually either have a bill that we need to do something for or they won't have a bill and we won't have to do anything. So, at this point, we're sort of in limbo. They've only got 'til the end of the month to get their business done. So, we'll monitor it, Steve's monitoring it. I'm monitoring it. So, we'll try to keep you up to date.

**Councilman Reid:** Might talk to Area Plan too.

**Councilman Bacon:** Yeah. So, Steve's been doing that, he's been watching with that. So, we just need to pay real close attention and see what comes out of it, so if we need to do an Ordinance, very quickly to protect our assets in the County, then we'll do that. And I'll bring it to you. That's where we're at now. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them.

#### **PANDEMIC RELIEF FUND UPDATE**

**Councilman Richmond:** Report on the Cares Act, the initial Pandemic Relief Fund Balance for the Not-for-Profits, was about two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00). And we have a hundred and twenty-two thousand two-seventy-nine (\$122,279.00) left yet in that fund to pass out to Not-for-Profits that need it. And then the original for the rest of it was one million four hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred twenty-six (\$1,497,326.00). And they've approved three hundred fifty-five thousand six hundred thirty dollars (\$355,630.00) in expenses. And looking at the balance in that, there's still just a little over a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Then there's this new item that's come up that we're going to have to deal with. I don't know if it's Council or Commissioners, because I haven't viewed the State Board of Accounts workshop on this yet. It's online. You can view that just as I can. It's concerning the American Rescue Plan as adopted by Congress in 2021. Seemed to me there was a total of just over twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000.00) or something in that. And, so we, they, I think the State Board of Accounts wants us to have some kind of a plan. And probably the Commissioners will be dealing with setting up a committee. Terry, you can kind of keep that in mind. I know Vanderburgh County has set up their committee and it's got lay people on it and Commissioner and Council people on it to decide how to spend that, a plan. And apparently, we have to have this plan for it. So, I'm not up to date on all the details. But, this is what I've been sent. And I haven't read everything since I've got back. I had a pile of reading waiting for me when I got back. Anybody else have anything?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Mr. Cliff's replacement...

**Matt Koresel:** Yes, Sir?

**Councilman Hachmeister:** Glad to have you here tonight. Would you introduce yourself?

**Matt Koresel:** Yeah, thank you guys for having me. I'm Matt Koresel. I'm an associate at Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel, Shoulders where Cliff works. Thanks for allowing me to sit in.

**Councilman Richmond:** Thanks for being here.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Greg, I, question.

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah.

**Councilman Whetstine:** So, the grant for the Non-Profits and, so, are they still taking applications for that?

**Councilman Richmond:** We're still taking applications, yes.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Okay. Is there a deadline or anything like that?

**Commissioner Phillippe:** The emergency declaration's through the end of April.

**Councilman Whetstine:** So, it's going to go at least that long or 'til the money runs out? That kind of thing?

**Commissioner Phillippe:** If somebody were to apply tomorrow (inaudible) paperwork (inaudible).

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, very quickly. They, they have to show that they are a Non-for-Profit from the IRS. It's a form from the IRS. And then they have to show their, basically their losses because of COVID. And they can do that by showing their income, their fundraisers they had the year before and the year before that if they want to. And then, the money wasn't there but they still had the expenses in 2020.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Well, I didn't have anybody in mind or anything. I was just curious.

**Councilman Richmond:** You can pass it along. Cause I think the Commissioners would love to...

**Councilman Whetstine:** (Inaudible) used.

**Councilman Richmond:** (Inaudible) thousand dollars more left.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yeah, so, but I, just would, suggested that they have it in tomorrow.

**Councilman Richmond:** They need to get it in as soon as possible because it has to go before Dan and I and that's usually pretty quick. Usually a phone call, we have a phone conference or something like that. If there's something out of order, I've sent back to Roger several times. I don't have this form. I don't have that. Please get this from them. And he gets it from them. If they had it all up front, it'd be nice. But, sometimes it's hard to know what is required of it. And then the Commissioners meet, they have two (2) meetings before the end of the month yet. They have a meeting next Monday and then a meeting two (2) weeks after that. Everything has to be in order by then probably.

#### **CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

**Councilman Whetstine:** Okay, and then the other thing on the appointing of me to the committee. I appreciate that everyone. I think, I'm curious, I, I said I abstain. Can I, can you change your vote? Can I change my vote?

**Councilman Richmond:** Yeah, you can change your vote.

**Councilman Whetstine:** I want to be a team player, you know, and make it unanimous.

**Councilman Richmond:** I always, I always taught, was taught by my Government teacher, if you don't vote for yourself, then maybe you don't want to be, shouldn't be...

**Councilman Whetstine:** And, Greg, I've said that same thing a million times in my life. And, yeah, I was kind of like, I don't know. So, I will vote myself, too.

**Councilman Richmond:** Okay, we'll change that vote.

**Councilman Bacon:** You don't have an opponent (inaudible).

**Kristine Georges:** Already done. (Motion for Committee Appointment carried 7-0).

**Councilman Whetstine:** I know. I get it, I get it. You know?

**Councilman Richmond:** Chris has been going around visiting a lot of the Office Holder's offices and...

**Councilman Whetstine:** I just want to be a team player here.

**Councilman Richmond:** And I know he was at the Park Board meeting last Tuesday.

**Councilman Whetstine:** (Inaudible) feeling it might not be a team I want. The committee, you know. Another joke, another joke. Shouldn't make those.

**Councilman Richmond:** Warrick County is, is blessed with many, many good people.

**Councilman Whetstine:** Yes.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Richmond: Alright. Do I have a motion?

Councilman Reid: Motion to adjourn.

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

Councilman Bacon: Second.

Councilman Richmond: Second by Ron Bacon. All those in favor?

Councilman Hachmeister: Yep.

Councilman Richmond: Seven of us (7-0). Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

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Deborah K. Stevens  
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	APPROPRIATION #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Rainy Day	1186.31400.000.0000		Contractual Services	\$27,365.00	27,365
Total Rainy Day				\$27,365.00	
Circuit Court	1000.11315.000.0232		Bailiff	\$3,375.00	3,375
Total Circuit Court				\$3,375.00	

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 8 day of April, 2021.

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*Ch. White* \_\_\_\_\_

*Brad Cherven* \_\_\_\_\_

*David Anderson* \_\_\_\_\_

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