

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Budget Meeting – First Reading
September 19, 2016**

The Porter County Council met on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mr. Whitten called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Council Member Dan Whitten, Council Member Jeremy Rivas, Council Member Karen Conover, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Bob Poparad, Council Member Jim Biggs and Council Member Mike Jessen. Also present was Council Attorney Harold Harper, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Seven members present.

Mr. Whitten, Our purpose tonight is to have a public hearing on the budget and the first reading. So let me just know out a couple of housekeeping things, the rules of a public hearing are very simple. The purpose of this meeting is to receive input regarding the 2017 Budget. Every person appearing before the Council shall abide by the order at the direction of the President of the Council. Those who would like to speak will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Discourteous conduct shall be regarded as a breach of privilege and shall be dealt with at the discretion of myself the presiding officer. That having been said let's have first reading.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

First Reading

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Tax Cap Est.</u>
0061-RAINY DAY	\$86,250	
0101-GENERAL	\$45,286,688	\$3,200,449
0113-NONREVERTING	\$314,944	
0124-2015 REASSESSMENT	\$623,434	\$32,658
0254-LOCAL INCOME TAX	\$5,934,383	
0342-POLICE PENSION	\$212,750	
0615-ANIMAL SHELTER	\$69,000	
0616-CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	\$1,555,550	
0702-HIGHWAY	\$5,501,285	
0706-LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$1,155,750	
0720-MAJOR MOVES - TOLLROAD COUNTIES	\$1,322,500	
0790-CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	\$598,000	\$80.320
0801-HEALTH	\$1,922,076	\$107,682
1001-CIVIC CENTER	\$517,805	
1151-CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$12,650	
1156-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM	\$2,282,962	
1185-JAIL LEASE RENTAL	\$2,955,000	
1303-PARK	\$300,947	
2142-PARKING GARAGE	\$16,675	
2243-PLAN COMMISSION	\$726,266	
2391-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$3,695,469	\$187,119
2411-ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CREDIT	\$0	
9500-COUNTY CORRECTIONS	\$324,013	
9501-PROSECUTOR COUNTY USER FEE	\$536,074	
9502-HEALTH MAINTENANCE	\$116,917	
9503-DONATIONS	\$93,150	
9504-LEPC	\$24,151	

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Tax Cap Est.</u>
9505-RECORDER PERPETUATION	\$178,250	
9506-ANTABUSE	\$206,195	
9507-GIS	\$36,800	
9508-PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION	\$79,368	
9509-JUVENILE PROBATION USER FEES	\$98,573	
9510-ADULT PROBATION USER FEES	\$581,377	
9511-SURVEYOR PERPETUATION	\$39,068	
9512-FIREARMS	\$97,750	
9513-EXTRADITION	\$5,750	
9514-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE	\$46,001	
9515-VEHICLE INSPECTION	\$5,750	
9516-ACCIDENTS	\$5,750	
9517-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT	\$139,150	
9518-CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$1,265,000	
9519-OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE	\$58,846	
9520-PROSECUTOR STOP GRANT	\$35,777	
9521-MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE	\$460,669	
9522-PUBLIC SAFETY DATA TECH	\$273,585	
9523-VIDEO TAPE FEES	\$3,450	
9524-ADULT PROBATION PRETRIAL SERVICES	\$69,000	
9525-CLERK IV-D	\$95,682	
9526-PROSECUTOR IV-D INCENTIVE FUND	\$189,277	
9528-PHOTO DUPLICATES	\$6,900	
9529-EMERGENCY MEDICIAL SERVICES	\$294,400	
9530-CLERK PERPETUATION	\$67,612	
9531-STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSIST	\$9,200	
9532-HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRUST ACCT(TOBACCO)	\$94,161	
9533-CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY COURT	\$17,332	
9534-STORM WATER MANAGEMENT	\$3,734,131	
9535-INMATE PROCESSING	\$79,350	
9536-ADULT PROBATION ADMIN FEES	\$145,868	
9537-JUVENILE PROBATION ADMIN FEES	\$30,471	
9538-CIRCUIT COURT-DCS	\$8,666	
9539-HOSPITAL TRAILING LIABILITY	\$402,500	
9540-PROSECUTOR RIVERBOAT MONEY	\$287,500	
9541-CIRCUIT COURT-ADR	\$11,185	
9542-HOSPITAL INTEREST	\$2,787,600	
9543-JUVENILE DETENTION-CODES	\$58,718	
9544-PROSECUTOR CHECK DEFERRAL	\$5,750	
9545-RECORDER REDACTION	\$17,250	
9546-COUNTY USER FEES	\$286,620	
9547-SEX & VIOLENT OFFENDER ADMIN	\$26,651	
9548-HOSPITAL SALES PROCEEDS	\$1,202,230	
9549-DRUG TASK FORCE	\$80,192	
9550-PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPPLEMENTAL	\$108,100	
9551-PROSECUTOR IV-D PCA FUND	\$8,395	
9552-MEDICAL CARE FOR INMATES	\$26,565	
9553-PROSECUTOR STATE & LOCAL GRANT	\$26,152	
9554-DEA PROCEEDS	\$143,750	
9555-PROSECUTOR IV-D ARRA INCENTIVE	\$14,950	
9556-JDAI GRANT	\$112,398	
9557-IDHS GRANT	\$161,000	

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Tax Cap Est.</u>
9558-RSAT GRANT 16.593	\$149,579	
9560-SHERIFF- ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	\$11,500	
Totals	\$90,572,433	

West Porter Township Fire District

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Tax Cap Est.</u>
8601-SPECIAL FIRE SERVICE GENERAL	\$134,849	\$208
8691-SPECIAL CUM FIRE	\$83,375	\$121
Totals	\$218,224	

Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>
8210-SPECIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$1,349,105
9500-Non-Reverting Capital Fund - Solid Waste	\$55,500
Totals	\$1,404,605

County Airport

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Tax Cap Est.</u>
8101-SPECIAL AIRPORT GENERAL	\$1,334,369	\$45,829
8190-SPECIAL AIRPORT CUMULATIVE BLDG	\$242,032	\$12,173
Totals	\$1,576,401	

And that concludes first reading as advertised.

Mr. Whitten, Fantastic thank you Madame Auditor. And one other thing, after we had our quick meeting on the non-reverting funds...discretionary funds for our approval. Discretionary approval funds budgets, I asked the Auditor to do a spreadsheet on and even though we all know that the County portion of the Tax Levy, our Tax Rate has gone down. That is not necessarily true of other Taxing Authorities in the County so I wanted us to have a feel or at least an idea of what the impact of the Circuit Breaker Property Tax Caps and any particular Property Tax Credits might have on our General Fund. So Vicki was good enough to work on that for us. Also when we kick into our second readings I would strongly suggest that we start the meeting and Vicki you don't have to do it tonight. But if we can have an idea at least starting with all the requests that we have how are we looking at our Budget starting off.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, So that we will have a good feel for where we are at as we start working through. And then as we start working through each particular budget, if we do this you could give us the increases as we roll. Maybe kind of give a running total on what we are doing. Again, that is one (1) responsible budgeting but two (2) we want to make sure that we don't get midway through and everybody on the back end of the budget approvals are sitting with the short end of the stick because we are out of money. Also I know that there is going to be a lot of requests for pay increases and I would strongly suggest that we hold off like we have done in the past on addressing increases to the end. I would like to see how much money we have because there are a couple of increases that I am interested in as I am sure that you all have some thoughts. But I think it would be ill-suited of us to dive into payroll increases before we know if there are any State mandated increases or other inflationary items or priority items that we have to deal with that are going to increase the Budgets before we get to that. That's my suggestion.

Mr. Poparad, Did we get accurate numbers on Health Care?

Mr. Whitten, Vicki do you have any updates on what suggestions that they are giving us for the Health Care? I think we are pretty close to what we had budgeted for this year, right? I think discussions with...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, I think discussions with Anton, I think we are in pretty good shape for what we budgeted for this year.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, But, I have asked a couple of questions and I don't have an accurate number on this one but I think we should probably get an accurate number at some point during this budget session. I know that with this Cost Plus program there is some issue with balance billing. And going into this as you may recall when the presentation was given to us I asked the question, what happens with the balance bill? Particularly with the Chicago providers/physicians or whatever we may be doing. I was told that traditionally the employer eats the balance bill if they can't negotiate it down. I don't know if that is true or not and I am not sure what that number looks like. And I am not at all up to speed on what amounts of monies are still in dispute if any between our representative on the Cost Plus and Providers. So those are things that we probably need to get a handle on.

Mr. Poparad, I want to reference a letter to Lorelei did you get a letter saying to budget ten (10) to fifteen (15) percent more?

Lorelei Weimer, (Inaudible)

Mr. Poparad, Do you have the same plan?

Lorelei Weimer, Yes we do. I think that was for the building insurance

Mr. Poparad, It wasn't Healthcare?

Lorelei Weimer, It wasn't Healthcare, we get Healthcare from you guys.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, so we will get that number going in we will have that.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We have a very detailed breakdown of Health Insurance. The status of the fund and how much the various departments contribute and we would like to have that discussion.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That could go into some detail.

Mr. Whitten, Alright so we will start off with...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, But in terms of that per person contribution that these other departments pay for we have not received a revised estimate.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, From Anton or the Commissioners.

Mr. Whitten, Well we need to get that before tomorrow so I will work on that.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Mr. Biggs, You have a number of the total payout for this year?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Biggs, Could you tell us what that is?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, so you are saying how much we have expended so far this year, plus what we have anticipated to? Ok we have this all proposed...let me look at this.

Chief Deputy Toni Downing, To date we have \$4,821,840 and we estimate another \$400,000 or so through the end of September. I'm estimating \$1,600,000 for the fourth quarter. Contractual Administrative should be about \$954,000 for the year (inaudible). Program cost by the end of 2016 should be in the neighborhood of 7.7 million to 8 million (inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, So we are in pretty good shape with what we budgeted, but again I'd like to...

Mr. Jessen, (Inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, Hold on...we need to interpolate into this if there is any disputed amounts that the County may be picking up.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Exactly.

Mr. Whitten, I'm sorry Mike go ahead.

Mr. Jessen, Question, so the year to date so far is 4.8 million?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Jessen, Can you tell me what that amount was through the same period last year?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes, we have to look it up. Roughly 6.19 million...roughly 6.2 million through the end of August last year.

Chief Deputy Toni Downing, Not quite the same but it's close.

Mr. Jessen, And what was are total again for last year? The total?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Total Health claims last year was 8.9 million. Does that include the Administrative costs?

Chief Deputy Toni Downing, No, that Health claims alone.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Claims alone, let's do the total.

Mr. Whitten, What was the total cost of Health Care last year? Let's get to the big number.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Mr. Biggs, Including Administrative.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 8.9 Million.

Mr. Whitten, About 9 million.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Slightly higher.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Mr. Jessen, Thank you.

Mr. Whitten, So I will have a conversation with somebody, probably Mike Anton to get a feel for what we should be budgeting. Or what the suggested budget is for this coming year.

Mr. Biggs, Nobody fall in love with these numbers.

Mr. Whitten, Ok so it doesn't look like nobody signed up to speak. Does anybody wish to speak on the budget? Going once, going twice (gavel) the public hearing is closed. So that really concludes the festivities for this evening we will recess...

Mr. Poparad, Do you need a motion?

Mr. Whitten, We will recess the budget hearings for tomorrow.

Mr. Poparad, Don't you need a motion for first reading?

Mr. Whitten, No you don't, you don't even need one on second reading. But if you feel really good about that...

Mr. Poparad, No, that alright.

Mr. Whitten, So we will recess the Budget hearings for tomorrow when the fun really starts.

Mr. Poparad, Five or Five-Thirty?

Mr. Whitten, Five-Thirty.

Mr. Poparad, Pizza's at seven.

Mr. Whitten, Depends on what you are buying Bob.

Mr. Poparad, I'll buy.

Mr. Whitten, Bob is buying pizza for the room.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah, I'll buy.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, so if I could get a motion to adjourn?

Ms. Conover, So moved.

Mr. Whitten, Second?

Mr. Biggs, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor? Aye, goodnight.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

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Attest: _____
Vicki Urbanik, Auditor