

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Budget Meeting – Second Reading**  
**September 20, 2016**

The Porter County Council met on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 5:30 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 Karen Conover, Council Member Jim Biggs, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Mike Jessen, Council Member Bob Poparad and Council Member Jeremy Rivas. 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, A couple of housekeeping things is we moved Sheriff's budget to a new night, so thank you all for coming. Make sure you let these fellows know when it is.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Vicki if you would give us...I'm just kidding by the way. If you would give us a starting block here on where we stand on our projected budget revenue and the requests that are in front of us.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, where going to start just with the General Fund correct?

Mr. Whitten, Please do.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, the General Fund all of the Budgets as requested totaled 39.3 million rounded up 39.4 million. We have a growth quotient of 3.8% percent this year. We believe that means that the overall property tax levy will see an increase of about 1.3 million. That's for all of the property tax supported funds, most of that would be in the County General Fund. We are going to be conservative as we have last year with our miscellaneous revenue estimates. We already have an estimate from the State showing that for the General Fund the excise tax is expected to increase by about \$300,000 dollars over what was budgeted for this year. When you put all of those number together, we end up with what we believe to keep within our levy a General Fund budget that you should be shooting for at around 38.2 million dollars.

Mr. Whitten, Can I ask you one question on that accord?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Vicki and I talked a little bit here over the last couple of days and your 39.4 million does that include the Pension? The police pension?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes it does. That's as requested, as submitted.

Mr. Whitten, Alright.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Some as you probably have already noticed is as you have studied your budget books, that some departments have rolled in proposed raises....

Mr. Whitten, Well, let's just stick with the police pension issue and then we will move on to the other stuff.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, very good.

Mr. Whitten, So that's about 1.2 million?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Just over a million.

Mr. Whitten, Alright.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I'll get that for you.

Mr. Whitten, In the past we haven't had that as part of our budget I don't think. We haven't budgeted for it, is that correct?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Beginning last year you started appropriating it, but not as part of the Budget.

Mr. Whitten, So if we rolled that out, we are down to 38.4 million?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, When I say we rolled it out we still got to pay it.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct, and it does need to be appropriated by you.

Mr. Whitten, Right, and then I guess the other glaring question that isn't necessarily important for this evening or the near future is how are we going to be treating our Hospital proceed interest money. I think that the initial thought was Miscellaneous Revenue, but Vicki I thought that you had some concern with that? Or you have gotten conflicting stories from the State on how we should do that...is that correct?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We are in discussions with the state...

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, About how best to account for it. Should those proceeds be placed in its own Fund, or should it be rolled into the General Fund and treated as Miscellaneous Revenue. If it's rolled into the General Fund and treated as Miscellaneous Revenue I really want the State to allow us to increase our Budget accordingly.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Mr. Poparad, Will they roll the Levy back?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Otherwise it's doing exactly what you said Bob it will cut into our Levy.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And we cannot allow that...well we could but that would defeat the purpose.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, it would be counterproductive.

Mr. Biggs, You're saying that if we identify certain percentiles of what we project to be receiving to a Percentiles to go toward Public Safety. That would not necessarily count against our Levy?

Mr. Whitten, We don't know yet.

Mr. Poparad, Generally the general rule is Miscellaneous Revenue counts against your Levy so we're going to have to do something special with it. Or else the State is just going to subtract it.

Mr. Biggs, Well that's what I am talking about if we identify before it even comes in...

Mr. Poparad, Well yeah, but I have dealt with the State enough and Vicki has too, this is a new problem for them.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, they have not seen this before.

Mr. Poparad, So they can't answer it, nobody has a Foundation to pump money...

Mr. Whitten, This is a case of first impression...

Mr. Poparad, Yeah.

Mr. Whitten, So whatever we need to do...two things: one is I wanted to come to our oversight (this body)....

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Oh absolutely.

Mr. Whitten, And when I say this body I mean this body. And second of all I don't want it to adversely affect our Levy numbers.

Mr. Poparad, Will the State give you any indication of a Non-Reverting or anything?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ahh...

Mr. Poparad, They won't answer it will they?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I think it's far to say that they are looking at the various issues...

Ms. Conover, Alternatives.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We're looking at how the fund should be accounted for and I know that goes into a whole different area...

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, right now versus budgeting.

Mr. Whitten, Harold have you been involved in any of this?

Attorney Harold Harper, At this point, no.

Mr. Whitten, Would you help Vicki along so if there is any legal...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, May I suggest a letter from the County Council, maybe cosigned with me asking for clarity on how we should treat the proceeds. Should we budget for them as part of our General Fund or should we put them in a separate fund. All of it is up to appropriation by you.

Mr. Whitten, Right, so you and I can do a joint letter Vicki.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, That sound good, ok anything else that you need to tell us Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Whatever you want to know I will tell you...

Mr. Whitten, I know there are things that you would like to say, but is there anything for tonight's festivities? Ok, let the fun begin.

## **E - 911**

### **911 General Fund 1000-1031-31**

Mr. Whitten, Our first budget on the agenda for this evening is the 911 General Fund 1031.

CJ Wittmer, Good evening.

Mr. Whitten, Good evening how are you?

CJ Wittmer, Doing well, and yourself?

Mr. Whitten, Well I'm not doing too shabby. So as we look at your budget here...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Well...

Mr. Whitten, Go ahead.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, You might recall that last year E-911 General Fund had nothing in it all got moved into Surcharge or Rainy Day except for FICA and PERF and all employees that are in the General Fund just get there FICA and PERF paid for out the Commissioners Budget. We just kept this budget here at zero percent. That means zero this year zero next year.

Mr. Whitten, Your hourly is up from last year? Did we end up doing an additional on that hourly after the 2016 Budget was approved?

CJ Wittmer, On the Overtime, yeah.

Mr. Whitten, Where did we end up? Where are we at on that now? How much have you spent so far out of that...Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Where at Surcharge Budget?

CJ Wittmer, I believe it's going to be \$110,000 dollars of the \$130,000 appropriated.

Mr. Whitten, Looks like maybe \$120,000 dollars, so now it's down to \$10,066 dollars. Is that correct?

CJ Wittmer, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Alright.

CJ Wittmer, So I suspect probably at next month's Council Meeting I will be asking for a transfer.

Mr. Whitten, Scroll down a little bit here.

CJ Wittmer, To get us through the end of the year.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, what's your pleasure guys? What else did we have in this budget there was a Data Processing Equipment increase. Is this something that was paid out of a different fund before or is this something new?

CJ Wittmer, Data Processing has always been in Rainy Day

Mr. Whitten, So how many things that have been paid in Rainy Day that are now coming into General? Do you know?

CJ Wittmer, In the General or in the Surcharge? We don't have anything in the General Fund.

Mr. Whitten, Anything out of the...well your Surcharge is...

Mr. Biggs, Your Surcharge is maxed out.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah.

CJ Wittmer, It is.

Mr. Biggs, What exactly do you have coming out of there...out of the Surcharge?

CJ Wittmer, So we have salaries, everyone's salaries is coming out of that. We moved out of Rainy Day for this current year's budget last year. The overtime item that was it got moved into surcharge. And then we have training and education coming out of surcharge. That's been there for a couple of years though and we have our part-time hourly folks pay coming out of surcharge.

Mr. Biggs, So what's your projection? My understanding is that you're not at full staff.

CJ Wittmer, Correct, that's correct.

Mr. Biggs, Where would you guess if you were to hire another half dozen dispatches they would have to come out of the General?

CJ Wittmer, Well we have budgeted for the numbers that I have in Surcharge when I breakdown the different pay rates for everyone...I'm accounting for the number of positions that we have so that I don't have to come back and figure out that well we only have 31 positions but I only budget for 28 because that's how many people I have.

Mr. Whitten, So that was my question, because as we sit here today do you have any anticipated in 2017 that might hit the General Fund?

CJ Wittmer, Projects, I guess.

Mr. Whitten, Can you tell us what those might be?

CJ Wittmer, Sure, so our 911 phone system is at end of life and I began to speak with Frontier already to figure out a game plan for replacement of that system. I don't think we are going...it's probably too early to tell what that is going to come in at in 2011 it was about a 1.6 million dollar project. I don't know that we are going to be that high on the next phone system. But we also don't have those figures yet.

Mr. Biggs, Have you talk to the Commissioners?

CJ Wittmer, We've had a discussion about it, yeah.

Mr. Biggs, A formal discussion?

CJ Wittmer, There aware of it, yeah.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, I guess we can cross that bridge when we get to it. What's your pleasure with his proposed budget?

Ms. Conover, Moved to approve.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Are you talking about all three?

Ms. Conover, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, all in favor? Opposed? Ok.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, I am just going to remind you as I am going to remind everybody, when we have a vote on second reading which is what we are doing throughout all these evenings. It really is sort of a straw vote, the vote that matters is the final vote on adoption of the budget. So as we move through these it is not uncanny or unlikely that we won't go back...

CJ Wittmer, Sure.

Mr. Whitten, And as we get to the end of the line and realize that we need to make some cuts or in fact have the ability to make some increases.

CJ Wittmer, Sure.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, thank you.

CJ Wittmer, Thank you.

## **Sheriff**

### **Sheriff General Fund 1000-1005-05**

Mr. Whitten, Sheriff General Fund. Hello Sheriff how are you?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Good.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have a power point?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Yes, but we couldn't get it to work. We have to unload whatever you have loaded, right?

Edie Hahn, The thumb did not work.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, But we did make copies of it.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, why don't you pass those out and we can get down to business.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Alright.

Mr. Biggs, We have a \$600,000 dollars IT department and we can't make a power point presentation.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, I don't know, I am a little disappointed.

Mr. Biggs, I would be too.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It was the jump drive.

Mr. Whitten, What was the issue with it?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It wasn't the system it was the jump drive.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, It's our fault.

Jeff Biggs, We have it on another computer

Mr. Whitten, You understand that Jim, it wasn't the \$600,000 IT department...

Mr. Rivas, It was the \$6 dollar thumb drive.

Mr. Whitten, It was the \$6 dollar thumb drive.

Mr. Biggs, They couldn't fix it?

Edie Hahn, It's probably got a security thing on theirs because it works on his laptop.

Mr. Biggs, I was going to say they can't figure that out for you. I still say it's IT.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, so what we have got in front of us here Sheriff, seems like page one is a comparison of Portage, Valpo and the Sheriff Department with calls served.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Right, can I just make a little opening statement if you will?

Mr. Whitten, Yes, please.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, First of all, as I sit in front of you this evening we are presenting a budget that represents a significant step in eliminating disparities of salaries in Porter County comparing the City of Portage, Valpo and Porter County. And I also sit in front of you in front of a department that is one of the most highly trained law enforcement professionals. Officers, with dedication and commitment unmatched by any department that I have ever been associated with and I have been associated with a lot of police departments in my career. And what I wanted to do is I wanted to thank you first of all for taking the time, because we have asked each and every one of you to come to the department and a couple of you we went to you. But I really appreciate in behalf of our whole department of you taking the time, asking the pertinent questions and allowing us to explain some of the striking disparities. The PowerPoint that we were going to show you and Rich can explain it, on what we have put together. We've put together...we're not disparaging the City of Portage or Valpo's Police Department, but you need as Council Members you need to see what we do every day. And there is no comparison on what we do and the areas of what we do. So do you want to go over it real quick on what you did, and how you did it?

Rich Howard, As you started to look at page one there, that's our calls for service by jurisdiction. Comparing them...our call to service to Portage and Valpo PD. And as we move to page two it's the number of crashes that we take and our crashes seem to be more serious than the other departments only because our speeds on the county road are higher than a parking lot accident.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Can I just interrupt?

Rich Howard, Sure.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, I heard for years how busy everybody is, but we looked and seen and we documented how busy everybody really is and calls for service gives you a really good indication of how busy we are and that's what this calls for service says.

Rich Howard, As we look at the PowerPoint here you notice that the gold bars are always going to be the Sheriff's department compared to blue bar is Portage and red bar is Valpo. We tried to keep that color theme throughout so whenever you notice the yellow you're going to notice that is the County. As we move to page three there, this is our officers versus population. So we have 65 sworn officers versus a population of almost seventy thousand. Compare that to Portage which has about the same amount of officers sixty-six compared to a population of thirty-three thousand five hundred. We have twice as many people in the area that are serviced by the same

amount of officers. If you take that one step further and just say how many people that is in our jurisdiction to one officer, you can see that again the numbers reflect the same thing. I mean we are servicing twice the population as compared to what the other two jurisdictions are servicing. If you add there's together it still doesn't total up to what we have. In the next slide that is shown is the square miles covered by jurisdiction we have four hundred forty four square miles that we cover every day compared to the twenty-seven square miles that Portage has and the fifteen square miles that Valpo has. So our area that we cover and the distance that we have to travel every single day is just numerous compared to what they have to travel. And with the miles of roadway and this is straight from the Highway Departments we have eight hundred and seventeen miles of road that we cover every single day, not just us but the Highway Department. But as the Sheriff's department we cover those roads also and travel on them compared to one hundred and fifty-four that Portage has and one hundred and fifty-six that Valpo has. Again the numbers are just astronomical compared to what they actually have to cover as compared to what we cover.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, And that doesn't actually include the state highways.

Rich Howard, Nor does it cover like Kouts or Hebron or anything like that. I mean there numbers are obviously much smaller than what we have, that's just county jurisdiction and county roads. Then the next slide says since the year 2000 we have added five officers and Valpo has added three and Portage has added fifteen. So in the last sixteen years that how many officers we have added to our department. We have sixty-five sworn officers.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, One of which was by your generosity gave us an officer for the Drug Unit. And four were when I was the Sheriff the first time we applied for the Cops IV grant and got four officers. That accounted for the five additional. Now I know you have agreed and we have applied for the Cops IV grant again but we have not heard anything, but we are still in the running for four more. And I think the last page is what you saw is a comparisons that we talked about as far as the disparities. And with the approval of the submitted budget we are not going to be over Portage in and Valpo but at least we're going to be in the ballpark with them. And I know when I spoke with you individually there was a lot of discussion and a lot of due diligence on preparing not a contract but a three year agreement. It seemed to me that everybody was in agreement or understood and was receptive to it. But basically said let's get the first one out of the way and we will come back. Because what we would like to do is get this first one accepted and approved and come back with a 5% raise. And then we'll know and you'll know how to budget and that 5% after this year would really make...we would really be comparing us to everybody else. It would really be accepted I think by all of our officers that are sitting behind me.

Edie Hahn, I would also like to say not only do they cover what you are seeing here but they also assist Portage and Valpo.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, so we know about your wage increase and the numbers behind that. And I think that in talking with the other Councilmember's and typically what we do here is and I think it's probably the right way to do it. Is that we deal with raises at the end of our budget session. I think that is going to be paramount this time because one is we want to see how much money we have, that's step one. And then, also it gives us an idea if we in theory if we want to look for raises, for example for the Sheriff's department armed with the knowledge of what Vicki started this discussion with we know what we have and what kind of money we need to find to make that happen. In this particular year and we have had some discussion about this and as you as I am sure have heard by now that we are at the end of our first full quarter of our Foundation hospital principal investments. And I think that we're going to get a report in a week that is going to be quite good news. And I think that we want to be having discussions about how we are going to be dealing with those monies that come in. I think that as a Council, as we sit and look at this that there is no question that this Council has an interest in putting some money into public safety. There is no question about that and there is also no question that we want to bring our officers salaries up. I spent years as a cop, I understand the job you do and I understand that now more than ever it's a difficult climate. Even more difficult than when I did it and we recognize that. So I think that in the spirit of dealing with your raise increase, I

don't want to speak for anybody else but I am behind you on it. So we want to try to find the money and make it happen. And then I think that at the end of this budget session we can have some discussions with respect to our hospital interest money, on how much of that do we want to and Jim alluded to it a little bit earlier how much of that do we want to allocate to things like capital projects and improvements. And how much of it do we want to do like operations and public safety and that kind of stuff. Because candidly the ability to have the Foundation which is the first one in the State of Indiana ever and makes us in pretty good standing financially. It has enabled us not to have to pass income taxes like other counties have had to do. So we need to be thinking in terms of dealing with operations and keeping this County moving forward and having some progressive salaries and things like that. So, that's my thinking going into it, anybody else have some thoughts along those lines? I'm sure you do Jim.

Mr. Biggs, Well just listening to CJ, I think we're all clear that there are some big ticket items coming up in 911 that we are going to have to address in the next twelve to twenty-four months. And as you alluded to it, the last thing I want is for the interest money from the Hospital to be flushed into general operations. And I think that using this money in a way that it is a difference maker in that we target a percentile of it for public safety issues and only public safety issues. I think it's smart and I think it is long term smart and you know I hear you guys. I look at these salaries and that a lot of you have children at home and I can't imagine trying to raise a family on some of these salaries. We hear you, we're going to do something and I am not sure yet in all fairness to the rest of the Board and to you exactly what that is but we're going to do something. It may be all of this or it may be only some of it, but we're going to something.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, anybody else?

Mr. Rivas, Go ahead Dan, go ahead Mike.

Mr. Whitten, Mike.

Mr. Jessen, This is just so that I have a clear understanding of it Sheriff, I appreciate the information and the background is terrific. On the specific budget sheet, this one here with the wages...

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, Is there a reason that they are not lining up with the PowerPoint information, either the 2016 or the 2017 proposed?

Eddie Hahn, Are you talking about the salaries?

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Eddie Hahn, Yes, it's not merit pay because merit pay is different. You know that's a different budget and it's a set fee. So I had to take the total of merit off calculate and then add the merit back in. And we had just put all merit because that's what they make full with merit.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, We thought it would be better for you to see it without the merit pay.

Eddie Hahn, With merit, with merit pay.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, With merit.

Eddie Hahn, Now I can give you a sheet that shows the salaries now...take off with merit pay and show you a little bit more detailed if you like to see?

Mr. Whitten, I would like to see that.

Ms. Graham, Yeah, I would too.

Ms. Conover, Yes definitely.

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Eddie Hahn, Then it kind of shows because I can't...they can't do a raise on merit. We can't change the merit.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Eddie Hahn, And it's in a different budget.

Mr. Jessen, Thanks.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, so the for sake of this budget, if we did not have the proposed increase for salaries what are we looking at for this budget then? Let's start with that.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, so the 2017 column everything is the same except for the salaries we cut it back to what it is currently.

Mr. Whitten, Do you still have the pension in there?

Eddie Hahn, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, And in the past we have paid that pension with some out of riverboat money right?

Eddie Hahn, No.

Mr. Whitten, No, that was for the Drug Unit. We have had to find it other places....

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, General Fund an additional appropriation last year. Last year also Hospital Interest, this year Hospital Interest.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, No it wasn't was it?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes, LOIT Fund special distribution.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That's the special money that we got this year from the State.

Mr. Whitten, That's right, that helps.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It hasn't been finalized yet.

Mr. Whitten, So, ok. Alright.

Eddie Hahn, Do you want to know about the other increases then?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Eddie Hahn, Ok, \$60,000 dollars on overtime. That's because I was asked to add that in for Special Services and so I don't have to keep on coming back. It's the reimbursement coming from the Special Services. This way I kind of calculated what I thought it might be and then I will wait to the end of the year and make sure it's evened up. And if I need more I'll come back, if I don't then it will stay in the General Fund because I was asked to do that. Then I have \$3,500 dollars in Maintenance Agreements was the increase for Tiburon our CAD system.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Eddie Hahn, That's all in that and everything else except for the 1217 the \$70,000 is for offsite medical. Which is kind of a guess, but who knows it could be anything.

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Eddie Hahn, And that's it for the General.

Mr. Whitten, So the number without the increases is what then? Five million, one hundred and eighty thousand, one hundred seventy six dollars and ten cents (\$5,180,176.10)?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, So here is the thing, everybody is wondering what does all this mean. Which I am sure you are following closely here. We're going to have a meeting that we deal with just salary increases generally and that's for all departments including yours. My suggestion is come back at that meeting too and I have already told the Sheriff that. Because that's the vote that matters and we will have a better handle on it after we are through with all these, because some of these budgets include state mandated increases that we have to do. We don't have much digression there so we kind of want to see. Then we can have a discussion then about the thought of the interest money and things that we are doing now.

Eddie Hahn, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, So, what's your pleasure on \$5,180,170.10?

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, all in favor? Opposed? Ok.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Rivas, Dan, just real quick...

Mr. Whitten, Yep.

Mr. Rivas, I don't know where we are going to be at the end, but I a pretty sure it's going to come down to prioritizing. I am not going to speak for everybody else but, public safety is a priority to me and we're going to have to make some tuff decisions. So I think I have indicated that I support you guys, so, I'm sure we are going to find a way to do something for you guys, because this doesn't make any sense. I think Sheriff when I came in there I think we talked about with the salaries being so low there is a turnover rate. There has got to be a cost to that turnover rate. People are coming since there are openings, because people are leaving and if I can go and get paid more to do the same job somewhere else I'm going to go there I am sure. But if there is a opening here where I can jump in and get trained and then as soon as there is an opening for a higher salary I'm leaving. So there has got to be a cost associated with that and I think that's why it has to be adjusted so that when we are bring them in we're keeping them. We are training them and we are retaining them.

Mr. Whitten, So Vicki along those lines, if we are looking for their proposed request for increases the number we would be looking for throughout this session is how much? What's the difference then?

Mr. Poparad, Three hundred thousand.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Wait, what was the question?

Mr. Whitten, Let me try this again...

Mr. Poparad, Three hundred thousand.

Mr. Whitten, The amount you took out for the increases, how much was that number?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Oh just for the Sheriff's department?

Mr. Whitten, The folks that are right in front of us now.

Mr. Poparad, Three hundred, twenty-nine thousand...it says it right there on the screen.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yeah, three hundred twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and nine dollars (\$329,909.47).

Mr. Whitten, You always ask because it isn't always right.

Mr. Poparad, I'm wondering about taking out the pension and dealing with that on third reading?

Mr. Whitten, Well is six of one and a half dozen of the other. We got to deal with it somehow. We can always take it out..he's wanting to take the pension out but we have got to deal with it on third reading one way or the other.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah, but I got some thoughts on that one.

Mr. Jessen, Another interesting point to tag on to what Jeremy had to say in trying to minimize the turnover, obviously there is a cost for turnover but I think one thing that stuck out in my mind as we discussed it is that we talked about attracting good candidates. And the few applicants that you get when there is actually jobs to fill, that was kind of staggering.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Normally we used to get 120 to 150 applicants. Last time I think we had 28 applicants.

Mr. Whitten, Can I ask you a question on this? This pension has become a pretty big number over the years. When was the last time...you have an actuarial that works on this, and when was the last time we got a number from him? Is this fairly recent?

Mr. Poparad, The beginning of the year.

Eddie Hahn, Oh, every year.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Yeah, Bob and I worked it.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah.

Mr. Whitten, So I guess my question is...and I understand all that goes into that actuarial analysis but part of it is your vesting and your office is vested now at seven?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Yes, it's uhm...

Eddie Hahn, Percentage you mean?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, No, how many years.

Mr. Whitten, How many years?

Jeff Biggs, Five.

Mr. Poparad, Five.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Five.

Mr. Whitten, I mean if we are looking for and this is just a thought...I mean if we are looking for more money for the Sheriff's department wouldn't it make sense to up that vesting? Would that make a big difference? I mean here is my question, it's a philosophical question. These guys are all here, I think they all anticipate staying here longer than five years. Wouldn't it be nice if they if we could find more money by upping the vesting to reward the guys that are going to be here ten year?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Well the actuarial that we submitted said take fifteen (15) million dollars out of the...

Mr. Whitten, Forget about that for a moment, that's just the buying out. I'm talking about the vesting...I understand that. And by the way right now pulling the money out of our principal with the interest that we're getting...

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Yeah.

Mr. Whitten, Would have been not the right move. But that could change.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, And you may be right there, but I think we would have to ask...we would have to submit that to the actuarial and see the difference.

Mr. Whitten, I mean, I'm just curious and it was just a thought, but I'm just curious how much of a difference would that make if we went from five (5) to ten (10). And with all of that said, if all of that would make a big difference in that pension rolling every bit of that savings into salaries on top of what we do. Reward the guys that are staying here longer with a higher salary than rewarding the guys that leave here after five years and go to another department. Is that a possibility or do you think that's a pushback?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, No, I think that's possible, I think we need to...I need to discuss that with everybody that's sitting behind me.

Mr. Whitten, I imagine so.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Uhm...

Mr. Whitten, It was something that just popped into my head, something to think about.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, I have no problem discussing it with them and then present it to Chris the actuarial and look at the numbers. I know that Departments are doing it.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah.

Mr. Biggs, Could you get that information before you are scheduled to be back here?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, I can try.

Mr. Whitten, I mean maybe, it's not as big as we think, but maybe it is and we roll that on top of everything else.

Mr. Biggs, Look, we want to meet the numbers that you proposed to us. We want officers that are here for the long haul and are vested. We here you...we see this and it's real and we want to do something. And if those numbers going from 5 year to 10 years...if that frees up monies that allows us to adjust these salaries to where they should be, I mean that's a commitment by your men and women and it's a commitment by us as well.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, That could work out, I'll call Chris Dilts tomorrow.

Mr. Whitten, That would be great.

Mr. Poparad, Have him maybe go 5 to 10, 15 or 20 because I know Lake County is twenty (20)

Mr. Whitten, Is Lake County twenty (20)?

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, To be vested?

Mr. Whitten, I don't think that's right.

Mr. Poparad, That's what I was told from Lake County...

Mr. Whitten, Well whatever...I mean the fact of the matter is we will find a reasonable number. If that's more money that we can through at you guys we are all in.

Mr. Poparad, I just curious to see what the math difference is on the actuarial table.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Jail General Fund 1000-1032-32**

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, (inaudible) so, Jail not much of a change there.

Eddie Hahn, (Inaudible) no increases.

Mr. Whitten, What's your pleasure on this one guys?

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Moved to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second

Mr. Jessen, Second

Mr. Whitten, A couple of motions to approve and a couple of seconds. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Sheriff Garage General Fund 1000-1042-42**

Mr. Whitten, Sheriff Garage

Eddie Hahn, No changes.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have got a motion and a second for \$211,182.

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Jail: Federal/DOC Prisoners 1000-1217-32**

Mr. Whitten, Federal DOC Prisoners

Ms. Conover, Move.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have \$530,800 and a motion and second on the floor, discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Accidents 1101-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Accidents 1101, moving right along.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on the floor at \$5,000. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **County Corrections 1122-0000-32**

Mr. Whitten, County Corrections, it's gone up a little bit? Why?

Mr. Biggs, It's gone up a lot.

Mr. Poparad, Doubled.

Mr. Whitten, You have some Contractual in there...

Mr. Poparad, It can't be the Medical.

Mr. Whitten, What is that?

Eddie Hahn, This is the DOC grant...Oh no what do you mean nothing went up in that.

Mr. Whitten, Well, that's what we're looking at.

Eddie Hahn, What?

Mr. Whitten, We are looking for \$124,000 to \$281,750.

Mr. Biggs, It's your Contractual Services costs, you didn't have it before.

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, Edie that is your grant that you have.

Mr. Whitten, I'm sorry what?

Edie Hahn, Oh...oh.

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, Edie that's your grant that you are moving over to that newly created fund that the Commissioners are creating.

Edie Hahn, Oh yeah, that's my grant that I am split up because now a different...we had just got an ordinance yesterday or this afternoon approved. I'm moving the money out it's a DOC grant that we got that I put in that fund because that's why it was Community Corrections. But after doing it, it's just too confusing to keep them separated, so they're helping me get it broke out. So that's a grant that's not...

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, It's going to be a grant fund.

Edie Hahn, That's a grant, it's actually going to be all put into one fund.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Edie Hahn, So, fund 9162 it what's going to go into, all that was approved...

Mr. Whitten, So what's your pleasure with \$281,750

Mr. Biggs, Moved.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion is there a second?

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second, so are we all clear on that?

Ms. Conover, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor? Opposed? Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Extradition 1155-0000-05 and Firearms Training 1156-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Firearms 1156

Edie Hahn, Well I...

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, There is a motion and a second, did you have something to say Edie?

Edie Hahn, Well I was just going to explain why I am moving from other supplies to other equipment was because of guns. It was always paid out of other supplies and to me that's not right I thought it should be under other equipment so that's all that I am doing.

Mr. Whitten, So that's the Extradition fund?

Eddie Hahn, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, So 1155 is still \$5,000. Is the motion ok with that?

Mr. Biggs, Yes, it's slightly higher (inaudible)

Eddie Hahn, Yeah, training and that's with firearms.

Mr. Whitten, So what we've got is 1155 Extradition which is still \$5,000 dollars and we've got Firearms Training which is 1156 which has gone up a little bit which is \$85,000 dollars with a motion and a second on the floor on those. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Medical Care for Inmates 1174-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Inmate Healthcare fund 1174, exactly the same, does anybody have a problem with that?

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Poparad, Are the Commissioners picking up the big Jail Medical?

Eddie Hahn, The onsite one?

Mr. Poparad, Is that in the Commissioner's budget?

Eddie Hahn, Yeah that is in the Commissioner's budget.

Mr. Whitten, Is that right Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I couldn't hear all the way down here.

Mr. Poparad, The Jail Medical is being picked up by the Commissioners?

Mr. Biggs, Yes it is.

Mr. Poparad, For the contractual?

Eddie Hahn, Onsite yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yeah, in CEDIT.

Eddie Hahn, This one here for Medical Inmate, it doesn't generate very much...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yeah.

Eddie Hahn, It's what inmates pay us.

Mr. Whitten, Is that one of the CEDIT?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Ok

**Sheriff**

**Sex & Violent Offender Administration 1192-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Sex offender fee, nothing is free anymore \$23,175 dollars, what's your pleasure?

Ms. Conover, Move.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second on the floor. It we up a little bit, huh...overtime?

Edie Hahn, Yeah, we don't need any more overtime so we are going to put it in this revenue fund.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Sheriff**

**Police Pension Fund 1193-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Sheriff's Pension fund 1193.

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second, the numbers the same \$185,000 dollars. Discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Sheriff**

**Vehicle Inspection 1208-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, VIN inspection 1208.

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second at \$5,000 dollars. Discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Sheriff**

**Continuing Education 2500-2504-05**

Mr. Whitten, Continuing Education 2500-2504

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Eleven thousand, a motion and a second on the floor, discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **County User Fees 2500-2505-05**

Mr. Whitten, Civil fee fund 2500-2505

Edie Hahn, Here again we are trying to get more overtime in the revenue accounts.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Edie Hahn, Because we need more overtime, so we're trying to find it in our own funds.

Mr. Whitten, That's fine, you guys understand that?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Ms. Conover, Yes.

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms Whitten, We have a motion, do we have a second?

Ms. Conover, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Further discussion, all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Overweight Vehicle 4000-1000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Overweight Vehicle Fund.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make a motion.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion for \$16,170.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Sheriff**

**Animal Control 4009-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Animal Control 4009.

Eddie Hahn, No change.

Mr. Whitten, What have we got there, no change \$10,000 dollars, what's your pleasure?

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Rivas, Second.

Mr. Biggs, This new facility is not going to effect that in any way?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, We don't know.

Eddie Hahn, I don't know, it be the same being next door instead of down the...

Mr. Whitten, So what areas of the county that you are not doing Animal Control? Portage.

Eddie Hahn, Portage.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Portage, and that's...

Mr. Whitten, That's not going to change, it doesn't seem...

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, I don't know, I think that they are debating it, but I am trying to stay out of that.

Mr. Whitten, Well Jeremy and I have had a couple of meetings with the City of Portage. We are trying to move the Animal Shelter thing along and we are trying to get them involved in the game. We are trying to find some fair and equitable numbers that work for them, but they are pretty steadfast on their animal control for whatever reason.

Mr. Rivas, This isn't where that money is going from the municipalities is it?

Mr. Whitten, No.

Eddie Hahn, No, they get a cut of that.

Mr. Whitten, That goes into the Supplement fund correct?

Eddie Hahn, They get a cut of this also.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes, it's per ordinance half and half. Half goes into the Sheriff's fund and half goes into supplemental Animal Shelter.

Mr. Rivas, And this is it? This is the fund where half goes in?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Ten thousand is the only...

Eddie Hahn, Well no this is the only line items we have. It's a revenue fund so when we first started this fund there was only a little in it so we split it up and I just have not come back...I just left it the way it was, because I will come back during the year if I need anything. We are hoping to save up enough money to buy a truck, right?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Yes.

Ms. Graham, To buy what?

Ms. Conover, Vehicle

Edie Hahn, To buy a animal control truck...someday.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Mr. Biggs, Do we need a new one?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, According to them we do. Yeah, I think we need at least one.

Edie Hahn, Yeah, so there was no need for me to ask for anymore, because I didn't have anything really to spend yet.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, does that answer your question Jeremy?

Mr. Rivas, So...I don't think so, maybe. Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, So the money that is collected from the Cities and Towns is for Animal Control?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Rivas, All that goes into this fund?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, No.

Mr. Rivas, Where does the other half go?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, The Animal Shelter Supplemental Fund.

Mr. Rivas, For Animal Control?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, The Animal Control Fees...yes, that last year the Commissioner's worked on the contracts with the Cities and Towns.

Mr. Rivas, Why is Animal Control...why is half the Animal Control fees going into something else?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, The Animal Shelter?

Mr. Rivas, Why?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That was per the Ordinance that the Commissioner's adopted. And what we did was we established the new fund for the Sheriff's Department. But the Ordinance had the other half of the fees go into an existing Animal Shelter fund. And we have all of that documented if you want proof that half goes into each. Half of what's been collected so far.

Mr. Whitten, And with Portage coming it won't have any impact on Animal Control. So there not...

Edie Hahn, Coming in for the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, You mean they are going to bring their dogs and cats in.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, that's right. So what's your pleasure with this guys?

Ms. Graham, I think we have a motion.

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve

Mr. Poparad, I'll second it.

Mr. Whitten, Oh that right, did you get your questions answered Jeremy?

Mr. Rivas, Questions were answered but it doesn't make any sense, but I guess I am not a Commissioner. If you figure all the Animal Control fees would go into the Animal Control budget not the Shelter budget.

Mr. Biggs, I think the reason it doesn't Jeremy because the fees we collect on the Animal Control that we are assessing the Municipalities for doesn't begin to pay for the cost of providing for the Animal Control. So what I think the Commissioners have done is they broke out the operations cost of that particular service and I think they are paying it out of something else. And then this is collected in this way and broken up. That's a good question and probably better asked of the Board of Commissioners though. That's my guess on what's happening.

Mr. Poparad, There is more than \$10,000 dollars involved.

Eddie Hahn, Oh yes there is more money in there this is just a line item we specifically asked for.

Mr. Poparad, That's what Jeremy's...

Mr. Biggs, A lot more.

Eddie Hahn, Yeah.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion made by Councilman Bob Poparad and seconded by Councilman Jeremy Rivas.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jeff Biggs, I think I have an answer for you.

Mr. Rivas, What's that?

Jeff Biggs, What we took out is the cost of what we pay for Animal Control. Just like our Officers, the overtime, their trucks.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Jeff Biggs, And then the Ordinance says it's double, so it's doubled because half the fees goes toward half the Shelter, so all the fees that we get cover our original cost right now. Does that make sense?

Ms. Conover, It does.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

## **Sheriff**

### **Drug Task Force 4010-4110-05**

Mr. Whitten, Drug Task Force 4010-4110

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second, All in favor signify by saying Aye?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Biggs, Question?

Mr. Whitten, Do you have a question Jim?

Mr. Biggs, Yes, why is this proposed 2017 so much less than what was proposed in 2016?

Mr. Whitten, They pulled the medical out.

Edie Hahn, We pulled the medical out because there was never enough money in here and it has always been paid out our Commissioners so it's kind of silly to have it go in the negative.

Mr. Biggs, Alright thank you.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Donations 4100-4108-05**

Mr. Whitten, Charitable Donations 4100-4108

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, A motion and a second on the floor. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Public Safety Data Tech 4907-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Public Safety Data Tech 4907, it's the same.

Ms. Conover, Move.

Mr. Biggs, Second.

Mr. Whitten, A motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Video Tape Fees 4908-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Video Tape Reproduction 4908

Eddie Hahn, This is video tapes we don't really do video tapes anymore so it's just been stagnant. So I went and used it and turned it into zero. But I need to get it out of the Budget because it keeps looking like it's in the negative \$3,000 just because it's a line item.

Mr. Whitten, I got understand.

Eddie Hahn, We will be doing digital eventually so we will probably have to come back for a new line item for digital. Unless you would rather me leave this and turn it into digital, but I don't know that you can do that.

Mr. Biggs, I don't know why you can't.

Eddie Hahn, I'm not sure, I just found that out today.

Ms. Graham, Auditor?

Mr. Whitten, Which is easier Auditor?

Eddie Hahn, Keeping this one.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It would be easier just to keep this one, we will double check if there is a State number that goes with digital...

Eddie Hahn, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Rather than video tape.

Eddie Hahn, Well then we could just leave this in then and just leave it for digital. Now it will look like it's in the negative but it's zero. It's just the line item is there so it makes it look like it's in the negative. I cleared it out with some videotaping that we did training.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Eddie Hahn, So, we will just leave that one then.

Mr. Whitten, What's your pleasure?

Ms. Conover, Move.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, A motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying Aye?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Photo Duplicates 4910-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Photo fund 4910

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, \$6,000 dollars motion and a second, all in favor signify by saying Aye?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sheriff**

**Inmate Processing 4911-0000-32**

Mr. Whitten, Booking fees 4911 it went from \$136,000 to \$69,000.

Eddie Hahn, I think we left that didn't we...the \$139,000? Well this is the booking fee that I used to pay Porter Starke out of and because of these other grants I am able to move them around into these grants...

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Eddie Hahn, So I wasn't really needing it so we kind of thought...

Ms. Graham, Thank you.

Eddie Hahn, I mean it's a revenue account so it's not really...

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, There is a motion and a second on the floor, all in favor signify by saying Aye?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Sheriff**

**State Criminal Alien Assist Program 8115-0000-32**

Mr. Whitten, SCAAP Grant 8115.

Eddie Hahn, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment it's a ICIAJ Grant.

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, There's a motion and a second on the floor, all in favor signify by saying Aye?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Sheriff**

**Edward Byrne Memorial 8118-0000-05**

Mr. Whitten, Edward Byrne Grant 8118.

Ms. Conover, Move.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second, all in favor signify by saying Aye?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Sheriff**

**RSAT Grant 8121-0000-32**

Mr. Whitten, RSAT Grant, it's new.

Eddie Hahn, Yeah, that's the new one.

Ms. Conover, Move.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, It's a grant \$130,069 with a first and second all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Thank you very much.

Mr. Whitten, We are going to take a break in a second.

Mr. Rivas, You guys coming here it means something so don't think that you have wasted your time by coming here. You guys being here really does mean a lot. We have your back we are going to do something...I think and I'm going to try.

Ms. Graham, We will.

Mr. Rivas, But it means something that you guys are here tonight, so don't think you wasted your time.

Mr. Biggs, We're going to do something.

Mr. Whitten, And come back for final reading because that's...or when we do our salaries.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, We'll be back.

Mr. Whitten, I am sure you will.

Jeff Biggs, Thank you.

Ms. Graham, Thank you.

Mr. Whitten, Let's take a break

**(BREAK)**

## **Prosecutor**

### **Prosecutor 1000-1008-08**

Mr. Whitten, Prosecutor 1008, so we have got some changes here not horrible but some, it looks like you put some hourly in there. Is that because you took or had a break in there and had a vacancy there? Is that what we are filling in, what are we doing with that hourly?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Ok the hourly...we've got a guy now Ryan Rowin is in Guantanamo...

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, He sent me a text the other day enjoying the weather. He is being paid by Uncle Sam while he is gone.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, So we had to move, we had to put the hourly money in to pay a part-time Prosecutor who is working for that ten month period.

Mr. Whitten, So that is a yes

Mr. Poparad, He is on the good side of Gitmo?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Yes, he's on our side.

Mr. Poparad, I just want to clarify that.

Mr. Whitten, I did see some changes in the Salaries too.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, Let's talk about those. Why are we up in the Salaries? Did a grant run out and that pushed them into the General Fund or is this something new?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Are we talking about the 2047 increase?

Mr. Whitten, We're talking about...

Mr. Rivas, Is there two new positions?

Cheryl Pol, Were talking 1208 about moving into this because of Contractual Services (inaudible)

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, We are moving salaries out of one fund...well out of our discretionary fund into contractual services. We are moving them out...we are not adding anything to the budget we are just shifting them. Our 1208 or 2500 into the General Fund, because we are not spending our Contractual Services anymore.

Mr. Whitten, So it looks like your Contractual Services, I want to be clear on this on the 1000-1008-08 we are going from \$74,000 and change down to zero?

Cheryl Pol, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, What were those Contractual Services?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Great Lakes Labs

Mr. Whitten, And then we are moving some salaries out of the Deferral Fund?

Cheryl Pol, Correct.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Into this one. Is it that your Deferral Fund is running out?

Cheryl Pol, Correct, well...

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, It is starting to decrease and I have had this conversation with some of you already.

Mr. Whitten, You have.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, And I want to not be in a panic. The money is not going...

Mr. Whitten, Pull up the Deferral, let's just take a look, it might help if we can kind of look.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Then I can walk you through it.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, The idea is that if we can kind of pull a couple of administrative salaries out of that then we may be able to keep our head above water and keep that budget balanced in parody.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, so...

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Were decreasing and I've explained to some of you guys that the State Police who writes the lion share of the tickets they've had a change of philosophy with the head of ISP (Indiana State Police) to be more community policing and not just writing a billion tickets. Which is great if that's what they want to do but the result is all Prosecutors Offices throughout the State who rely on their guys writing traffic tickets so we can do infraction deferrals. All of us are balances is decreasing.

Mr. Whitten, It looks like...I mean when I look at the balance by month in deferrals when we look at January you were at \$227 and February \$230 and end March \$223 and end of April \$234 so it doesn't really look like it's falling like a rock or a stone here.

Cheryl Pol, It used to be almost \$400.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, but I'm looking at...I get that but we are looking at what's happening this year and it's not really...I mean you still have close to \$200,000 thousand dollars in there.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, But if you notice we budgeted almost \$500,000 out of there. We have so many items that we have that as sort of our back-up for.

Mr. Whitten, Well, I will leave that to the group...Bob Poparad do you have anything to say about that? You are usually big on that.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, I'm trying to protect the fund to be honest with you.

Mr. Whitten, Understood.

Mr. Poparad, The have got to be using the funds.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Well, if you give me more money I will run this to zero that would be great.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, so yeah I just thinking that we are not really there. So what do we budget this fund for? What's our overall budget for 2016?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, The budget for 2016...

Mr. Whitten, It doesn't look like the balance really went down that much. This budget expended \$220,000 this says there's a balance of \$312,231. Are you...I am with the Deferral budget, that's what you have right?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, now I am really confused.

Cheryl Pol, That's appropriations not (inaudible)

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That's the Budget right there.

Mr. Rivas, \$529,000 was the budget right?

Mr. Whitten, \$529,406 so we expended \$220,000 and you are holding a fairly steady balance.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, I can tell you a year ago the balance was substantially higher \$30,000, \$40,000 to \$50,000 I think. And that's sort of the mindset that I have in asking for this because when it goes down it goes down fast.

Mr. Whitten, What makes it go down fast?

Ms. Graham, I didn't...yeah.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Excuse me?

Ms. Graham, What does make it go down?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Well so much comes out of it.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, but Brian I am looking at this and it not telling us that this year that, that has really been happening. This year seems to paint a picture that it's holding fairly steady.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, I don't know at this stage of the game what is left, you know that's going to be bricked out or what going to be pulled out by the end of the year.

Mr. Whitten, Do you know what's supposed to be paid out of this fund, Vicki? I mean we do have some money coming in...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Well if you look at what the balance of the appropriations is \$312,000 they will not be able to spend that.

Mr. Whitten, Alright.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, This fund will not support that.

Mr. Whitten, What is that? What is left to be paid out of this? Why do we have expenditures of so much a month and then with three months left or four you are telling me that we need \$300,000 and some thousand dollars.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, well lets...your are in the budget right now?

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, so on salaries you have a fair amount left in your hourly. Overtime has not been spent.

Mr. Whitten, So, alright what are you pulling up here for us?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It looks like the main items that they have been spending on out of this fund are the employee related expenses.

Mr. Whitten, So why is there \$300,000 left to spend out of this fund is my question?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That's \$312,000 left in appropriations based on what was approved in their budget last year about \$529,000. But the fund itself...that was just the budget, but the fund itself has a balance of about \$190,000 some thousand...

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, and of course there is going to be some incoming revenue. But, if we are at \$190,000 now you will not be able to spend down the rest of your budget of \$312,000 I don't think that you are bring in that much revenue to the end of the year.

Mr. Whitten, What's left to be paid? What are we, of the \$312,000 what are we paying out of that...what left?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Well if you look at the budget they have Salaries, Hourly, Overtime, FICA...

Mr. Whitten, Those are the constant...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Their burn rate doesn't show \$312,000 in four months.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, No, they haven't spent...you know in the other services there is a lot of balance left in those line items. Consultants, Training and Education, Institutions...

Mr. Whitten, So, are there any...here is my question.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Whitten, You are telling me things that seem like they are consistent expenditures. My question is you said that there is another...the appropriated amount \$312,000 and they don't have enough money. What is that for that I'm not seeing on their normal expenditures, their monthly expenditures. What big ticket items are left out there that leads you to believe that the amount that they're spending a month and the amount that has been coming in a month...why isn't \$194,000 left enough.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I am looking at their approved budget and...

Mr. Whitten, I get it...what's left to be out of the budget?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Each line item then. Ok, most of the expenses are constant...

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, They are for the employees.

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Let's just go down the list here, ok they did not spend anything out of their Overtime line item.

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That's going to be tied with the employees so that's a given, so that's going to be taken. So, \$1,800 in Office Supplies, Office Fixtures \$140 and \$35,000 thousand dollars left to spend in Undercover Expenses.

Mr. Whitten, What's that?

Mr. Rivas, That was budgeted, why was...

Mr. Whitten, Go back, that's a big number go back.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Well, we can't...there we go.

Mr. Whitten, I just want a handle on his...the sustainability of his budget that's all. Not even necessarily with regards to this request I just want to know if there is an alternative here.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, My understanding that the burn rate within three (3) to four (4) years would be done and I am just trying to avoid that.

Mr. Whitten, So here is what I would suggest we will take another look at this and get into a little more detail.

Mr. Rivas, You say the burn rate, I mean the burn rate...

Mr. Whitten, I looking at what's been coming in a month and going out a month and leaving him his ending balance. I want to know what big ticket items might be still out there that would lead us to believe he doesn't have enough monies to get...what, was he thinking that he might need to spend out of this budget and a lot of things he hasn't had to spend which is good. I just want to know what's out there that we know we are going to have to pay for out of this budget.

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, And he would be a better person to ask.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yeah, we...

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, We don't know...

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Well, I mean...go ahead.

Cheryl Pol, Most everything will be expended except two items that we have line for but we truly don't ever touch on. And that's the one that she just mentioned...

Mr. Whitten, The Undercover Expenses?

Cheryl Pol, Correct and the other one is the Contractual Services for \$50,000.

Mr. Whitten, Alright.

Cheryl Pol, Those probably with not be touched.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, so your thought is at this pace your probably talking another three (3) or four (4) years and your sunk in this fund. Is that right?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, And as you all know you had a lot of people in brown shirts here bitching and moaning about salaries and those types of things and you guys know this as well as anybody else but a substantial portion of my seven (7) college licensed attorneys comes out of that fund. And you know I have to be pretty jealous of it. Unless you guys want to pick up all that stuff, I'd give you all the money tomorrow. But the reality of it I'm forced to pay a lot or a high percentage of my peoples salaries both administration and professional out of that account. And I don't know what...

Mr. Whitten, Ok,

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, If it goes to zilch I don't know what I would do. And I have a receptionist who is an amazing salesman and she sells lots of citizen's infraction deferrals and I don't know that I will have her forever. To have somebody out beating the bushes to get people to sign-up.

Mr. Whitten, What's your pleasure with 1008?

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Mr. Whitten, I am going to vote opposite.

Ms. Graham, I am too.

Motion approved by 5 to 2 voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, I want a little more information and I am going to have to delve deeper in the well. I understand what you are trying to do Brian, but I just want to make sure that I have a...

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, And I understand too. But here something that's probably has come up in years gone by but several years back when you kind of leaned on us to cut our budgets. Basically all I did was put General Fund stuff into that account to get me to my 11% percent.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, So that's...hence the burn rate that we didn't necessarily have. And I would imagine that, that impact to the Deferral Fund over the years it's got to be four (4) or (5) million dollars that I've supplemented my budget...probability so.

### **Prosecutor**

#### **Prosecutor IV-D 1000-1035-08**

Mr. Whitten, Prosecutor IV-D 1035, this is about the same right?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Yes.

Ms. Conover, Move.

Mr. Whitten, About the same it is the same. We have a motion?

Ms. Graham, Yes, second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second on the floor. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Prosecutor**

#### **Riverboat Money 1191-0000-08**

Mr. Whitten, Riverboat 1191, so we are moving that from...why are we zeroing this out? Why are we zeroing this out?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I don't know.

Cheryl Pol, It must be a typo, it's \$250,000 dollars.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, You did not mean to zero it out?

Cheryl Pol, Right, that is the one...

Ms. Graham, So add it?

Cheryl Pol, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, Because we have been paying it out of that.

Cheryl Pol, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion for \$250,000.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion at \$250,000 do we have a second?

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, If I could and I don't want to drag this out?

Mr. Whitten, Go ahead.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, But one thing just jumped into my head, just briefly back to the Infraction Deferral. I'm hopeful that you guys are going to find some money to give some raises to your people. One of the dilemmas also that I face is because I have grant employees and when the county employees get a percentage or raise of whatever you are able to give them. In all clear conscious I got to find some of my own money to up the other people salaries. So, that is also going into my thought process and I know that you already approved it but that was another thing going into my thought process. Where, I would like to if I can create a little bit of a cushion there to have some money to be able to do that.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, that is something that we can certainly to think about and maybe we can revisit that fund when we talk about raises.

### **Prosecutor**

#### **County User Fee (Deferral) 2500-2501-08**

Mr. Whitten, Prosecutor Deferral 2500-2501

Mr. Poparad, That one is done.

Mr. Whitten, It's done.

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, So we have a motion and a second on the floor. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Mr. Whitten, I am going to vote in opposition.

Ms. Conover, Really.

Mr. Whitten, Now he has raised an interesting point, maybe we want to revisit that budget there at some point and see if there is money there for raises.

Motion approved by voice vote 6 to 1.

Cheryl Pol, The 2501 vote we forgot to add an employee for FICA and PERF.

Ms. Graham. Oh?

Cheryl Pol, It's still going to be down.

Mr. Poparad, We advertised this amount we can't go above it.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We advertised higher.

Mr. Poparad, I know I'm just messing with them.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, So, do we have...you are not adding staff and you are not taking staff off of Grants right? You don't have any Grants running out and making them into employees, is that correct?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Correct.

Cheryl Pol, No, it's paying their FICA and PERF.

Mr. Whitten, We are just moving...ok. I mean generally speaking...my question is generally. There is nowhere in your budgets that you are taking someone off of a Grant and making them or adding people?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Nope.

Mr. Whitten, Because we are just really trying to...cool.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Keep the plate spinning.

Mr. Whitten, Gotcha.

Ms. Graham, So do you have a final number on what...

Cheryl Pol, \$474,871.

Mr. Whitten, I assume the motion and second concur with the new number?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor of the new number signify by saying Aye? And I am going to Oppose.

Ms. Graham, Hum...

Motion approved by voice vote 6 to 1.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Cheryl could you repeat that number?

Cheryl Pol, Can I just bring it to you?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Sure.

## **Prosecutor**

### **Pre-Trial Diversion 2500-2503-08**

Mr. Whitten, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, let's keep the fires burning here.

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Poparad, I want to ask a question here.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second, discussion?

Mr. Poparad, Ok, is this going to be...Brian, I just want to make some statements.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Ok.

Mr. Poparad, You know what I am saying...should this go up to keep people out of jail? Should we put more money into this to allow Judges or am I missing the whole boat on what this is?

Mr. Whitten, You are missing the boat.

Mr. Poparad, I have never been involved...I'm in a disadvantage on this.

Mr. Whitten, Why don't you explain to him how the Pre-Trial Diversion is.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, What happens is are two major, no I think we have three. Our three major discretionary accounts, one of which is a bad check thing, which is basically defunct because nobody writes checks anymore. But the other two that we have, one is the Infraction Deferral which is the speeding tickets.

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, That is the 1208.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, That's where that pool of money comes from. From all the departments that are writing speeding tickets, people opt into this program. We also have Pre-Trial Diversion which now we are talking criminals.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Low level criminals...minor consuming, public intoxication, first time possession of marijuana, conversion and those types of things. And so each of those funds is funded by the activities of my staff to get people to participate in those programs and then we utilize those in various ways. By and large the lion shares of those discretionary funds are used to supplement people's salaries and administrative salaries.

Mr. Poparad, I am just trying to keep them out of jail.

Mr. Whitten, Good thinking. So the number look like it has gone from \$71,193 to \$69,015.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Rivas, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Did we vote on that?

Mr. Poparad, No.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **Prosecutor**

### **Check Deferral 2500-2507-08**

Mr. Whitten, Check Deferral \$20,000 to \$5,000 you have already heard a little about this.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make a motion.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second, discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Prosecutor**

**Forfeited Prop/Drug Task Force 4010-4111-08**

Mr. Whitten, Next is the...what's are next one here?

Ms. Conover, Forfeited.

Mr. Whitten, Forfeited Property 4010.

Ms. Graham, Move.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Prosecutor**

**IV-D PCA 8099-0000-08**

Mr. Whitten, Prosecutor IV-D PCA. What is that?

Mr. Poparad, I make the motion.

Mr. Whitten, What does that fund do Brian?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Which one is this one?

Cheryl Pol, The one from IV-D which one are you guys on?

Mr. Whitten, PCA...

Cheryl Pol, 8099?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Cheryl Pol, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, I'm sorry 8099, I'm just curious. It's not a big number but I am curious.

Cheryl Pol, I don't...this is IV-D funding...

Mr. Whitten, No, that's ok, I was just curious. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Prosecutor**

**Domestic Violence Grant 8112-0000-08**

Mr. Whitten, Domestic Violence Grant 8112. Well it's a grant right?

Mr. Poparad, We get more money for grants, I make the motion.

Cheryl Pol, The grant got approved yesterday we got and email. It's a two year grant, so for the whole year when I submitted this I did not include training and education and I did not include health insurance. So those two items should be on there.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, The new number is \$148,380. One hundred forty-eight thousand three hundred and eight is the new number.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, you've heard the number what's your pleasure?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Excuse me we cannot do it because we didn't advertise for everything to be included. We advertised 15% percent higher we can go up to \$139,150 so you will have to come back for the additional.

Cheryl Pol, \$10,000 for training and education.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Do you want to...

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Let's just do it that way and we will come back for the training and education for \$10,000 dollars.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, so we add the \$17,380 now?

Cheryl Pol, Yeah.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, so life/health insurance.

Mr. Whitten, So what is the new number Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok let's add it.

Ms. Graham, They can go up to \$139,150.

Mr. Whitten, \$138,380 that's our new number.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes, we can do it, \$138,380.

Mr. Whitten, Our number is \$138,380 what's your pleasure? Does the motion accept the new number.

Mr. Poparad, Yep.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a yep and a second. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Prosecutor**

**STOP Grant 8113-0000-08**

Mr. Whitten, Stop grant 8113.

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Prosecutor**

**IV-D ARRA 8893-0000-08**

Mr. Whitten, IV-D 8893.

Ms. Graham, Move.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Cheryl Pol, Nothing has changed from last year.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Prosecutor**

**IV-D Incentive 8897-0000-08**

Mr. Whitten, IV-D 8897, almost the same.

Cheryl Pol, It's the same, I think it's just the FICA.

Mr. Whitten, Yes, what's your pleasure?

Mr. Rivas, I'll make a motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Prosecutor**

**State and Local Grant 9114-0000-08**

Mr. Whitten, State and Local Grant 9114.

Mr. Poparad, Grant go up?

Cheryl Pol, It went up last year. We have not got approved for this year so we don't want to come back in January so we made it for that.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, We are done. (Gavel)

Cheryl Pol, Thank you.

Mr. Poparad, Mr. Chairman can I ask a question?

Mr. Whitten, You can.

Mr. Poparad, Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Poparad, When you talk to the state concerning the Hospital Foundation proceeds.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Poparad, If we dedicate...actually Mr. Biggs, if we have a dedicated use...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Poparad, Will they not count it or will they count it as miscellaneous revenue?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, If it's in its own fund it would not be property tax supported and it would...(inaudible)

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We don't even have to...

Mr. Poparad, I don't want to pull stuff out of thin air and I am just making a statement. If we say that we want three million dollars of Foundation Interest to go to Healthcare.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, That will not count against our levy?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, If it is in its own fund, yes.

Mr. Poparad, I know we will have to set up our own fund and go through all the generations...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Right.

Mr. Poparad, It will not count against miscellaneous revenue? So in theory if we wanted to move X to X is we set it up right it won't count.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, Will they put that in writing?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes, I think they will.

Mr. Poparad, Alright...

Mr. Whitten, Why don't we just wait to see what we find out. Keep plugging away and Harold can look into it.

Mr. Poparad, I just want to...

Mr. Whitten, I am a little concerned because the conversations that I have had with the State...

Mr. Poparad, I know.

Mr. Whitten, Going back a ways and I have heard many stories...It's like tell us what you want to do and we will tell if it will work or not.

Mr. Poparad, I want to ask that we get this in writing, because I am afraid if we go down this road and two years from now somebody from the State Board of Accounts just slices our budget because we have all this miscellaneous revenue.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It would be treated like Hospital Interest is treated right now, its own special non-reverting fund.

Mr. Biggs, I agree.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, One more thing before we go, Thursday we are getting into Hospital Interest money, am I right it is Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>?

Mr. Whitten, Thursday is the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Rivas, So we are getting into OE, Family and Youth Services, Council on Aging...

Mr. Poparad, Social Services.

Mr. Whitten, You don't want to cut Social Services?

Mr. Rivas, We aren't the ones, remember when the State cut it.

Mr. Whitten, They are the voice for the people that would otherwise not have a voice.

Mr. Rivas, What my point is there may be things that we can look at.

Mr. Biggs, I'm crystal clear on when we did that and it was lead with this is only temporary.

Mr. Rivas, This was coming out of what was left over and now there is only a small pool of money left in right? The Hospital Interest money that we kept in by not moving it over to the Foundation and that we funded the Animal Shelter off of.

Mr. Whitten, That's proceeds not interest.

Mr. Rivas, No, we left interest.

Mr. Whitten, Yes, we did leave some interest.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, You do still have the Hospital Interest fund.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, we do still have the fund.

Mr. Rivas, How much is in there?

Mr. Whitten, But that wasn't the part to fund the Animal Shelter.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Rivas, We have proceeds and we have interest left.

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Mr. Biggs, What are you proposing?

Mr. Rivas, Well when we get into to this Thursday we have only got a little money left in principal and interest outside the Foundation.

Mr. Whitten, And this discussion is going to be...we are going to drill down the well on this come Thursday.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We have about four (4) million left in Hospital Interest.

Ms. Graham, Oh, that's good.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Dan do you want me to address the panel about that incident that we talked about at break, just so that everybody knows?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, you might as well tell us and get it so we can...

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, As you all I think know and if the Sheriff were here we both would kind of give you the pitch, but the Sheriff's department...the Porter County Jail has assessed cash bonds to...or there is a bond scheduled nearly every inmate or person that is taken into the Jail is subject to paying some type of a cash bond. We used to have surety bonds but we morphed that into basically cash bonds. Well the Indiana Supreme Court just this week passed Criminal Rule 26. Which is basically is forcing all the Counties in the State to get away from the Cash Bond system. So basically, either they stay or it's your own recognizance and that's going to be a lot of money. We all know that goes to fund a lot of things that are done in the Jail programs. So that's coming, I don't know exactly what it's going to look like but that is a lot of revenue.

Mr. Jessen, What's the argument to get away from cash bonds?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Because it's unfair to keep people...

Mr. Poparad, They can't pay.

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, that are indigent and cannot afford to pay a cash bond to keep them in jail. When the reality is...

(Inaudible)

Mr. Poparad, Who decides between OR and Jail the Judge?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, Well the Judge makes that determination whether it's OR (Own Recognizance) or whether it's a million dollars it's the Judge's decision.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, So you are telling me that it's not in my best interest to get into the Bail Bonds business right now?

Prosecutor Brian Gensel, This is not a good time to be in the Bail Bonds business.

Mr. Whitten, Wow.

Mr. Poparad, Well will get you out Jeremy...will get you out.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Alright we are done.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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