

PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2022

The Porter County Council met on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Members present were Council Member Jeremy Rivas, Council Member Andy Bozak, Council Member Mike Brickner, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Mike Jessen and Council Member Eric Wagner. Also present was Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, and Auditor Deputy Tiffany Johnson. Member(s) not present Council Member Greg Simms and Council Attorney Harold Harper.

Mr. Rivas, So welcome new member...Eric Wagner.

Mr. Wagner, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Well, please feel free to ask questions.

Mr. Wagner, I'm sure it's going to happen.

Mr. Rivas, Yes, as we go along we'll try to ask questions for you a little bit. Maybe extra today or the next couple of meetings.

First Reading

Mr. Rivas, First reading Madame Auditor.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Porter County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Porter County, Indiana will meet in the Porter County Government Administration Building located at 155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso Indiana 46383 on March 21st, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following appropriation adjustments to the county budgets for the year 2022 and to transact any further business which might come before the Council:

General Fund

Fed Prisoner/DOC Fund	1000-12200-000-9601	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	14,579.70
Fed Prisoner/DOC Fund	1000-45400-000-9601	Other Equipment	\$	<u>61,717.00</u>
			\$	76,296.70

Accident Report Fund

Accident Report Fund	1101-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$	23,331.00
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Firearms Training Fund

Firearms Training Fund	1156-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$	36,875.00
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Inmate Processing Fund

Inmate Processing Fund	4911-11100-000-0380	Salaries	\$	1,784.00
Inmate Processing Fund	4911-12100-000-0380	FICA	\$	137.00
Inmate Processing Fund	4911-12200-000-0380	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	(21,385.00)
Inmate Processing Fund	4911-12300-000-0380	PERF	\$	<u>200.00</u>
			\$	(19,264.00)

Countywide CAD 911 System Fund

Countywide CAD 911 System	4929-39500-000-0067	Contractual Services	\$	293,594.00
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Coroner Fatality Review Fund

Coroner Fatality Review	4930-36300-000-0007	Equipmt other than Vehicles	\$	600.00
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21.016 DOT Equitable Sharing Fund
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DOT Equitable Sharing Fund	8117-31300-000-0005	Training and Education	\$	3,200.00
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Adult Community Corrections Fund

Adult Community Corrections	9162-11100-000-0380	Salaries	\$	(1,784.00)
Adult Community Corrections	9162-12100-000-0380	FICA	\$	(137.00)
Adult Community Corrections	9162-12200-000-0380	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	21,385.00
Adult Community Corrections	9162-12300-000-0380	PERF	\$	(200.00)
			\$	19,264.00

Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Fund

Adult CC Pre-Trial	9164-12200-000-0380	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	(14,579.70)
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Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The appropriations adjustments as finally made will be referred to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. Where applicable, the DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made.

Vicki Urbanik
Auditor of Porter County

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Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

Commissioners

Countywide CAD 911 System Fund - 4929-000-0068

Additional \$293,594 to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason: Appropriation needed to pay invoice.

Mr. Rivas, All right Commissioner Countywide CAD 911 System fund. There's an additional appropriation in front of you for \$293,594 dollars to contractual services. The reason appropriation needed to pay invoice. Welcome Mr. McClure, do you want to introduce the fellow right next to you.

(Laughter)

County Attorney Scott McClure, Commissioner Biggs.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, It's been a little while Jim.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, It' been a while.

Mr. Rivas, So glad to see you back, let's have a little fun.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, It's fantastic to be here. You've got a new member.

Mr. Rivas, We've got a new member, Eric Wagner represents the council in your neck of the woods, I believe?

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Yes he does. Welcome.

Mr. Wagner, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, So what are we doing here?

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Go ahead Scott.

County Attorney Scott McClure, The additional appropriation is the proportionate share that the City of Valparaiso and the City of Portage pay for the CAD system. So that payment came in, it's obviously not budgeted, so this is money that came in from those cities, that are now here to be appropriated, so that we can send that proportionate share off of the CAD bill.

Mr. Rivas, Perfect.

Mr. Bozak, Is that what they give every year?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Yes this happens every year.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make a motion to approve.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a couple of seconds, further discussion? All right can we get a roll call Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 0

Mr. Rivas, Are you sure?

Mr. Wagner, I've been doing my research.

Mr. Rivas, Okay all right. We're good, thank you we're having a little fun right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Of course Council meetings are always fun.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you guys, thank you have a good night.

Mr. Bozak, Have a good night Commissioner.

Coroner – Cyndi Dykes

Coroner Fatality Review Fund - 4930-000-0007

Additional \$600 to 36300 Equipment Other Than Vehicles R & M. Reason: Appropriation needed to cover fax/copier/printer maintenance fees for 2022.

Mr. Rivas, Coroner Fatality Review fund. Additional \$600 dollars to Equipment Other Than Vehicles Repair and Maintenance. Reason appropriation needed to cover fax/copier/printer maintenance fees for 2022.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second on the floor. Discussion?

Ms. Graham, I have a question? Why was this not included in your budget?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, Because I forgot, to be honest and then we didn't quite know exactly what the fees were going to entail. So we found out that it's a quarterly fee, so I was just going to get that taken care of this year.

Ms. Graham, Okay.

Mr. Rivas, Quarterly, so there's nothing in that line item of equipment?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, No we didn't have enough to cover it.

Ms. Graham, So the \$600 dollars is quarterly?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, No, um...it will cover the whole year.

Ms. Graham, The whole year?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, Yeah, we had enough to do the first quarter and then we just need to finish it out and then I'll get that taken care of.

Mr. Bozak, Make sure to adjust that for the next one?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, Okay.

Mr. Rivas, So this is what we do here Eric. The \$293,594 goes by the \$600 it's going to get scrutinized.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, You're going to have to deal with Jeremy all night buddy.

Ms. Graham, It looks that way.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, there's a motion and a second, any further discussion? Could we get a roll call on the additional?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 0

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Thanks Cyndi

EMA – Director Lance Bella

EMA General Fund - 1000-000-0360

Transfer \$1,260 from 22500 Other Supplies to 39100 Laundry and Cleaning; \$1,260 from 39300 Dues & Subscriptions to 39100 Laundry and Cleaning. Reason: Transfer needed to pay Molly Maids from 8/2/2021 through the end of 2022.

Mr. Rivas, EMA Director Lance Bella. EMA General fund there's a transfer \$1,260 from Other Supplies to Laundry and Cleaning. We have the same thing another \$1,260 from Dues & Subscriptions to Laundry and Cleaning. Reason: Transfer needed to pay Molly Maids from 8/2/2021 through the end of 2022.

Mr. Bozak, Did they have a increase?

EMA Director Lance Bella, No we...we've been both for the past five years I and my staff we cleaned the building, and finally hired somebody to do it because it was, we wanted to be able to do our own, our own responsibilities and so we we're paying it out of a different fund. The auditor's office said, so you really need to transfer this into the proper account, so that you are paying it out of the proper account. And that, that has never been activated before, because we never had to do it. So they activated that category so that we could now pay out of that. So we're just transferring to that.

Mr. Jessen, So the total cost for the year?

EMA Director Lance Bella, It's...we're paying \$105 dollars each cleaning and they come every two weeks.

Mr. Jessen, So the total for the year is...is it the two \$1,200 together?

EMA Director Lance Bella, Yes, yes.

Mr. Rivas, This says through August to the end of the year, so is that not half or it's a little more? It says transfer needed to pay Molly Maids from August through the end of the...oh to the end of 2022, so that's a year and a half.

EMA Director Lance Bella, Right to get us through.

Mr. Bozak, I make a motion to accept.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second, discussion?

Mr. Brickner, I have a question does the county not have people that clean facilities? And why if we do, I would think we do so why are they not doing EMA? You know should I asked a question for the Commissioners?

Mr. Bozak, Can we ask Attorney McClure?

Mr. Rivas, Commissioner Biggs is here, I mean do you have an answer Lance?

EMA Director Lance Bella, We were told they were short, whenever...

Mr. Brickner, Does the county not have a cleaning personnel to clean buildings? That they go to the building and clean? Why does EMA having to hire Molly Maids to clean their building?

Commissioner Jim Biggs, That's a good question (Inaudible)

Ms. Graham, It is. Also...

Commissioner Jim Biggs, I talked to Lance about this...was it last week Lance?

EMA Director Lance Bella, Yes.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, (Inaudible)

Mr. Bozak, I withdraw my motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second withdraws as well.

Mr. Rivas, Well the first and seconds withdraws, but it looks like we still may have an outstanding bill to pay.

EMA Director Lance Bella, We do.

Ms. Graham, You do?

Mr. Rivas, It says...

EMA Director Lance Bella, Yeah, we'll have one more bill coming. Well and then the other issue is until we work it out getting my building clean or I'm going to go right back to cleaning toilets like I have for the last five years.

Ms. Graham, Well...

Mr. Rivas, He's got some bills to pay.

Ms. Graham, Yeah, the bills I understand, but just to clarify I think there are other facilities that are doing their own cleaning also.

EMA Director Lance Bella, Yeah there are.

Ms. Graham, Right, so you know I was curious too as to why we're going out and buying this and purchasing services for this.

EMA Director Lance Bella, Because I can't get my building clean, so we finally hired somebody.

Mr. Bozak, So who was cleaning your building? Was it you that are on the payroll or your volunteers?

EMA Director Lance Bella, All...myself, the deputy, I mean the volunteers come in, I don't feel...they do an awful lot of training and working on equipment. I don't feel it's right to treat them as janitors.

Mr. Bozak, I wasn't saying that...

EMA Director Lance Bella, No I don't mean that you are. I don't know prior to me coming from the way the building looked, I don't think anybody ever cleaned it, but when we got there, we you know said we're going to keep this place clean and so up till recently we clean it. So, you know mopping floors, scrubbing toilets and I'm not above doing that, but I don't know that you want to be paying me to do that instead of my other responsibilities.

Mr. Jessen, I'd think it would be important to find out, because I'm not familiar enough with it. What buildings facilities does take care of and doesn't, and for what reason? And if the facilities can't do it for some reason then, I don't know, we certainly don't want you or your people doing the deep cleaning of the building. I mean, surely we can take care of that I would like to think.

Ms. Graham, I would just like to add, I do know Juvenile Probation does their own cleaning, because they told me that.

Mr. Brickner, They do it themselves or they outsource it?

Ms. Graham, That's what they told me.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, I think what we have here is (inaudible). If you remember this is the building that is built with donated dollars. (Inaudible) whatever else we have right here (inaudible). I know that Lance had conversations with the Facilities director about this, and to answer your question, is if the buildings are owned by County Government, the facilities department cleans them. (inaudible).

Mr. Jessen, Right, so Sylvia you're saying that's not happening based on what you've heard?

Ms. Graham, I was told that.

Mr. Jessen, So we just need to figure out who's doing what and fix it.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Mr. Brickner, Lance do you owe Molly Maid's now?

EMA Director Lance Bella, I believe we have one more bill to pay. I could check with Ellen to see when that comes in.

Mr. Bozak, We're not under contract?

EMA Director Lance Bella, No, no it's just month to month. That was something we checked on way ahead.

Ms. Graham, I make a motion that we pay for the Molly Maids for the month and that's it. If we owe a bill? You say there is a bill coming?

EMA Director Lance Bella, I believe there is one more bill coming.

Mr. Bozak, Wouldn't we have to know the amount to make that transfer approval now? Because we'd have to transfer it right or can we do it?

EMA Director Lance Bella, Right, it's be \$210 dollars.

Mr. Bozak, That's it?

EMA Director Lance Bella, Yeah.

Mr. Bozak, Plus another bill or no?

EMA Director Lance Bella, No, that would be it.

Mr. Rivas, We could transfer the amount, I mean we could transfer \$1,260 dollars over. I mean he's within his budget.

Mr. Bozak Yeah

Mr. Rivas, Which allows him maybe pay to off, and give time to fix whatever's going on.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Brickner, Sounds good.

Ms. Graham, Well...

Mr. Bozak, But that number? I'm okay with that.

Mr. Brickner, Yeah, that sounds good to me and then we'll find out about facilities taking over the cleaning at this point forward.

Mr. Bozak, Yeah and if not...

Ms. Graham, Is \$1,260 dollars going to cover what? To what date?

Mr. Rivas, Not sure specifically, I mean but maybe whatever pass bills he has and then give a little time to clean it until Commissioner Biggs dives in.

Ms. Graham, And then other facilities...other

Mr. Rivas, He can always make a transfer back if he doesn't need it, or...

EMA Director Lance Bella, Right.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, I just learned, evidently this is not...I'm talking to (inaudible) Molly Maids also cleans all three Highway buildings, this is the way that's it's always been. So I mean that's new to me, I was under the impression that facilities was taking care of.

Mr. Bozak, Well let's transfer the money now and that allows Commissioner Biggs to work with the other Commissioners and yourself and maybe the Highway Department to rectify that or continue down that path. Does that make sense?

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Yeah we'll have a discussion with facilities, I mean maybe in the long run, much less expensive to just continue with Molly Maids than it is to hire (inaudible). I'm sure that's not what you want to hear (inaudible). We don't have enough help.

Mr. Bozak, Right.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, So, we'll have those discussions, we'll come back to the Council (inaudible).

EMA Director Lance Bella, That price incidentally includes all the cleaning supplies, they bring their own vacuum, so it's nice that everything is included.

Mr. Bozak, I make a motion to transfer \$1,260 over from Other Supplies to Laundry and Cleaning. Just the one.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion on the floor.

Mr. Wagner, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Second on the floor to transfer \$1,260 dollars form Other Supplies to Laundry and Cleaning?

Mr. Bozak, That was my motion yes.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second on that, any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? All opposed same sign?

Ms. Graham, Opposed.

Motion carries on a majority voice vote.

Mr. Rivas, Looks like maybe the Commissioners have a little cleaning up to do themselves.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you Mr. Bella.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Council so just to clarify you only approved the very first transfer?

Mr. Rivas, Correct.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay.

Porter County Sheriff – Jail - Federal Prisoner/DOC – Sheriff David Reynolds

Sheriff

Accident Report Fund - 1101-000-0005

Additional \$23,331 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason: To cover the cost of additional equipment to enhance accident reconstruction tools.

Firearms Training Fund - 1156-000-0005

Additional \$36,875 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason: To cover the cost of new handguns for Jail and Merit Officers.

21.016 DOT Equitable Sharing Fund - 8117-000-0005

Additional \$3,200 to 31300 Training and Education. Reason: To cover the cost of training from the funds received in 2021 from a Forfeiture/Seizure.

Mr. Rivas, Sheriff, all right.

Mr. Bozak, There is always a lot of paperwork.

Mr. Rivas, Come on you guys have got your own page...two pages. Hello.

(Laughter)

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, Hi

Mr. Rivas, All right, I'll just get rolling and you guys can make motion or let me keep going. Sheriff Accident Report fund additional \$23,331 to Other Equipment. The reason, to cover the cost of additional equipment to enhance accident reconstruction tools.

Firearms Training fund additional \$36,875 to Other Equipment. Reason: To cover the cost of new handguns for Jail and Merit Officers.

There's another DOT Equitable Sharing fund additional \$3,200 to Training and Education. The reason, to cover the cost of training from the funds received in 2021 from a Forfeiture/Seizure. That's the Sheriff.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make a motion on all three additional.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion and a second on all three additional. Discussion?

Mr. Bozak, What's the additional cost equipment to enhance accident reconstruction? Can you tell us what that means, it is an additional?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, Yes.

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, So it's the FARO machine is a 360 machine that they use for intersections and all that to do with 360. We now have a handheld where we can use it for crime scenes and accident reconstruction. We can stick it in a car and basically scan the inside of a car and it would be a 3D image for the jury, if it goes to court and all of that. It helps the prosecution out too.

Mr. Rivas, Further discussion on any of the additional? All right can we get a roll call on all three additional for the sheriff?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham - Yes

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 0

Jail

Jail General Fund - 1000-000-0380

Transfer \$31,200 from 11100 Salaries to 11200 Hourly. Reason: To cover the cost of part-time employees for filling various shifts of Jail and Court Security positions.

Form 144 \$0 to \$40,967 Probationary Jailer
 \$0 to \$41,870 Temporary Jailer

Inmate Processing Fee Fund - 4911-000-0380

Additional \$1,784 to 11100 Salaries. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of the Salaries not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Additional \$137 to 12100 FICA. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of FICA not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Additional \$200 to 12300 PERF. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of PERF not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Reduction (-\$21,385) to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of Medical/Life Insurance not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Form 144 \$0 to \$1,784 Caseworker
 Reason: Moved from Adult Community Corrections fund.

Adult Community Corrections Grant Fund - 9162-000-0380

Reduction (-\$1,784) to 11100 Salaries. Reason: Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Community Corrections grant fund.

Reduction (-\$137) to 12100 FICA. Reason: Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Community Corrections grant fund.

Reduction (\$-200) to 12300 PERF. Reason: Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Community Corrections grant fund.

Additional \$21,385 to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Adjustment to match the grant fund that has increased Fringe Benefits for 2022.

Form 144 \$30,000 to \$28,216 Caseworker
 Reason: Reduced salary \$1,784 moved to Inmate Processing Fee Fund.

Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Grant Fund - 9164-000-0380

Reduction (-\$14,579.70) to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Grant fund.

Mr. Rivas, Jail General fund transfer \$31,200 from Salaries to Hourly. The reason, to cover the cost of part-time employees for filling various shifts of Jail and Court Security positions. Attached with that transfer a Form 144:

Form 144 \$0 to \$40,967 Probationary Jailer
 \$0 to \$41,870 Temporary Jailer

Inmate Processing Fee fund additional \$1,784 to Salaries. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of the Salaries not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Additional \$137 to FICA. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of FICA not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Additional \$200 to PERF. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of PERF not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Reduction (-\$21,385) to Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Adjustment to cover the additional cost of Medical/Life Insurance not covered by the Adult Community Corrections fund.

Form 144 \$0 to \$1,784 Caseworker
Reason: Moved from Adult Community Corrections fund.

Jail continued: Adult Community Corrections Grant fund **reduction (-\$1,784)** to Salaries. It looks like this is the other side of it. Reason: Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Community Corrections grant fund.

Reduction (-\$137) to FICA. Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Community Corrections grant fund.

Reduction (-\$200) to PERF. Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Community Corrections grant fund.

Additional \$21,385 to Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Adjustment to match the grant fund that has increased Fringe Benefits for 2022.

Form 144 \$30,000 to \$28,216 Caseworker
Reason: Reduced salary \$1,784 moved to Inmate Processing Fee Fund.

It looks like there is one more, we might as well include Adult Probation...

Mr. Bozak, Last one.

Mr. Rivas, Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Grant fund **Reduction (-\$14,579.70)** to Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Reduction to match what was awarded for the 2022 Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Grant fund. There's a lot in there.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make the motion for the additional, reductions, the transfer as well as the Form 144's.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion on the floor.

Mr. Bozak, Second to start a discussion.

Mr. Rivas, Second for discussion? Discuss.

Mr. Bozak, Can you tell us what this means?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, Yes, all of it is just taking away from the grant fund. The awards were not given out until after the budget session was completed. So now, we're just going back and cleaning it up so that everything matches. For the Adult Community Corrections one, they actually did award us more money this year, but in different line items and so we had to move it all around. On the Pre-Trial end, that grant they actually reduced the total amount of money that they gave us.

Mr. Bozak, Was that a big reduction?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, It was...

Mr. Bozak, (Inaudible)

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, It was the insurance one the \$14,000 dollars.

Ms. Graham, So the grant, you didn't get what you thought you were going to get?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, Right.

Ms. Graham, With the grant.

Porter County Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, We've been getting the same every year, they just (inaudible)

Ms. Graham, How many years have you been getting this grant?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, The Pre-Trial grant? Pre-me, so four (4) or five (5) years at minimum.

Ms. Graham, Have you reapplied for it at all?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, It's automatic, actually Melanie Golumbeck is the one that handles that grant. So she notified me in January just budgeted it.

Ms. Graham, Did they give a reason at all why they weren't going to give it this year?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, No ma'am.

Ms. Graham, Because usually, other departments when they get a grant, that you know doesn't come through is troubling.

Porter County Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, Well they've been paying for this for a long time. This was awarded to us years ago. It's been the first time (inaudible)

Mr. Bozak, But we're still getting the grant correct?

Porter County Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, It was just reduced.

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, It was reduced by \$14,000 dollars for fringe benefits. That's all they took away.

Mr. Bozak, How much is the grant do we get? Just an estimate, this is like...?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich,

Mr. Bozak, A big one?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, No, because we're only a part of it.

Mr. Bozak, Oh.

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, It also goes to Melanie...I want to say it's \$235,000 dollars.

Mr. Bozak, Does Melanie...are we going to see Melanie too? Is she taking a hit?

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, I thought she was here last month.

Mr. Bozak, There was changes last month.

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, I think that she did hers and I missed the deadline.

Mr. Bozak, Good one. We're blaming Simms.

Mr. Rivas, Is that the grant amount?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Um yes, this is the...on this fund is just the Sheriff's Department what you're seeing here. So last year they received \$242,870 dollars that was in 2021.

Mr. Bozak, So you guys are still getting quite a bit of money I guess. That reduction is a big reduction, but it's small in the scope of what we're getting.

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, Right.

Ms. Graham, That's good.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, So it's this one that's shared by others.

Mr. Rivas, Any further discussion? On the Jail, the transfer from Salaries to Hourly just not finding the full-time help right now?

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, Yeah, we've got one guy right now Gerald Gruett he's full-time Court Security, he wants part-time, he's already retired. Two others from the department retired from us, we called him back because we were short, he agreed to come back full-time and now he's getting to the point where he wants to do part-time. So he's one we want to and if we can find other people, it saves us in paying insurance and all the other good stuff. I think we are down six or seven right now in the Jail.

Mr. Rivas, Further discussion? If there is none can we get a roll call on all the transfers, additional, reductions and the 144's?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 0

Mr. Rivas, All right I think we're halfway home with you guys.

Mr. Bozak, Home stretch.

Federal Prisoner/DOC

DOC Jail General Fund - 1000-000-9601

Additional \$14,579.70 to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Adjustment needed to cover additional cost of Benefits not awarded from the Pre-Trial Grant.

Additional \$61,717 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason: To cover cost of new helmets and communications system for Porter County SWAT team (\$50,800) and

Radars for patrol vehicles that have not been upgraded in the last 10 years (\$10,917).

Mr. Rivas, Federal Prisoner/Department of Corrections general fund additional \$14,579.70 to Medical/Life Insurance. Reason: Adjustment needed to cover additional cost of Benefits not awarded from the Pre-Trial Grant. So there's your reduction there.

There is also an additional \$61,717 to Other Equipment. Reason: To cover cost of new helmets and communications system for Porter County SWAT team (\$50,800) and Radars for patrol vehicles that have not been upgraded in the last 10 years (10,917). So they haven't been upgraded in the last ten years, can I challenge that ticket?

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, They're still calibrated. We're just piecemeal everything together and it's gotten to where we need new ones. But you can...

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, Technically.

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, Yeah technically.

Mr. Jessen, I make the motion on both additional.

Mr. Rivas, You can always try.

Ms. Graham, I second it.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second on the floor.

Mr. Bozak, You can use my method (inaudible) just don't get tickets.

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, That's right.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second on the floor, discussion?

Mr. Brickner, What's the life expectancy on like a...I mean really on the helmets and...

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, The helmets are five years.

Mr. Brickner, When should it be replaced...?

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, Five years.

Mr. Brickner, Every five years. Is that the goal?

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, Yeah it's NJI which I think is the National...or NIJ which is the National Institute of Justice, says it's five years, kind of like our vests that you could probably go longer, but technically you can't. So since I've been chief we haven't upgraded our vest, which has been...or helmets which has been four years. So we went out to STAR and these are basically our three options, that's one of them which is the lowest price as you can see. That's a nine millimeter to the helmet, it's all basically clean.

Mr. Bozak, That's not pretty, but yeah that makes sense.

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, That's the second one that's wearing the helmet. That's what will happen to your head and that's just a nine millimeter bullet. The one we're asking for is this one where it's basically has no damage to the (inaudible) at all.

Mr. Bozak, What happens to the old helmets?

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, The old helmets are in our in our inventory right now, but I'm actually looking at them.

Mr. Brickner, Donating them to Valpo?

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, Valpo gets these, they are on our SWAT team.

(Laughter)

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, They're in our inventory right now, but I would actually look into...there's a Non-Profit...Not-for-Profit for Ukraine. I won't look into giving them, but we'd probably have to come to you guys for that, overseas donating them.

Mr. Rivas, No, I think there's an easy decision to buy the best helmets for your SWAT right? That's something I don't know that you can put a price on that.

Ms. Graham, Right.

Porter County Sheriff Finance Administrator Kathy Grskovich, Right.

Mr. Rivas, Right.

Mr. Brickner, Thanks.

Mr. Rivas, Any further discussion? Can we get a roll call on the two additional?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Wagner	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 0

Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

Porter County Sheriff Chief Deputy Timothy Manteuffel, Thank you very much.

Mr. Bozak, Enjoy the weather.

Assessor – Jon Snyder

Reassessment Fund - 1188-000-0008

Form 144 Level III (10 @ \$1,000) to (12 @ \$1,000)

Reason: Additional not needed at this time. They have 2 more employees that earned their Level III certification.

Mr. Rivas, All right, Assessor Reassessment fund

Form 144 Level III (10 @ \$1,000) to (12 @ \$1,000). Reason: Additional not needed at this time. They have 2 more employees that earned their Level III certification.

Ms. Graham, Motion to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second.

Mr. Bozak, Was it you? Did you get your level III?

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, I've had mine for years.

Mr. Bozak, Oh, I was going to say congratulations.

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, But due to COVID, they put them on zoom, so we got to put all but we've got eight (8) employees who got it last year, which normally it takes...we usually take one (1) class a year to two (2) classes a year. But instead we got eight (8) people done in a year, so that's a good thing.

Mr. Rivas, There's a motion and a second on the floor, the reason said additional not needed at this time. So you don't need the additional?

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, We don't need the additional, because one of our full-time employee did not get the stipend. So the stipend was moved over the working during COVID, because she was part-time. So the money was already given but then we didn't give it to the employee for that stipend.

Mr. Jessen, So that was covered.

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, So that's covering it at this point, we probably have to come back...

Mr. Rivas, So you just changed the Form 144, I've got you.

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, Yeah we'll probably have to come back...

Mr. Bozak, Can you...oh yeah.

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, We're going to have two (2) more employees that we need to look at this year.

Mr. Rivas, Got you.

Mr. Bozak, I'll put my head down.

Mr. Rivas, Got a motion?

Ms. Graham, We have one.

Mr. Bozak, Yeah and a second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second, any further discussion? Can we get a roll call on the Form 144 change?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 0

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, Thank you.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Second Reading

Mr. Rivas, All right that concludes this, can we have second reading?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Second reading

Whereas it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than what was appropriated in the annual budget. Therefore be it resolved by the Porter County Council of Porter County Indiana that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified subject to the laws governing the same

General Fund

Fed Prisoner/DOC Fund	1000-12200-000-9601	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	14,579.70
Fed Prisoner/DOC Fund	1000-45400-000-9601	Other Equipment	\$	<u>61,717.00</u>
			\$	76,296.70

Accident Report Fund

Accident Report Fund	1101-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$	23,331.00
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Firearms Training Fund

Firearms Training Fund	1156-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$	36,875.00
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Inmate Processing Fund

Inmate Processing Fund	4911-11100-000-0380	Salaries	\$	1,784.00
Inmate Processing Fund	4911-12100-000-0380	FICA	\$	137.00
Inmate Processing Fund	4911-12200-000-0380	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	(21,385.00)
Inmate Processing Fund	4911-12300-000-0380	PERF	\$	<u>200.00</u>
			\$	(19,264.00)

Countywide CAD 911 System Fund

Countywide CAD 911 System	4929-39500-000-0067	Contractual Services	\$	293,594.00
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Coroner Fatality Review Fund

Coroner Fatality Review	4930-36300-000-0007	Equipmt other than Vehicles	\$	600.00
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21.016 DOT Equitable Sharing Fund

DOT Equitable Sharing Fund	8117-31300-000-0005	Training and Education	\$	3,200.00
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Adult Community Corrections Fund

Adult Community Corrections	9162-11100-000-0380	Salaries	\$	(1,784.00)
Adult Community Corrections	9162-12100-000-0380	FICA	\$	(137.00)
Adult Community Corrections	9162-12200-000-0380	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	21,385.00
Adult Community Corrections	9162-12300-000-0380	PERF	\$	<u>(200.00)</u>
			\$	19,264.00

Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Fund

Adult CC Pre-Trial	9164-12200-000-0380	Medical/Life Insurance	\$	(14,579.70)
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And that concludes second reading.

Mr. Rivas, There you have it, can we get a motion?

Mr. Bozak, For what?

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve second reading.

Ms. Graham, Motion to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second, can we get a roll call on second reading?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 0

Attorney's Report

Mr. Rivas, All right so we'll move on.

Any other matter that may come properly before the Council

- **Citizen Appointments to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Sub-Committees**
 - Porter County Council will appoint citizen applicants to the ARPA Sub-Committees
 - Behavioral Health & Social Service Sub-Committee
 - Non-Profits & Employers Sub-Committee
 - Infrastructure & Facilities Sub-Committee
 - County Government COVID Health Response Sub-Committee

Mr. Rivas, All right so we'll move on. So we have the Citizens Appointment. The Commissioners...do you guys have all that in front of you? Commissioners have made their appointments. We also have to figure out what we want to do with our new Council Member Eric Wagner. We've got to figure out if we want to move him in and remove a few of ourselves from some of these sub-committees, or just attach him to one of the others. I can't imagine the Commissioners would be too angry or anything if we add a third council member. I mean we're still under a quorum, but it's up to you guys. So if you guys want to...if somebody want to get off a board.

Mr. Bozak, I wouldn't change the board make-up. I mean you just can't add a member without having the Commissioner's input correct?

Ms. Graham, We have a Commissioner here what does he feel about...

Mr. Bozak, But he's one of three.

Mr. Rivas, I mean it's just...I mean there's going to sit...

Mr. Bozak, I would suggest that someone comes off of something and Mr. Wagner goes in his place. And I would suggest that it's not you or me Jeremy, because we are only on one, everyone else is on two.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Jeremy (inaudible)

Mr. Rivas, Yes please, go ahead.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, The make-up of those boards was created by an Ordinance.

Mr. Rivas, Were they? Okay well that makes sense.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, (Inaudible)

Mr. Rivas, Okay. So then, we need to get somebody to volunteer to maybe remove themselves from one of these boards and we're...

Ms. Graham, I willing to come off of one of them, I'd like to stay on Infrastructure and Facilities. That one I'd like to stay on.

Mr. Rivas, So then you have the COVID Public Health Response?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, I would excuse myself from that Committee as well.

Mr. Bozak, Well we just lost two, we only needed one.

(Laughter)

Ms. Graham, Well...

Mr. Rivas, Here's what I'm going to suggest...

Ms. Graham, Well Greg is...

Mr. Bozak, Yeah let's use Greg.

Mr. Jessen, Where is Greg at?

Ms. Graham, Yeah where is Greg?

Mr. Rivas, We'll remove him from everything.

Mr. Bozak, The pandemonium begins.

Mr. Rivas, Sylvia, that's the County Government COVID Public Health Response. If I remember you're a retire nurse?

Ms. Graham, I was a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Mr. Rivas, So to me, it would make sense for you to stay on representing this board with that.

Ms. Graham, Okay, I'd like to be on the other one too. That's the one I want to be on.

Mr. Rivas, I hear you.

Mr. Bozak, Which one interests you?

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, are you interested in one Eric? Do you see anything that

Mr. Wagner, Um...

Mr. Rivas, That one's taken.

Mr. Wagner, Yeah, Non-Profit and Employers, but it doesn't really matter to me.

Mr. Rivas, Well Simms isn't here, we could always...

Mr. Bozak, But I heard Non-Profit, I heard that one's not got a lot of applications in so far.

Ms. Graham, Which one's are Greg on?

Mr. Rivas, He's on Behavioral Health and Social Services and he's on Non-Profits and Employers.

Ms. Graham, I think he would, knowing Greg and his huge interest in...and I should not be speaking for Greg but he believes very strongly in preventing suicide...

Mr. Jessen, Keep him on the Behavioral Health then?

Ms. Graham, Yes. I think that he would very much want to be on that.

Mr. Rivas, This is what happens when you don't show up to meetings. Huh...

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, He had a problem, I think his flight got changed, so he doesn't miss meetings. Well...

Ms. Graham, Do you want me to text him?

Mr. Bozak, No don't stir him up, let him find out when he gets back. He actually already texted me a picture of the view at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Rivas, All right do you guys want to add Eric to the Non-Profits and Employers?

Mr. Jessen, That's a great idea.

Mr. Wagner, It works for me.

Mr. Bozak, Remove Greg...yeah.

Mr. Rivas, Punish him for being on a beach somewhere.

Ms. Graham, In Cancun.

Mr. Bozak, Teachers taking their spring break.

Mr. Rivas, All right Eric, it looks like you're in Non-Profits and Employers in place of Greg Simms.

Mr. Wagner, All right.

Mr. Rivas, Anything else? That's one, start off slow and just be on one or do you want to jump on two? Is one alright with you?

Mr. Wagner, I'm fine with one, but I will do two. It doesn't bother me at all.

Mr. Jessen, It's easier to make the guy mad that's not here, now you've got make one these councilmembers mad. So...

Mr. Wagner, Well if nobody wants off, that is fine. I will gladly...gladly stick with one.

Mr. Rivas, All right, for now let's move on but it sounds like Eric will replace Greg on the Non-Profit and Employers sub-committee.

- Non-Profits & Employers Sub-Committee

ARPA Online Applications - Sub-Committees Non-Profits and Employers								
Number	First Name	Last Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip	County	Category/Request
1	Timothy	Cole	845 N Calumet Avenue	Chesterton	IN	46304	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
2	Scott	Williams	1963 Jackson Street	Portage	IN	46368	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
3	Ryan	Peters	172 Windridge Road	Valparaiso	IN	46385	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
4	Rebecca	Tomerlin	103 Elm Street	Valparaiso	IN	46383	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
5	Mitchell	Peters	99 Matt Ridge	Valparaiso	IN	46383	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers + 1
6	Matt	Wellsand	18 Laurelwood Drive	Valparaiso	IN	46383	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
7	Lacey	Monarch	1387 Reading Street	Valparaiso	IN	46385	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers + 1
8	Judith	Nuest	524 E 1000 E	Kouts	IN	46347	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
9	Ethan	Beach	402 Michigan Avenue, Apt 3	Valparaiso	IN	46383	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
10	Douglas	Watkins	2304 Allison Circle	Valparaiso	IN	46383	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
11	Ruth	Vance	3811 Quail Covey Drive	Valparaiso	IN	46383	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
12	Coleen	Wilder	353 Sheffield Drive	Valparaiso	IN	46383	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers
13	Becky	Mateja	1105 Dune Meadows	Porter	IN	46304	Porter	Non-Profits and Employers + 2

*** Commissioners Appointment

Mr. Rivas, Two down, halfway home. Which one next Sylvia?

Ms. Graham, You grab it...whatever you have in hand. I have them in my hands right here.

Mr. Rivas, Well, all right here's the top one Non-Profits and Employers. Eric this is your new board, you've got any recommendations?

Mr. Wagner, Yeah I do.

Mr. Rivas, Do you really?

Mr. Wagner, Yes. Rebecca Tomerlin.

Mr. Rivas, All right there's a suggestion on the floor.

Mr. Bozak, I'd like to nominate or recommend Tim Cole.

Mr. Rivas, Tim Cole. There's another one, looks like we're getting into a little show down here.

Ms. Graham, I'd like to recommend Matt Wilson.

Mr. Rivas, All right, we've got three. We are going to have to figure it out here, aren't we?

Mr. Bozak, One of the reasons I was...

Ms. Graham, (Inaudible) missing...

Mr. Bozak, One of the reasons I suggested Mr. Cole, was based on location. There's a lot of Valpo applicants on all of these lists, and he was one of the few from Chesterton. He had a good application, and I thought it would get some representation up north, that was my thought.

Ms. Graham, I recommended Matt, he's a young man coming up. He's very involved in the community and he wants to get involved, I felt that he would be a good fit. He's very involved with children and 4-H and I thought he'd be a good fit for this.

Mr. Rivas, All right, I like it so we got a couple...so Eric they kind of stood up for their recommendations (laughter). They did...

Mr. Wagner, If I could pull up the application.

Mr. Rivas, It's in this...it's in your package.

Mr. Wagner, Oh we did get them printed?

Mr. Rivas, Oh yeah, you're okay.

Mr. Wagner, Sorry.

Mr. Rivas, It's all right. It's all good here.

Mr. Bozak, It was Tomerlin right?

Mr. Wagner, Yeah. I mean a lot of the applicants didn't answer the questions. Actually it was like the first and third questions that never got answered. But I just want to say that this one stood out, experience in it, been part of the county and been trying to be involved, so this stood out a little bit more to me.

Mr. Bozak, All right Mr. Rivas how do you whittle them down? We're going to have to figure that out.

Mr. Rivas, Any other ones? All right we've got three, you guys are going to make me vote. All right so...

Mr. Brickner, So it was Wellsand, Tomerlin and who was the third?

Mr. Rivas, Cole.

Mr. Bozak, Cole.

Mr. Rivas, So it looks like it's actually with the three Wellsand is involved in 4-H stuff. Looks like Tim a north county representative and Rebecca is a female, so it's kind of a nice mix. So I don't think we can go wrong.

Ms. Graham, I've known Tim Cole for years, I've worked on different boards with him. He's very cooperative and he's knowledgeable. So I will say that about him, but I would still recommend Matt.

Mr. Rivas, All right, how about we...

Mr. Brickner, Since I'm on the board, do I break the tie?

Mr. Rivas, How about we...

Mr. Brickner, (Inaudible) committee...I would support Tomerlin for that seat.

Mr. Rivas, Why don't we take a vote, a roll call vote and maybe we know the last one out of the box.

Mr. Bozak, Do you want to get public input like you did last time?

Mr. Rivas, Yes, does anybody have anything? Or want to speak on any of these three? Or this Board or these candidates? All right, let's take a roll call vote and just when your name comes up, say who you are voting for and then we'll drop the last one off. We'll bring it down to two, then we'll take another vote. Does that sound good?

Mr. Bozak, Sounds great.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, All right, Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brickner	-	Rebecca Tomerlin
Ms. Graham	-	Matt Wellsand
Mr. Jessen	-	Timothy Cole
Mr. Wagner	-	Rebecca Tomerlin
Mr. Rivas	-	Rebecca Tomerlin
Mr. Bozak	-	Timothy Cole

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay so Rebecca Tomerlin has three...

Mr. Bozak, What if we would have gone two, two and two? What were you going to do?

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, I was going to go to the Sub-Committee.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Timothy Cole has two and Matt Wellsand has one.

Mr. Rivas, So who go the least amount?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Matt Wellsand.

Mr. Rivas, Matt Wellsand is out, so we've got Tim Cole and Rebecca Tomerlin, let's take another vote.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay

Mr. Rivas, Well...yes let's take another vote.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay I'm going in order.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Rebecca Tomerlin
Mr. Jessen	-	Timothy Cole
Mr. Wagner	-	Rebecca Tomerlin
Mr. Rivas	-	Rebecca Tomerlin
Mr. Bozak	-	Timothy Cole
Mr. Brickner	-	Rebecca Tomerlin

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay so Rebecca Tomerlin four votes and Timothy Cole two, so it looks like it's Tomerlin.

Mr. Bozak, He gets my seat, he gets my pen.

Mr. Rivas, There we go, that was fun right? Now we've got one more. Congratulations Rebecca. Well we are ready and you have your recommendations.

Mr. Brickner, Are we ready for this one?

Mr. Rivas, Oh now we're ready for this one, yes.

Mr. Bozak, This is for Behavioral Health?

Mr. Rivas, Yep, Behavioral Health and Social Services.

Mr. Brickner, So I'm just kind of sharing with the group.

Mr. Jessen, Yeah, and so just to echo what Councilman Brickner has said, Mitch Peters for those of you who don't know, has been a community person for a long period of time. Has been intimately involved with mental health and behavioral health through his work with Respite I and Respite II. Which are two successful, essential halfway houses in the City of Valparaiso. He is a very collaborative person who has worked with many different non-profit organizations and social services organizations. And has a stellar reputation in that field, and he's clearly passionate about the community as well behavioral health and mental illness.

Mr. Rivas, We have two, so to me this is a definitely...say any of these sub-committees are more important and less important, but you know this is in regards to mental health...Behavioral Health and Social Services, this is definitely an important one. You know when I saw, I guess I just want to make note of a few other applicants, that's all. Maybe I'll make a nomination, I don't know yet I'm working through it right now.

But there is, it would appear to be a Debby Gunn a 911 Dispatcher who put an application in. In addition to her firsthand experience, her career has provided and here are some examples: Exposure to violent emergencies, drug overdoses and homelessness issues daily. She also has experience working with inner city children while volunteering with the Christian Ministry in Pontiac Michigan for several years, before moving back to Porter County in 2010.

Here's another one, Craig Nordstrom a Clinical Psychologist/Clergy. It doesn't give a description...oh here on the bottom it does. Although he has recently retired, he has worked as a Clinical Psychologist in Porter County from 1997 to 2021. He has served on the boards of Prevent Child Abuse Porter County and Mental Health America of Porter County, serving as Chair of both organizations. He served as pastor of Garyton Covenant Church in Portage Indiana from 1987 to 1993. He has also served on the Town Council of the Town of Beverly Shores. That's a really good one.

And here's another one Carmen Gober Director of Utilization Review/Mental Health Facility. She has a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, from Valparaiso University. Has worked in the Behavioral Health and Social Service Field for the last twelve years in a variety of capacities. She is currently the Director of Utilization Management for a residential facility that assists youth and families who are severely mentally ill.

Ms. Graham, Who was that?

Mr. Rivas, This was Carmen Gober, I probably mispronounced that. The second one the Clinical Psychologist/Clergy was Craig Nordstrom, and the first one I read was Debby Gunn. So I just wanted to point out a few...there's some really good, really good applicants here. So I'm going to nominate Craig Nordstrom myself, just so we can have another three-way horse race here. It was fun last time, so let's do it again. So we have...

Ms. Graham, I will withdraw my nomination for Annetta Jones.

Mr. Rivas, You are going to withdraw Annetta Jones?

Ms. Graham, Yes. And I will second Craig Nordstrom.

Mr. Rivas, So then we have Mitch Peters and Craig Nordstrom.

Mr. Bozak, It's a really time to have it.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, All these good applicants.

Mr. Rivas, That's what I wanted to point out.

Mr. Bozak, There really was a lot of good applicants.

Mr. Rivas, That's why I wanted to speak to a few of them. Does anybody have any input on this? Any public input on this appointment for Behavioral Health and Social Services?

Audience Member, (Inaudible)

Mr. Rivas, The third I named? The first one I named off the 911 Dispatcher was Debby Gunn, the second person I believe I spoke of was Craig Nordstrom and the third person was Carmen Gober.

Audience Member, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, So all great applicants it looks like, as well as Mitch Peters. There's no doubt what he's done, what he's doing.

Mr. Jessen, Yeah, I think it's important to note...to note for everyone is that we do have some great qualified candidates that have put their name into it, and we appreciate their willingness to step forward and help us out throughout this process. And, it's good to be in a position where we've got several to select from, and I just want to go through on Mitch Peter's, just to give a little bit more information. And I also like to say that we've had...we've receive these application in advance, so we're not seeing these for the first time today, just so everybody understands and appreciates that.

And so in answering one of the questions, Mitch states he is involved daily with the issues of addiction, mental health and homelessness. As a public defender here in Porter County, he represents individuals in the Mental Health Commitment proceedings, represents the participants in the Mental Health Restoration Court, and handle a criminal calls which is comprised of individuals primarily suffering from addiction and mental health issues. As co-founder and board member of Respite House, he oversees the operations of the two halfway houses which address the issue of Substance Abuse, which in most instances is co-occurring with Mental Health issues. He is currently working on a Homeless Shelter Project called Daybreak, a mission of Respite House. He is thoroughly aware the resources and needs within our community across Porter County in regards to services. He serves on several Boards and Committees in regards to these issues. Personally, I have been in recovery for decades and have over 33 years clean and sober. He is familiar with the various Non-Profits throughout the County, and strongly support Employers and Small Businesses as well.

Mr. Bozak, Can I ask a question? Is his organization applying for this money?

Mr. Jessen, No, that was also for everyone's information, that was one of the stipulations that you could not be on a committee if your organization was applying for some of the ARPA money.

Mr. Rivas, There is no doubt that we have some great applicants, and there's no doubt Mitch Peters is I know a great asset to this county. So we have two nominations, so if we can get a roll call on these two nominations Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Mitch Peters
Mr. Wagner	-	Craig Nordstrom
Mr. Rivas	-	Craig Nordstrom
Mr. Bozak	-	Mitch Peters
Mr. Brickner	-	Mitch Peters
Ms. Graham	-	Craig Nordstrom

Mr. Bozak, Called it.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay, so it is a tie.

Mr. Rivas, So what happened?

(Laughter)

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Three votes for Mitch Peters and three...

Mr. Rivas, So somebody call Simms up.

Mr. Bozak, Yeah somebody call Simms.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, All righty...all righty.

Ms. Graham, They're good.

Mr. Brickner, I know they both are.

Ms. Graham, Let's do both?

Mr. Bozak, We can't do that.

Mr. Rivas, No with the Ordinance. Well did anybody like to add any input on this one, to see if they can sway one of our minds up here?

Audience Member, I personally (inaudible).

Mr. Jessen, But if he's not that'd be clearly his choice as an organization right?

Audience Member, I guess, but I mean \$33 million dollars and you are not applying for something.

Mr. Bozak, Yeah, but our problem is we can't even if we were to say you're not on this committee, you can't force him to apply for it. And there might be a reason he's not, I mean they...

Audience Member, (Inaudible)

Mr. Bozak, They are getting money elsewhere or...

Audience Member, (Inaudible)

Mr. Bozak, Yeah it's complicated, that's why I asked the question if he was applying.

Mr. Rivas, You're the chairperson of the Steering Committee Vicki, do you have a suggestion here?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I have no opinion.

Mr. Bozak, Jeremy what were the names?

Mr. Rivas, Do you have input? Can you sway me Sylvia or Eric? Or can you sway one of the other three in the other direction?

Mr. Bozak, Was...what's her name? Who was the other person you guys voted for?

Mr. Rivas, Oh it was Craig Nordstrom.

Mr. Bozak, Nordstrom?

Mr. Rivas, Nordstrom.

Mr. Bozak, I'll change my to Craig Nordstrom and the reason being he's from Beverly Shores. Again just different areas, I mean we've got a lot of Valparaiso representation, and that's who applied. There was a lot more Valparaiso people that applied. But I will change my vote based on that.

Ms. Graham, And actually that was rather disappointing in my opinion. Because out of this whole county there wasn't hardly that many applicants, and most of them weren't from Valparaiso.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, I mean, I don't think we can punish people that want to be involved in Valpo.

Mr. Bozak, I think Mitch Peters would be great, don't get me wrong, I just think that if we are looking to make a change...

Ms. Graham, So you want to take the vote again?

Mr. Rivas, Well yeah, let's do another roll call. It would appear that maybe we have a council person that's switched. So...

Mr. Bozak, I'm trying to move the situation forward, and I think they're both great.

Mr. Rivas, You're fine, you're fine. Can we get another roll call on this one?

Mr. Bozak, I don't know who Craig...

Mr. Rivas, For Behavioral Health and Social Services.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Wagner	-	Craig Nordstrom
Mr. Rivas	-	Craig Nordstrom
Mr. Bozak	-	Craig Nordstrom
Mr. Brickner	-	Mitch Peters
Ms. Graham	-	Craig Nordstrom
Mr. Jessen	-	Mitch Peters

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Okay so Craig Nordstrom has four votes and Mitch Peters has two.

Mr. Rivas, Well...

Ms. Graham, That was good.

Mr. Rivas, That was good yes. Some people are going to be disappointed no doubt, but we thank everybody who applied to sit on these Boards. And Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes?

Mr. Rivas, So Joy you'll...you'll send an email to them all letting them know about the appointments and then Vicki you'll work with the boards, obviously as the chairperson for the Steering Committee to set up their meetings.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Right, as a result of last of the first Steering Committee meeting, the consensus was that they would like the Sub-Committees to start meeting and to stick to the timetable. So hopefully we'll be starting to schedule those meetings soon.

Ms. Graham, So you will notify the Sub-Committees? Saying that you're in charge?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, All right.

Mr. Jessen, And maybe...maybe just for clarification...

Mr. Rivas, Sure.

Mr. Jessen, We should at least state how many citizens we had apply for each?

Mr. Rivas, Go ahead Mr. Jessen.

Mr. Jessen, Ok for the Non-Profits & Employers Sub-Committee there was a total of and these are people that applied that could have been selected from the Commissioners or the Council, we had a total of thirteen (13) people who applied for the Non-Profits & Employers. We had a total of two (2) that applied for the County Government COVID Health Response Sub-Committee. A total of six (6) for Infrastructure & Facilities. And a total of sixteen (16) for Behavioral Health & Social Services.

Mr. Rivas, I think that's great. Great participation.

Ms. Graham, And would you concur that the majority of those were from Valparaiso?

Mr. Jessen, It seemed like that was more common than not.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, And that wasn't a dig on Valparaiso when I said that, I just wished we would have seen more participation from other areas.

Ms. Graham, I didn't say you said that.

Mr. Bozak, Oh no, no, no, I know. I just know how these newspapers are in there. I'm joking...I'm joking.

Mr. Rivas, All right any other matter that may properly come before the Council?

Mr. Bozak, Mr. President I would like to ask where do you, or does Vicki, or does Joy know where we are at with our pay study? Are we...are we on par to be done?

Mr. Rivas, Oh I haven't...I haven't got a follow-up, I'd have to ask. I could ask, probably ask HR where it's at. I mean last time they were beginning to receive stuff back. I think they had a number of departments that were bring stuff back, but yeah, we could, we can get and update.

Mr. Bozak, So I would further like to ask, how are they comparing that? Because they started this pay study before inflation and all this stuff (inaudible) was going on. How are they taking that into account now? Are they...are we going to have really high numbers, because they're taking inflation into effect? How does that work?

Mr. Rivas, I obviously, I don't work for them.

Mr. Bozak, No that's not what I'm saying when you're asking could you ask that?

Mr. Rivas, I would ask that, yes I think it was. Yeah that's a great question. I mean I think it was comparison though of where they're at in the market, not negotiating what we should give them because of inflation. You know I think...

Mr. Bozak, Right but the market changed in the middle of the study. That's my question.

Mr. Rivas, Yes and that's a good question.

Mr. Bozak, And will we have it back by budget season?

Mr. Rivas, I think that was the whole point of this for sure.

Mr. Bozak, That's all I had, thank you Mr. President.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, I will get an update on that.

Ms. Graham, This is good, this tells what we need to do.

Mr. Rivas, Anything else?

Mr. Jessen, Anyone from the public?

Mr. Rivas, Yes does the public have anything they would like to add on? Anything that was on the agenda that we'd covered? Yes sir?

Audience Member, Applications (inaudible).

Mr. Rivas, I think...

Audience Member, (Inaudible) Steering Committee (inaudible).

Mr. Bozak, No he said go ahead and do it. Put the information that you had now.

Audience Member, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, And then if you need to add to it, add to it.

Audience Member, Just a summary.

Mr. Bozak, To get it out, right.

Audience Member, (Inaudible)

Mr. Bozak, That was kind of...yeah our suggestion was, yes submit something, because the deadline's March 31st, 2022. So even if you are missing some pieces to your presentation, get as much as you can in and you can still build it.

Audience Member, (Inaudible) technical information (inaudible).

Mr. Bozak, But you have to do online, you have to submit it online.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, as much as you can and then you can update it. Yes, for sure...perfect. Anybody, anything else? All right is there...our next meeting is there anything? Everything is good April 26th, 2022.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, The Auditor's office won't be here that day.

Mr. Rivas, What do you mean?

Mr. Bozak, What?

Mr. Rivas, Is it disappearing?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Will it be coming back?

(Laughter)

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, No it's the State Board of Accounts called a conference.

Mr. Rivas, So these organizations, we're going to have to have a talking to, because it seems like they always want to put their meeting on our time.

Ms. Graham, Even at budget time.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah.

Mr. Bozak, Well you guys are all going? Or like Toni? I meant you and Toni are both going?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yeah, Toni, Tiffany and Myself. Because it deals with the Financial Reporting, Settlement, Abstract and all the things that we deal with.

Mr. Bozak, Well we've got to have someone here from their office so...

Ms. Graham, So what's the Monday before?

Mr. Bozak, Are you guys gone all week or what?

Mr. Rivas, Yeah that's a good question, when are you gone? Is it...

Mr. Bozak, Is this a week long girls trip? Or just...

(Laughter)

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yeah, Tuesday through Thursday.

Mr. Rivas, You probably don't want to stay sitting by him.

(Laughter)

Ms. Graham, Yes that wasn't nice.

Mr. Bozak, What?

Ms. Graham, You said a week long girls trip?

Mr. Bozak, She said she was taking three ladies.

Mr. Rivas, Get him Sylvia, get him.

Mr. Bozak, I was agreeing with it.

Ms. Graham, That wasn't nice.

Mr. Bozak, Maybe I will get an invite saying that, that's what I'm saying.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, Is it a week long? Is it a couple of days, mostly the week?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Tuesday through Thursday.

Mr. Rivas, Okay.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I'm hesitating because I'm on the board, so I have a different responsibility.

Mr. Rivas, Um...you guys want to move it up a week to the 19th? Is that a problem?

Mr. Bozak, That's my birthday...man.

Mr. Rivas, April 19th is your birthday?

Mr. Bozak, Yeah. Are we going to have a meeting on my birthday?

Mr. Rivas, I'm not even sure what that means.

Mr. Bozak, I'm not Forty yet so we're good.

Mr. Rivas, Mr. Brickner?

Mr. Brickner, The 19th looks good.

Ms. Graham, Yes I am fine with that.

Mr. Rivas, Mr. Jessen?

Mr. Jessen, The 19th works.

Mr. Rivas, It works. Eric you don't get to vote yet.

Mr. Wagner, Okay.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, So Eric is the 19th going to work for you schedule?

Mr. Wagner, No I will take care of it.

Mr. Rivas, So you do?

Mr. Wagner, I can be here.

Mr. Rivas, Are you sure?

Mr. Bozak, Yeah it'll be my birthday party.

Mr. Wagner, We're going to be here, we can have a cake and put his face in it...that's fine.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, Now I'm starting to like him. All right let's schedule it for the 19th right now. So April 19th is our next meeting. Anything else that may come properly before the Council? Eric how did we do?

Mr. Wagner, I think we are going to have to work on some things, but we'll get there.

Mr. Jessen, Amen.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, Good luck finding your seat next month.

Ms. Graham, He's done a great job and I am very proud of you. We're lucky to have him on the Council.

Mr. Rivas, Yes a great job, you have some big shoes to fill over there sir.

Mr. Wagner, Yes, I will do my best. I will do my best

Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Rivas, So all right I'll entertain a motion?

Ms. Graham, Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second to adjourn. All in favor signify by saying Aye?
Opposed same sign?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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