

PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2023

The Porter County Council met on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. I'd like to thank everyone for coming to the March 21st, 2023 Porter County Council meeting. Jeremy is off and he's on a work related event. Can we get a roll call please?

Members present were Council Member Mike Jessen, Council Member Andy Bozak, Council Member Mike Brickner, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Greg Simms, and Council Member Red Stone. Member(s) not present Council Member Jeremy Rivas and Auditor Karen Martin. Also present was Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Auditor Deputy David Wichlinski, Attorney Harold Harper and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, You have a quorum.

Minutes

Approval of minutes for August 30, 2022 and October 18, 2022.

Mr. Stone, All right thank you very much. In your packet, you have the minutes for August 30, 2022 and October 18, 2022.

Mr. Bozak, I make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Stone, I'm hearing a motion and a second, is there any discussion? Hearing none, can I get a vote please?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, (Inaudible)

Council Attorney Harold Harper, You can voice vote or roll call either way.

Mr. Stone, Oh I'm sorry with the minutes is a roll call or transfers voice vote I was not sure.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Roll call?

Mr. Stone, Yes.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes

First Reading

Mr. Stone, First Reading please.

Auditor Deputy David Wichlinski,

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, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following appropriation adjustments to the county budgets for the year 2023 and to transact any further business which might come before the Council:

General Fund

Sheriff General Fund	1000-11300-000-0005 Overtime		\$ 60,000.00
Clerk General Fund	1000-11100-000-0001 Salaries		\$ 1,311.00
			\$ 61,311.00

LIT (Local Income Tax) Fund

LIT Fund	1112-39850-000-0068 Economic Development		\$ 500,000.00
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Clerk Perpetuation Fund

Clerk Perpetuation Fund	1119-11100-000-0001 Salaries		\$ 29,593.00
Clerk Perpetuation Fund	1119-12100-000-0001 FICA		\$ 2,264.00
Clerk Perpetuation Fund	1119-12300-000-0001 PERF		\$ 3,315.00
			\$ 35,172.00

Opioid Restricted Fund

Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-11100-000-0000 Salaries		\$ 60,000.00
Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-12100-000-0000 FICA		\$ 4,590.00
Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-12100-000-0000 Insurance		\$ 19,376.00
Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-12300-000-0000 PERF		\$ 6,720.00
			\$ 90,686.00

Sheriff Donations Fund

Sheriff Donations Fund	4108-44200-000-0005 Motor Vehicles		\$ 7,597.00
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Inmate Processing Fee Fund

Inmate Processing Fee Fund	4911-44400-000-0380 Furniture/Fixtures		\$ 8,000.00
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14.228 Blackhawk Beach Grant Fund

Blackhawk Beach Grant	8165-50000-000-0000 Distributions		\$ 325,647.00
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VASIA Guardianship Grant Fund

VASIA Guardianship Grant	9167-31200-000-0201 Consultants		\$ 18,145.95
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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 to support the appropriation made.

Karen Martin
Auditor of Porter County

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Mr. Stone, All right, thank you.

Superior Court 1 – Judge Fish

VASIA Guardianship Grant Fund - 9167-000-0201

Additional \$18,145.95 to 31200 Consultants. Reason: Appropriation needed to pay invoice. VASIA Grant provides funds to Indiana Guardianship Services who serve as court-appointed guardians over the person and/or estate for incapacitated adults who have no other persons able and/or willing to serve as guardian on their behalf.

Mr. Stone, Judge Fish, we have an additional \$18,145.95 to Consultants. The reason, appropriation needed to pay invoice. VASIA Grant provides funds to Indiana Guardianship Services who serve as court-appointed guardians over the person and/or estate for incapacitated adults who have no other persons able and/or willing to serve as guardian on their behalf.

Mr. Jessen, I will make the motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Stone, We have a first and second, any discussion?

Ms. Graham, I would just like to comment on what a great program this is, and I compliment you for doing this. This is in coordination with Porter County Council on Aging, is that what this is?

Judge Fish Superior Court I, Correct.

Ms. Graham, Okay.

Mr. Simms, Are they the ones that find the people for you?

Superior Court I Judge Fish, So we have an attorney in LaPorte, who help coordinate the volunteer who act as Guardians for the adults and incapacitated people.

Mr. Simms, Okay.

Ms. Graham, But you do work in Porter County?

Superior Court I Judge Fish, Absolutely. This only services Porter County. The lawyer just happens to cover more than one (1) County with her work.

Ms. Graham, Okay.

Mr. Stone, Anything else? We have a first and a second, all those in favor...Excuse me can we have Roll Call please?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Superior Court I Judge Fish, Thank you all ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. Stone, Thank you Mike.

Mr. Simms, Thanks Mike.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you Judge.

Health Department – Director Sheila Paul

Health Fund - 1159-000-0610

Form 144	\$56,256 to \$0	Nursing Supervisor – Valpo Office
	\$55,309	PHN (3 to 5 @ \$55,309)
	\$54,449 to \$0	PHN (1 to 0 @ \$54,449)
	\$54,173 to \$54,260	PHN

Reason: No additional needed for the Form 144 change. Nursing Supervisor position will change to PHN (Public Health Nurse). All PHN's will receive the same salary \$65,309 except the most recent hired.

Mr. Stone, Health Department, Director Sheila Paul how are you doing?

Health Department Director Sheila Paul, Very well thank you, and you?

Mr. Stone, I'm doing good thank you. We have a Form 144. Reason: Actually there's no additional needed for the Form 144 change. Nursing Supervisor position will change to Public Health Nurse. All Public Health Nurse's will receive the same salary of \$65,309 except the most recent hired.

Ms. Graham, I'll make a motion to approve this.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Stone, We have a first and second, any discussion?

Mr. Bozak, Can you kind-of quickly tell us what's going on?

Health Department Director Sheila Paul, Yeah, so you know I'm a new administrator, I've been looking at kind of some of our processes and making sure that we align across the department. I think you might remember, for those of you who've been around a couple of years ago we came and asked for some of this to happen with our Vital Records, and our Environmental Division to kind of have people doing the same job, making the same amount of money.

Now we have an opportunity to do the same thing with our Nursing Department. Our nursing supervisor Karen Lane retired, and so we had this opportunity to kind-of just restructure.

Ms. Graham, Quite truthfully, I'd like to comment that for nursing \$65,000 is not that much of an unusual pay for nurses.

Mr. Stone, Not at all.

Ms. Graham, I have a granddaughter right now they are making over \$100,000 dollars, so \$65,000 to have our dedicated nurses in this county is a very good bargain.

Mr. Stone, I agree with that.

Mr. Bozak, I was just curious what it was, I appreciate that.

Ms. Graham, No problem.

Mr. Stone, We have a first and a second, all those in favor...

Mr. Jessen, Roll call

Mr. Stone, Oh I'm sorry roll call...I'm used to the School Board.

Ms. Graham, It is different.

Mr. Stone, School Boards always use all those in favor, no roll call.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Health Department Director Sheila Paul, All right thank you guys.

Ms. Graham, Thank you.

Mr. Stone, Thank you.

Mr. Simms, At least this is a victory versus the Boilers.

Mr. Bozak, Oh wait, what did he bring up? No...you don't about (inaudible)

Mr. Simms, It was just a passing remark, that's all it was.

(Laughter)

Mr. Graham, Let's not talk about this period.

Porter County Sheriff and Federal/DOC – Sheriff Jeffrey A. Balon

Sheriff General Fund – 1000-000-0005

Additional \$60,000 to 11300 Overtime. Reason: Appropriation needed to cover special services overtime. This money is reimbursed monthly from agencies.

Mr. Stone, Sheriff, we have a couple of things on here, the additional \$60,000 to Overtime. Appropriation needed to cover special services overtime. This money is reimbursed monthly from agencies.

Mr. Jessen, Motion.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Mr. Stone, Any discussion?

Ms. Graham, I just have a question on this?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes?

Ms. Graham, Didn't we do something last year to set up an account where we wouldn't have to deal with this every month? Is this going to be a monthly thing?

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, We did, last year we used a separate fund, which actually Ryan spoke...Ryan and Karen spoke with Jeremy last week. I believe it was about reverting back to using that fund at the end of the year. I was directed by the outgoing Auditor, and Chief Deputy Auditor that maybe that wouldn't work out so well again for this year, so we didn't use it coming into 2023. After talking to Ryan and Karen, we decided we are going to revert back to using that account. So he has moved some Overtime Appropriations already, giving us...freeing up \$20,000, just about \$20,000 dollars in overtime. So what we would like to do is amend this request for \$60,000 dollars down to \$30,000 dollars, and we think that will give us the working room within that Overtime line item to make it through. Sheriff can talk about that we are going through quite a bit of overtime right now.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yeah we are with the fact that we've had a lot of turnovers the last couple of years. There's a lot of people right now in Field Training

Program, so right now we're working at short shifts. We're paying overtime to have those short shifts covered. You know we are basically in with the Drug Unit, and DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration), and we have requests all the time. We just had a request today from the Highway Department to help with DOT (Department of Transportation) enforcement in some construction zones. So that's why, it's just a lot of overtime going out right now.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, One other thing, just so everyone is clear on this. Even though they're asking for an additional in the General Fund, the reason is because the Overtime is paid out faster than what can be reimbursed. Okay, so we are getting reimbursed after each month, however that takes a one (1) week, or two (2) weeks to three (3) weeks. So the reason this additional is going before you is to give us that cushion in order to pay everything out of the General Fund, until the reimbursements come the next month. Those reimbursements get moved to...the General Fund gets reimbursed by us moving the Appropriations to Fund 4932, freeing up the Appropriations for more overtime.

Ms. Graham, So the bottom line it will all work out.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Yes. So this is really just giving us a little bit of wiggle room to give us time to get the reimbursement in to catch everything up

Mr. Bozak, When you say reimbursing, who is that?

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, Multiple Agencies.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Well...

Mr. Bozak, The Highway Department calls and asks you...do they pay too?

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, The Highway does not.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, No this would be like DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) and HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas).

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Okay the FEDS pay a lot of overtime, but we fund it and then we get reimbursed.

Mr. Bozak, My other question is...so with this fund last year, what happened to that fund? That you said was being paid out of that they told you to stop...

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, What happened to that money?

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, We zeroed that out.

Mr. Bozak, Where did it all go?

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, We paid it all back to the General Fund.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Yeah, so we're talking mainly Appropriation not so much Cash. This is just so the appropriation...

Mr. Bozak, We got the money back, now we're just putting it back there.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Correct.

Mr. Simms, I still have a question about this. Okay so the DOT (Department of Transportation) asks for you to put some Cruisers out there to help out, but yet your budget pays for the overtime not their budget. But they're the ones that want the help?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Let me explain that one more time. I don't know if...

Mr. Simms, You got a request from the DOT (Department of Transportation) to put some Cruisers out right?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yeah, well this...no we have DOT (Department of Transportation) certified officers, okay?

Mr. Simms, Okay.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Which means they know how to weigh semi's and the DOT (Department of Transportation) level of enforcement, okay?

Mr. Simms, Okay

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, It's still our officers doing it. County Highway has requested those officers be in work zones. So we are paying them overtime to be in those work zones. Does that make sense?

Mr. Simms, Right, but on behalf of the Highway Department, right?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Well County Highway is making the request.

Mr. Simms, Okay, but I guess I am just...the money is coming from your budget decreasing your budget, at someone else's request.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, At another entity of the County.

Mr. Simms, Okay.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, So it's another County entity that's asking for that.

Mr. Simms, Are they the only ones that ask for your help?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Well we get all kinds of special requests, I mean that's kind of where we are with it, is we are paying our officers overtime because we are so short staffed on the road. Okay, because of high turnover just because of the calls for service, so it's hard for us to dedicate on duty guys...or officers to those special details, because they are too busy and they're handling other calls for service. So in order to be able to put extra enforcements out there we're paying overtime. So it's still a request by County Highway that we can't put on Duty Officers on those particular extra patrol zones.

Mr. Simms, So when we get a full staff, you'll be able to do that without...

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, I don't know, that's the plan, yes.

Mr. Simms, Okay.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yeah.

Mr. Simms, I'm just trying to...I just think it's unfair for another budget to cover that, that's where I was kind of going.

Mr. Stone, I was kind of thinking the same thing.

(Inaudible)

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, I mean...

Mr. Stone, We are trying to help you out.

(Laughter)

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, (Inaudible) Highway, I just don't think...

Mr. Stone, Well we had a first and it was seconded, can we have a roll call?

Mr. Jessen, Well, did we...or is the request changing down to \$30,000 dollars?

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, Yes.

Mr. Stone, Oh it is.

Mr. Jessen, Does the motion and the second concur with that?

Mr. Bozak, Yes.

Ms. Graham, I make the motion to change it to \$30,000 dollars.

Mr. Simms, I'll second that.

Mr. Stone, We have an amended first and second, roll call?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Sheriff Donations Fund – 4108-000-0005

Additional \$7,597 to 44200 Motor Vehicles. Reason: Appropriation needed to cover the cost of new dog cage for patrol vehicle.

Mr. Stone, Next we have the Sheriff Donation Fund additional \$7,597 to Motor Vehicles. Reason: Appropriation needed to cover the cost of new dog cage for patrol vehicle.

Mr. Jessen, Motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Stone, First and second, discussion? I think it's already...we've have the donations?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yeah, we already have the money, we just need to have it appropriated.

Ms. Graham, This is for the dogs.

Mr. Simms, Wow.

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, We might want to mention that with this donation we collected from Luna Kitchen and Abbiocco Italian Restaurant...

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, I think there is \$24,000 dollars.

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, It was just about \$24,000 dollars.

Ms. Graham, Wow that's terrific.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, It was a very successful fundraiser.

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, Yes.

Mr. Stone, That was awesome.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes they did a great job, a lot of people donated to that and that's a popular cause.

Mr. Stone, Yes that's for the K-9 dogs right?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes.

Mr. Stone, There was a first and second. Roll Call?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Jail

Inmate Processing Fee Fund – 4911-000-0380

Additional \$8,000 to 44400 Furniture/Fixtures over \$100. Reason: Appropriation needed for office furniture for Jail.

Mr. Stone, Inmate Processing Fee Fund additional \$8,000 to Furniture/Fixtures over \$100 dollars. Appropriation needed for office furniture for Jail.

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Stone, Sylvia and Mike motioned, roll call?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Opioid Restricted

Opioid Restricted Fund – 1237-000-0000

Additional \$60,000 to 11100 Salaries
\$4,590 to 12100 FICA
\$19,376 to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance
\$6,720 to 12300 PERF

Reason: Appropriation needed to create a position for Social Worker.

Form 144 \$0 to \$60,000 Social Worker
Reason: Creating a new Social Worker position. See attached job description.

Mr. Stone, Opioid Restricted Fund
Additional \$60,000 to Salaries
\$4,590 to FICA
\$19,376 to Medical/Life Insurance
\$6,720 to PERF

Reason: Appropriation needed to create a position.

Ms. Graham, For?

Mr. Simms, Social Worker.

Mr. Stone, Well I was going to say that but I didn't know if you want to vote on those or separate each one?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, As in the...

Mr. Stone, Or vote it all? I am going to combine these. Okay Form 144 we have a new position a Police Resources and Outreach Coordinator.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make the motion for the additional and the Form 144.

Mr. Simms, And I'll second that.

Mr. Stone, We have a first and a second, roll call?

Mr. Bozak, What about discussion?

Mr. Stone, I'm sorry, any discussion? Andy I'm sorry about that.

Mr. Bozak, \$60,000 dollars, is that in line with what Valparaiso was paying their Social Worker?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, (Inaudible) is that pretty...

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes and the newly created position over in LaPorte County and yeah...so that seems to be about the going rate.

Mr. Bozak, How soon if we approve this will you have it posted?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, I plan on posting the position, if approved...um almost immediately. You know and get that process going.

Ms. Graham, Sheriff Balon?

Mr. Simms, You figure within a month you'll have this person active?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes.

Ms. Graham, You said this was a Master's...

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yep, that's part of the job description.

Ms. Graham, Yes thank you.

Mr. Bozak, This is the Opioid money that we are using for this?

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Yes...correct.

Ms. Graham, Excellent.

Mr. Simms, There is a lot of excitement, I'll tell you there is a lot of excitement about this position being added.

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, I hope it gets a lot of inquiries.

Mr. Simms, Yeah.

Mr. Stone, It should be good. We have a first and a second, roll call?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Sheriff Jeffrey Balon, Thank you, much appreciated.

Sheriff Comptroller Kathy Grskovich, Thank you.

Clerk – Jessica Bailey

Clerk General Fund – 1000-000-0001

Form 144	\$40,456 to \$0	Deputy Clerk–Archives
	\$0 to \$41,767	Deputy Clerk–Small Claims
		(1 to 2 @ \$41,767 = \$83,474)

Reason: \$41,767 increase for request of new Deputy Clerk-Small Claims person. Reduced \$40,456 to Deputy Clerk- Archives. Total is \$1,311 difference.

Mr. Stone, Clerk

Mr. Bozak, How did Jessica end up on here?

Mr. Simms, I know it was a mistake.

(Laughter)

Mr. Stone, We have a Form 144. Reason: \$41,767 increase for request of new Deputy Clerk-Small Claims person. Reduced \$40,456 to Deputy Clerk- Archives. There's a \$1,311 difference, but I think you found that?

Clerk Jessica Bailey, Yes

Mr. Stone, Am I right on that?

Clerk Jessica Bailey, Yes

Mr. Stone, So...

Ms. Graham, I'll make a motion for that.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Stone, There's a first and second, any discussion?

(Laughter)

Mr. Bozak, I was just going to say that.

Mr. Stone, I knew you were going to say that, because I forgot to ask it last time, so that's totally on me, so I'm sorry about that.

Clerk Jessica Bailey, We're moving on position that was in the General Fund into the Perpetuation Fund to make room for the Small Claims position.

Mr. Bozak, And you're adding a new position?

Clerk Jessica Bailey, Yes.

Mr. Stone, But it's coming out of the Perpetuation Fund.

Ms. Graham, You know, I just noticed this bottom one.

Mr. Bozak, And this is going to remain in your Perpetuation Fund?

Clerk Jessica Bailey, Yes.

Mr. Simms, Do you have something?

Mr. Bozak, And there is no difference right?

Clerk Jessica Bailey, There's like \$1,300 dollars difference.

Mr. Bozak, That's in the General Fund?

Clerk Jessica Bailey, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, Oh okay. Thank you that's all I have.

Ms. Graham, No maybe not.

Mr. Stone, Did I hear a motion?

Ms. Graham, I make the motion.

Mr. Jessen, There was a motion and a second.

Mr. Stone, Oh there was a motion and a second, I'm sorry can we have a roll call please?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Clerk Perpetuation Fund – 1119-000-0001

Additional \$29,593 to 11100 Salaries
\$2,264 to 12100 FICA
\$3,315 to 12300 PERF

Reason: Appropriation needed for Deputy Clerk – Archives moved from General Fund.

Form 144 \$0 to \$40,456 Deputy Clerk-Archives
Reason: \$40,456 increase request for Deputy Clerk-Archives moved from General Fund.

Mr. Stone, Clerk Perpetuation, I have to read this one too because it's an additional.

Mr. Jessen, (Inaudible)

Mr. Stone, I know, but I still have to do it. The additional \$29,593 to Salaries, \$2,264 to FICA and \$3,315 to PERF. Reason: Appropriation needed for Deputy Clerk – Archives moved from General Fund. There's also a Form 144, the reason \$40,456 increase request for Deputy Clerk-Archives moved from General Fund.

Mr. Bozak, So moved.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Stone, First and second, any discussion? Roll call please?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 - 0

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Clerk Jessica Bailey, Thank you.

Mr. Stone, Thank you very much.

Auditor Karen Martin

14.228 Blackhawk Beach Grant Fund - 8165-000-0000

Additional \$325,647 to 50000 Distributions. Reason: Appropriation for new Grant in 2022-2023. Work was done from Aug 2022-Dec 2022. First draw was applied for and paid out. This is the total amount of the project that was approved in 2022.

Mr. Stone, Auditor, There's a Blackhawk Beach Grant Fund Additional \$325,647 to Distributions. The reason appropriation for new Grant in 2022-2023. Work was done from August through December 2022. First draw was applied for and paid out. This is the total amount of the project that was approved in 2022.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Mr. Stone, First and second, is there any discussion?

Mr. Bozak, We love grants.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Yes we do. I have a breakdown, if anyone wants a breakout of the grant.

Mr. Stone, All right roll call?

Auditor Deputy David Wichlinski,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Deputy David Wichlinski, 6 - 0

Mr. Simms, That was easy.

Auditor Ineligible Homestead Fund - 1216-000-0002

Form 144 Part-Time Hourly up to \$26.50 per hour

Reason: Request to change the Form 144 hourly rate from up to \$20 to up to \$26.50.

Mr. Stone, Auditor Ineligible Homestead Fund there's a Form 144 Part-Time Hourly up to \$26.50 per hour. Reason: Request to change the Form 144 hourly rate from up to \$20 to up to \$26.50.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, I'll second it for discussion. I have a question.

Mr. Stone, Discussion?

Mr. Simms, Are you having a hard-time finding part-time at up to \$20 dollars per hour?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, No, so after going over the Salary Ordinance and going over our General Fund, we just wanted to bring it up to the same amount the \$26.50 per hour is what is approved in our General Fund. We also have a Part-time person helping us out right now doing some Clerical work, and bring that up to the \$26.50 per hour in the Non-Reverting fund, we can move her over from the General Fund to the Non- Reverting....as well as some of the...yeah in November or December we start getting a lot of Homestead people. Everyone is trying to file their Homestead as quickly as possible, so we may need some seasonal help. But other than that it's just to bring everything up to where our other budgets were.

Ms. Graham, So this is basically coming out of your Homestead fund?

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Correct.

Ms. Graham, Okay.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Yep. And this is yeah...

Ms. Graham, I was also wondering why, I mean this is March so why you would be changing it now, but you explained it.

Mr. Stone, All right, roll call please.

Auditor Deputy David Wichlinski,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes

Mr. Brickner - Yes
 Ms. Graham - Yes

Auditor Deputy David Wichlinski, 6 - 0

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, Thank you very much.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Second Reading

Mr. Stone, Ryan when you get back to your seat, can I get a second reading?

(Laughter)

Auditor Deputy David Wichlinski, The following Appropriations have come before you for your consideration. 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

Sheriff General Fund	1000-11300-000-0005 Overtime	\$	30,000.00
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LIT (Local Income Tax) Fund

LIT Fund	1112-39850-000-0068 Economic Development	\$	500,000.00
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Clerk Perpetuation Fund

Clerk Perpetuation Fund	1119-11100-000-0001 Salaries	\$	29,593.00
Clerk Perpetuation Fund	1119-12100-000-0001 FICA	\$	2,264.00
Clerk Perpetuation Fund	1119-12300-000-0001 PERF	\$	<u>3,315.00</u>
		\$	35,172.00

Opioid Restricted Fund

Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-11100-000-0000 Salaries	\$	60,000.00
Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-12100-000-0000 FICA	\$	4,590.00
Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-12100-000-0000 Insurance	\$	19,376.00
Opioid Restricted Fund	1237-12300-000-0000 PERF	\$	<u>6,720.00</u>
		\$	90,686.00

Sheriff Donations Fund

Sheriff Donations Fund	4108-44200-000-0005 Motor Vehicles	\$	7,597.00
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Inmate Processing Fee Fund

Inmate Processing Fee Fund	4911-44400-000-0380 Furniture/Fixtures	\$	8,000.00
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14.228 Blackhawk Beach Grant Fund
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Blackhawk Beach Grant	8165-50000-000-0000 Distributions	\$	325,647.00
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VASIA Guardianship Grant Fund

VASIA Guardianship Grant	9167-31200-000-0201 Consultants	\$	18,145.95
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And this concludes second reading.

Mr. Stone Do I have a motion?

Mr. Stone, Any other matter that may come properly before the Council. We do have a Citizens Appointment for Westchester Public Library. If you look in your packet, we had...let's see we had three (3) individuals who applied: Michael Livovich, Michelle Jatkiewicz, and Debra Schoenfelt. If you look...

Mr. Bozak, I'll make a motion for Michael Peter Livovich. He was recommended by the Westchester Public Library Board.

Mr. Stone, Michael Peter Livovich III

Mr. Bozak, The other two were great as well.

Mr. Stone, Yes we had good applicants. All three applicants were very, very good actually.

Ms. Graham, Yeah.

Mr. Bozak, Absolutely, but it's a hard choice but that would be my recommendation.

Mr. Stone, We have a first.

Mr. Simms, Second.

Mr. Stone, Second, any discussion? Roll call.

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Stone	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Chief Deputy Ryan Kubal, 6 – 0

Mr. Stone, Well thank you very much. Mike do you have any sports or anything you want to throw out there? Seeing that I did it last meeting. I know the Girls Gymnastics, I think won State for Valparaiso.

Mr. Jessen, Yes they did.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Stone, I always like to end the meeting with at least something positive right.

Ms. Graham, Okay something very positive, the Valparaiso by Kids Dancing Team won several placings at State level. Like he said we just live in an awesome County with our youth.

Mr. Stone, Yes we do.

Ms. Graham, Accomplishing so many great things, they are our future leaders and I can't say enough about them. The Science Olympiad Team for Thomas Jefferson won state again for the umpteenth time. I could just go on and on...and actually there's several teams on the Archery, believe it or not and also in shooting have been very successful. There was one in Kouts, and one in Portage, that have done an awesome job. I commend all those children as well as their parents and leaders.

Mr. Bozak, The Chesterton High School quiz Bowl team took fifth at State finals, their Coach is right over there.

(Applause)

Mr. Stone, Congratulations.

Ms. Graham, The Chesterton debate team just cleaned up.

Mr. Stone, Yeah.

Ms. Graham, They won everything. It was State level.

Mr. Stone, I almost did forget...do we have anybody from the public that has anything for public comment by any chance? Okay.

Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Stone, So with that being said do I have hear a motion to adjourn?

Ms. Graham, Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Mr. Stone, Motion and a second, all in favor of adjourning signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign? We are adjourned, thank you.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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