

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Ison.

A. Call the Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

The following members were present: Melinda Griesemer, Pete Ketchum, Jonathan T. Myers, Rob Henderson, John Myers and Ron Deer.

2. Invocation

Mr. Ketchum gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the 8/8/22 Agenda

Mr. Ison noted they needed to add two things to the agenda: (1) item D13 – *Transfer request from the Park's Department [Park Non-Reverting Capital Improvement Fund #1178]* and (2) item G1 – *Discussion on Bargsville's EDC Appointment (nominee)*.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Ketchum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments (5 minute time limit)

There were no public comments.

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 2022-6: An Ordinance Modifying Local Income Tax Rates Imposed in Johnson County

Mr. Ison opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-6: An Ordinance Modifying Local Income Tax Rates Imposed in Johnson County. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Ison closed the public hearing.

C. Approval of Ordinance 2022-6 (Second Reading): An Ordinance Modifying Local Income Tax Rates Imposed in Johnson County

Mr. Deer motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-6 as presented on second reading. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried six to one; Ms. Griesemer voted nay.

D. Routine Matters – Consent Agenda

By a single motion, the Board approves the following items, which may include Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers. Any items listed on the consent agenda may be removed by a Council member and moved to the regular agenda.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers moved to approve the following requests as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

1. Approval of 6/30/22 Special Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of 7/11/22 Regular Meeting Minutes

3. Commissioners (#1001-122)

(a) From: 1001.32400.000.122	Utilities	\$	(450.00)
To: 1001.21500.000.122	Office Supplies	\$	450.00

4. 10.557 WIC Program 2021-2022 (#8229)

(a) From: 8229.14300.000.215	Perf	\$	(36.86)
To: 8229.19900.000.215	Overtime (new)	\$	36.86

5. Juvenile Detention Center (#1001-140)
 - (a) From: 1001.11731.000.140 Program Manager \$ (36,000.00)
 - To: 1001.11400.000.140 Part Time \$ 3,000.00
 - To: 1001.19900.000.140 Overtime \$ 8,000.00
 - To: 1001.36001.000.140 Building Repair & Maint \$ 25,000.00
 - (b) From: 1001.11734.000.140 Youth Care Program \$ (29,000.00)
 - To: 1001.21600.000.140 Operating Supplies \$ 8,000.00
 - To: 1001.25801.000.140 Food \$ 21,000.00
6. JDAI Juvenile 2022-2023 (#9134)
 - (a) AA: 9134.21600.000.140 Operating Supplies \$ 5,100.00
 - (b) AA: 9134.25801.000.140 Food \$ 6,400.00
 - (c) AA: 9134.31000.000.140 Professional Services \$ 47,900.00
 - (d) AA: 9134.31500.000.140 Travel & Training \$ 10,600.00
7. VASIA Guardianship Fees (#4203)
 - (a) AA: 4203.21001.000.454 Volunteer Favors \$ 1,000.00
 - (b) AA: 4203.25801.000.454 Food \$ 1,000.00
 - (c) AA: 4203.44000.000.454 Office Equipment \$ 3,000.00
8. 93.323 SARS COVID 2 Testing (#8903)
 - (a) AA: 8903.31000.000.210 Professional Services \$ 7,500.00
9. User Fee/Jury Fee (#2501-134)
 - (a) AA: 2501.39101.000.134 Jury Expense \$ 20,000.00
10. Co-Operative Extension Service (#1001-116)
 - (a) From: 1001.21500.000.116 Office Supplies \$ (700.00)
 - To: 1001.19900.000.116 Overtime \$ 700.00
11. Magistrate Court (#1001-136)
 - (a) From: 1001.21500.000.136 Office Supplies \$ (2,000.00)
 - To: 1001.19900.000.136 Overtime \$ 2,000.00
12. Superior Court #3 (#1001-134)
 - (a) From: 1001.21500.000.134 Office Supplies \$ (553.32)
 - To: 1001.40100.000.134 Office Equipment/Furniture \$ 553.32
13. Park Non-Reverting Capital Improv (#1178)
 - (a) From: 1178.21600.000.271 Operating Supplies \$ (2,100.00)
 - To: 1178.36200.000.271 Communications (new) \$ 2,100.00

E. Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers:

1. 93.354 Crisis CoAg Covid 19 (#8248) retro to 7/1/22

Betsy Swearingen, Director of Health, was present to request appropriations for this grant, retro to July 1st, 2022, which is when the grant started. This is only a portion of the grant; they will come back and appropriate more when it is needed.

(1a) AA: 8248.11400.000.210 Part Time \$ 45,446.80

<i>(1b) 8248.11400.000.210 – Part Time – Approval of Hourly Rate up to \$20.00/hour</i>		
<i>(1c) AA: 8248.14200.000.210</i>	<i>Fica-Social Security</i>	<i>\$ 3,553.20</i>
<i>(1d) AA: 8248.19900.000.210</i>	<i>Overtime</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>

Mr. John Myers moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

2. 21.027 American Rescue Plan (#8950-122)

Commissioner Brian Baird and Commissioner Kevin Walls were both present to request additional appropriations from this grant fund.

Shena Johnson, County Attorney, was also present and stated the amount of \$225,000 is being requested for Professional Services to cover some of the costs related to the Drake Road Project.

Mr. Baird explained the breakdown (*as listed in their Commissioner's Ordinance 2022-O-16*) of how the retention pay was to be disbursed.

Mr. Henderson inquired when this would be paid.

Mr. Baird replied September.

Pamela Burton, Auditor, asked for some clarification on the approved ordinance, whereas it lists that part time employees who have been active since May 1, 2022 are eligible; however, there is no date listed for the full time employees.

Mrs. Johnson replied the date would be the effective date of the Ordinance, which is today (August 8, 2022). She stated there is also some parameters in the federal law that states you can only pay up to ten percent (10%) of the employee's actual gross earnings for the year.

Mr. Deer moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

<i>(2a) AA: 8950.31000.000.122</i>	<i>Professional Services</i>	<i>\$ 225,000.00</i>
<i>(2b) AA: 8950.19852.000.122</i>	<i>Retention Pay-County Employees</i>	<i>\$ 1,430,500.00</i>
<i>(2c) AA: 8950.14200.000.122</i>	<i>Fica-Social Security</i>	<i>\$ 109,284.00</i>
<i>(2d) AA: 8950.14300.000.122</i>	<i>Perf</i>	<i>\$ 160,216.00</i>

3. 21.027 American Rescue Plan (#8950-155) [Crisis Intervention Team]

Andy Barnhart, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was present to request appropriations from this grant, noting it has also been before the ARPA committee. He briefly reviewed the budget for the remainder of 2022, all of 2023, and all of 2024. He also asked for a verbal acknowledgement that these salaries would be picked up by the County once the ARPA money runs out; this would just show this program will continue on and not just go away in two and half years.

Mr. Ison asked if there were funds built in the budget for overtime.

Mr. Barnhart replied no; he stated they set the salaries at a point where there would not be any overtime. When they picked the salaries for these employees, they matched the current merit deputy pay, with the stipulation they would not receive a raise in 2023. That would then set them slightly under the merit deputy pay and there would not be any overtime, as they would flex their time back.

Mr. John Myers inquired about the request for Capital Improvements.

Mr. Barnhart answered they are out of office space and these funds will allow them to expand, adding on four additional offices to their building.

Mr. Ketchum asked if Mr. Barnhart could give a brief description of the duties for the Crisis Intervention Team Officers.

Mr. Barnhart replied there are actually three CIT officers; two are funded from this budget and one in the Probation budget. They will be responding to calls, on a rotating basis, with a 24/7 coverage. Any (merit deputy) officer that responds to a call and sees there is a need for crisis intervention will contact this team for a consultation. Most likely, the CIT officer will take-over responding to the call, freeing up the road officer for other things. The CIT officers have additional training on crisis intervention and have additional resources that can be used; the idea of this is to reduce the long-term repeat calls to the same households.

Mr. Ison added they are also part of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team for First Responders. They come and provide mental health resources to the First Responders also.

Mr. Barnhart noted our CIT Officers are leading the entire State of Indiana in training all First Responders to be able to identify crisis and to be able to refer them to mental health resources.

Mr. Deer commented one of the pillars of the ARPA funds is to be used for transformative changes in our community; this is one of those major transformative changes. Once the ARPA funds are expended, there could be other funding or grants available to help continue with the funding for this team.

Mr. Ketchum asked if the CIT Officers are current employees who are moving up to the merit deputy pay.

Mr. Barnhart responded yes, and noted they will be working right along the merit deputies responding to these calls.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(3a) AA: 8950.11570.000.155	CIT Deputy 01	\$ 25,899.50
(3b) 8950.11570.000.155 – CIT Deputy 01 – Approval of annual salary of \$61,217 (with a max bi-weekly of \$2,354.50)		
(3c) AA: 8950.11571.000.155	CIT Deputy 02	\$ 25,899.50
(3d) 8950.11571.000.155 – CIT Deputy 02 – Approval of annual salary of \$61,217 (with a max bi-weekly of \$2,354.50)		
(3e) AA: 8950.14200.000.155	Fica-Social Security	\$ 3,962.62
(3f) AA: 8950.14300.000.155	PERF	\$ 5,801.49
(3g) AA: 8950.14400.000.155	Emp Group Health Insurance	\$ 9,730.77
(3h) AA: 8950.36102.000.155	Contractual Services	\$ 7,500.00
(3i) AA: 8950.41601.000.155	Other Equipment	\$ 25,000.00
(3j) AA: 8950.25100.000.155	Wearing Apparel	\$ 1,800.00
(3k) AA: 8950.42700.000.155	Capital Improvements	\$ 405,000.00
(3l) AA: 8950.47400.000.155	Vehicles	\$ 72,000.00

4. LIT Correctional/Rehab Facilities (#1233-124) [Jail]

Mr. Barnhart was also present for this request for an additional appropriation to purchase food for the inmates for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Ketchum moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(4a) AA: 1233.25801.000.124	Food	\$ 225,000.00
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5. LIT Correctional/Rehab Facilities (#1233-159) [Comm Corr – Adult]

**note: no salary changes; only changing fund being paid from – retro to 6/30/22*

Angela Morris, Director of Court Services, was present to formally request the appropriations of several positions into this fund (moved from fund #1122), retro to June 30, 2022. She noted the appropriated amounts are for the remainder of 2022 and she will be budgeting them in this fund for 2023 as well.

Mr. Ison asked if this would get Fund #1122 right side up.

Mrs. Morris replied yes, noting this fund (Community Corrections – Adult Project Income) is funded from fees from offenders. She stated the amount approved for the 2022 budget was not attainable, even if every single offender paid exactly what they owed for the entire year. By moving these appropriations to Fund #1233, they should be able to manage Fund #1122 for the remainder of the year; however, the next six months will give them a better idea on the facility's operations. She also noted they have been paying bills from their Commissary Fund; several of the bills were still outstanding from the prior administration.

Brief discussion was held about the Commissary Fund and the outstanding bills being paid from it, which are allowable expenses.

Ms. Griesemer moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(5a) AA: 1233.10004.000.159	Assistant Director	\$ 30,000.00
(5b) AA: 1233.11010.000.159	Correctional Officer	\$ 18,000.00
(5c) AA: 1233.12490.000.159	Officer in Charge	\$ 21,000.00
(5d) AA: 1233.12491.000.159	Officer in Charge	\$ 21,000.00
(5e) AA: 1233.12508.000.159	Correctional Officer	\$ 18,000.00
(5f) AA: 1233.12511.000.159	Correctional Officer (1)	\$ 18,000.00
(5g) AA: 1233.12512.000.159	Correctional Officer (2)	\$ 18,000.00
(5h) AA: 1233.12513.000.159	Correctional Officer (3)	\$ 18,000.00
(5i) AA: 1233.12515.000.159	Correctional Officer (5)	\$ 18,000.00
(5j) AA: 1233.12517.000.159	Correctional Officer (7)	\$ 18,000.00
(5k) AA: 1233.12518.000.159	Correctional Officer (8)	\$ 18,000.00
(5l) AA: 1233.12519.000.159	Correctional Officer (9)	\$ 18,000.00
(5m) AA: 1233.12522.000.159	Correctional Officer (12)	\$ 18,000.00
(5n) AA: 1233.14200.000.159	Fica-Social Security	\$ 19,278.00
(5o) AA: 1233.14300.000.159	Perf	\$ 28,224.00
(5p) AA: 1233.19900.000.159	Overtime	\$ 40,000.00

6. Comm Corr CTP (#1123)

**note: no salary changes; only changing fund being paid from*

Mrs. Morris was also present to request an additional appropriation for this fund. She noted she is moving this position from the Community Corrections – Adult Project Income Fund #1122. This is another attempt to save money coming from that fund to help with the cash flow. Mrs. Morris stated the money in this fund comes from the Department of Corrections, who pays us to house offenders that are in the Community Transition Program (CTP).

Mr. Ketchum made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(6a) AA: 1123.11113.000.220

Community Service Coordinator \$ 14,500.00

7. Fleet (#1001-144)

Bob Golinski, Fleet Manager, was present to request an additional appropriation for fuel to get through the remainder of the year. He stated he currently has \$75,249.27 with five more months to go.

Mr. Ison inquired what is being done to reduce fuel usage.

Mr. Golinski replied he is not aware of anything being done; however, they are looking at other avenues for fueling, such as fleet cards. They have also sent out emails telling employees to be aware of idle times. He noted a portion of this request is used to purchase fuel for other agencies, which later gets reimbursed back to the County.

Brief discussion was held regarding the fuel usage (amount being reimbursed) by the other agencies.

Mr. Henderson suggested putting mileage restrictions for those who are allowed to use county vehicles outside of work.

Mr. Golinski commented he has been working on a Fleet Program for fuel, which would not include the outside agencies.

Mr. Ison stated he agreed with Mr. Henderson and would like to see the County adopt some type of policy to monitor the vehicle usage. He noted something similar was done at his full-time job and it has worked out pretty well.

Mr. Deer moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

(7a) AA: 1001.27510.000.144

Fuel

\$ 400,000.00

Secondly, Mr. Golinski requested an additional appropriation for the Fleet Director line item, noting it was going to be short by the end of the year due to paying out vacation time to the prior Fleet Director when he retired.

Mr. John Myers moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Ketchum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(7b) AA: 1001.10001.000.144

Fleet Director

\$ 4,868.86

F. Other Business

1. County Council – Review of estimated property tax levy limits and estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for each taxing unit

Mr. Ison stated they have received and reviewed the estimated property tax levy limits and the estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for each of the following taxing units:

- Blue River Township
- Clark Township
- Franklin Township
- Hensley Township
- Needham Township
- Nineveh Township
- Pleasant Township
- Union Township
- White River Township

- Bargersville Civil Town
- Edinburgh Civil Town
- Franklin Civil City
- Greenwood Civil City
- New Whiteland Civil Town
- Princes Lakes Civil Town
- Trafalgar Civil Town
- Whiteland Civil Town

- Center Grove Community School Corporation
- Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation
- Edinburgh Community School Corporation
- Franklin Community School Corporation
- Greenwood Community School Corporation
- Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corporation

- Edinburgh-Wright-Hageman Public Library
- Greenwood Public Library
- Johnson County Public Library

- Amity Fire District
- Bargersville Fire District
- Hensley Fire District
- Needham Fire District
- Nineveh Fire District
- White River Fire District

- Solid Waste District

- Johnson County

Mr. Ison then entertained a motion for these units not to exceed their 2022 property tax levy multiplied by the 2023 statewide growth quotient of 5.0%.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve what Mr. Ison just stated. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

G. Old & New Business

1. Nominee for Bargersville Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Mr. Ison stated he received notice from the attorney for the Bargersville Economic Development Commission requesting a nomination from the County Council for this board. He noted this is a one-year term and it is not a paid position.

Ms. Griesemer asked if they have to live in Bargersville.

Mr. Ison replied yes.

Mr. Ison then voiced he does have someone that he would like to nominate, but asked if anyone else had a nomination. He would like to nominate Scott Cottongim; Mr. Cottongim is a new resident of Bargersville, he is a 25-year veteran (Detective) on the Greenwood Police Department, and does not hold any other political appointments and should serve in the position well and be an unbiased decision maker.

Ms. Griesemer expressed she would like to meet the people they nominate.

Mr. Ison replied it could be arranged for Mr. Cottongim to attend a meeting; however, the Bargersville EDC attorney wanted the name of the nomination by August 3, 2022. He had emailed them, but has not heard back from them yet.

Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, stated she had also emailed the attorney and asked if they could wait until the morning of August 9th for a name of the nomination; the attorney replied yes.

Mr. Henderson asked if Mr. Ison was aware of any conflicts Mr. Cottongim would have for this position.

Mr. Ison answered none.

Mr. John Myers inquired if there were any requirements of how long the person had to live in Bargersville before being nominated.

Mr. Ison replied he was unaware of this requirement. Mrs. Johnson also replied she is unaware of all the requirements.

Mr. John Myers moved to nominate Scott Cottongim to the Bargersville EDC for their consideration. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

H. Adjournment – Next regular meeting September 12, 2022


There being no further business, Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ketchum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

August 8, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes


James Ison, Council President


Jonathan T. Myers, Council Vice-President


Melinda Griesemer, Council Member

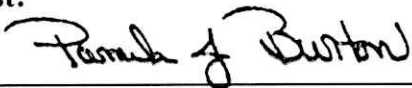

Pete Ketchum, Council Member

absent
Rob Henderson, Council Member


John Myers, Council Member


Ron Deer, Council Member

Attest:


Pamela J. Burton, Johnson County Auditor