

September 10, 2001

Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Paul Sites absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 8/20, 8/21, 8/22, 8/27 and 9/5 meetings were approved as written, moved by Joan Rauh, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VI 2001

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
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COUNTY GENERAL

Soil & Water Conservation District

180 Personal Services (secretary longevity)	\$ 156.90	\$ 156.90	6	0
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Not included in the 2001 budget, first year secretary is eligible for the benefit. Richard Pepple moved to approve as requested, second by Joan, and passed.

Emergency Management

446 Capital outlay (portable radio)	550.00	0.00	4	2
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Communications radio was stolen from a volunteer's vehicle. The department still has 4 radio's. The volunteer's car wasn't locked, he doesn't have homeowners insurance, and the county deductible is \$5,000. Paul Bergman has a deal set to buy a \$1200. radio for \$569. Joan moved to deny the request since the budget is so tight, and the radio was stolen due to negligence, second by Rich and passed, with Leon and Ted voting to deny the request, and Gary and Gene voting nay to the motion to deny.

SALARY & WAGES ORDINANCE

Soil & Water Conservation District acct 180 (longevity)	\$156.90	156.90	6	0
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Joan moved approval as requested, second by Rich, and passed.

Resolution 2001-3 to reduce \$500,000. from Memorial Hall judicial building account # 421 This plan would add \$500,000. to the uncommitted balance of the county general fund, while additional CEDIT funds would be dedicated to the building fund. The county is expecting the state to return excess funds they retained for both the CAGIT and CEDIT accounts. We should receive \$858,420 from CEDIT, with the county share about \$394,262., and about \$1,821,000. from CAGIT, with the county share about \$566,722. Rich moved to adopt Resolution 2001-3, second by Ted Little, and passed. Commissioner, Brian Hauptert, has asked Chris Johnson with Municipal Consultants, to look into redoing the 2000 bond, if lower interest rates would save money.

Budget 2002

County Agent, Vince Harrel, asked Council to reconsider the wages for himself and the youth agent, Nancy Radabaugh. The Purdue formula that ranks counties based on assessed valuations, has been in effect since 1985. The 3% requested increase is based on what state employees were granted, plus the number of extension employees. Purdue isn't flexible, if the increase isn't granted, they will reduce the local staff by 40% (eliminate one person). Joan asked if he could reduce anything in his 300 account to make up the difference, and Vince agreed to decrease his 323 (travel) account to \$3625. and account 372 (leases) to \$4000., so he can increase 311 (educators) to \$32,775. Gene moved to accept the three line item totals as offered by Vince, second by Ted, passed. Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, asked Council to reconsider wage increases for his crew. since their wages don't come from County General funds. He's hired new six employees this year, and some have dropped health insurance coverage because they can't afford it. Paul Bergman says his budget is bare bones now, no place to make cuts. Leon said many of us haven't experienced money problems in the past, but he's concerned about the future, and has noticed Sheriff sales of foreclosures are up. Joan moved to approve the 200, 300 and 400 accounts of all county general budgets, as amended, Clerk through Probation, second by Gene, and passed. Rich moved to approve the 100 accounts, as amended for the aforementioned budgets, second by Ted, and passed, with Joan voting nay. Ted moved to keep the longevity formula of 1/4 of 1% of the current wage, times the number of years employed, to a maximum of twenty years, for full time employees, second by Rich, passed. Budgets other than County General: (1) Highway A, B & C accounts; Gene moved to approve the 200, 300 & 400 accounts as amended, second by Joan, and passed. Gene moved to approve the 100 accounts as amended, second by Rich, and passed with Joan and Ted voting nay. (2) Health Dept.; Leon moved to approve the 200, 300 & 400 accounts as amended, second by Rich, and passed. Gene moved to approve the 100 accounts, second by Rich, and passed with Joan voting nay. (3) Pre-trial Diversion; Rich moved not to fund this budget, but rather appropriate money as claims are presented, with no second, the motion failed. Joan moved to approve enough for wages and benefits for the first quarter of 2002 (\$7,060.), second by Leon, and passed, with Rich voting nay. (4) Cumulative Reappraisal; Joan moved to approve as requested, second by Leon, and passed. (5) Electronic Monitoring; Ted moved to approve as requested, second by Joan, and passed. (7) Health Maintenance; Leon moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed. (8) Family & Children; Joan moved approval as requested, second by Leon, and passed. (9) CEDIT, Joan moved approval as amended, second by Leon, and passed, with Rich voting nay. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Gary Nose
/s/ Joan Rauh

/s/ Leon Ridenour
/s/ Eugene Schenkel

/s/ Richard Pepple
/s/ Ted Little

Attest: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor