

County Council Chairman, Paul Sites, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Leon Ridenour and Joann Rauh absent. Gary Nose shared a prayer, and minutes of the 2/23 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Ted Little, second by Bob Fuller, and passed. The bank managing the Sheriff pension is 1st Merchants Bank rather than just Merchants Bank. Leon had called to say he was recuperating from a broken hip at his daughter's home, and was pleased with his progress. The current balance in Co. General Fund is \$335,000.96, and \$927,562. in CAGIT money will arrive in May. The Auditor will have to borrow from Local Road & Street to get thru April expenses. Because of the increased CREDIT money to offset losses from eliminating the inventory tax, the Auditor's office must enter all mobile home data before completing the tax rate process. Mobile home information may change up to March 31st, so taxes may be as much as a month late. Council consensus is that 15 days notice is long enough for the tax payment deadline. State law requires a minimum of 15 days from the mailing date. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, reported they are working diligently to resolve the Community Corrections dilemma, trying to find the best location for all involved. Paul Bergman suggested the purpose of Emergency Management be kept in mind if they're looking to re-locate it. He says to go south rather than north of the current location. The Commissioners say Mary Ellen Rudisel with Scearce/Rudisel Architects, Warsaw, has been hired to draw plans for relocating Probation to the third floor of Memorial Hall. She is to work with Dallas Duggan, Chief of Probation. The contract is signed with Crystal Glass to replace Memorial Hall windows. Council, again suggested the Commissioners look into selling part of the County Farm for capital projects income. The Commissioners reported their attorney, Tom Mattern, was working to move \$51,000. from the 1964 Letha Jackson estate dedicated to the Co. Farm Home. The judge must approve the move, and the heirs should be notified of plans to use it elsewhere, since the home was razed in 1982. Patrick Mulroy, with Dexter Axle in the North Manchester area, says business is booming, and employee census is up to 225 from 207. They are owned by a British holding company and are one of the largest manufacturers of trailer parts. Dexter Axle has an agreement with Ivy Tech college for continuing education, and Paul Sites says they are one of the county's largest contributors to the United Fund. They're working 6 days a week, the company intends to stay put for the foreseeable future, and wants to buy 4 new machines to replace 15 year old models. The new equipment will reduce the number of jobs available, but those displaced may bid for other jobs. Pat asked for a tax abatement for the new machinery. Bob and Ted feel an efficient business creates and retains jobs. Bob moved to approve a 5 year abatement plan beginning at 100% and decreasing by 20% each year, second by Ted, and passed. After addressing the Additional Appropriation Requests, Ted moved to adjourn, second by Bob, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE II

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
E-911				
311 Other Services/Charges (map upgrade)	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	5	0
911 coordinator, Sandy Beeks, says there hasn't been mapping for cities and towns. All but \$2,000. will be reimbursed by wireless 911 funds. The 911 account has a balance of \$334,335.47. Paul Bergman moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed.				
412 Capital Outlay (dispatch recorder)	13,200.00	13,200.00	5	0
The request was explained by Sheriff Striker last month. Ted moved approval as requested, second by Paul Bergman, and passed.				
PROBATION USER FEES				
115 Personal Services (wages)	6,342.44	6,342.44	5	0
A Criminal Justice Institute grant to be used for Day Reporting wages, according to Chief of Probation, Dallas Duggan. He reports the program is going well, but the attendance numbers are high, and ideally, there should be a decrease in numbers. Ted moved approval as requested, second by Bob, and passed.				
COUNTY HEALTH				
118 Personal Services (wages)	13,827.69	0.	5	0
171 Personal Services (soc. sec.)	1,643.00	0.	5	0
172 Personal Services (PERF)	2,517.50	0.	5	0
173 Personal Services (med. insurance)	384.25	0.	5	0
The figures requested are incorrect, Deputy Registrar, Kathy Carter got them from the Auditor's office. She will present corrected amounts next meeting. Paul Bergman moved to table all four requests, second by Bob, and passed by all.				
319 Other Services/Charges (meningitis serum)	6,833.54	6,833.54	5	0
Will be used to buy the serum. The public pays for these shots, so the cost is refunded. Gary moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed.				
HEALTH MAINTENANCE				
118 Personal Services (wages)	13,827.69	0.	5	0
171 Personal Services (soc. sec.)	1,643.00	0.	5	0
172 Personal Services (PERF)	2,517.50	0.	5	0
173 Personal Services (med. insurance)	384.25	0.	5	0
The figures need corrected, this was tabled by the same motion in the Co. Health request.				
316 Other Services/Charges (hepatitis B serum)	144.00	144.00	5	0
Collections from the public who received the vaccine. Funds need appropriated to this account. Paul Bergman moved approval as requested, second by Gary, and passed.				
HEALTH HOMELAND SECURITY				
441 Capital Outlay (electronic equipment)	4,200.00	4,200.00	5	0
Homeland Security grant funds for pagers already ordered, and possible purchase of cell phones. Paul Bergman asked if they were compatible with other emergency personnel, and whether it's an alpha pager. Kathy Carter didn't have the answer, but she will get it. Council agrees emergency entities should be compatible. Paul Bergman moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed by all.				
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT				
362 Other Services/Charges (repairs)	21,959.00	21,959.00	5	0
Funds to be used for maintenance and repairs to the basement of Memorial Hall. It's tobacco money sent by the Indiana State Department of Health. Ted moved approval as requested, second by Bob, and passed.				

/s/ Paul Sites /s/ Gary Nose /s/ Ted Little /s/ Bob Fuller /s/ Paul Bergman

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor