

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2021**

The Porter County Council met on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mr. Rivas called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Council Member Jeremy Rivas, Council Member Andy Bozak, Council Member Mike Brickner, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Mike Jessen, Council Member Bob Poparad, and Council Member Greg Simms. Also present was, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing Council Attorney Harold Harper and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes for Budget 2nd reading September 22, 2020, September 24, 2020 September 29, 2020 and October 1, 2020 and Regular Council Meeting January 5, 2021.

Mr. Rivas, Alright we have the minutes, approval of Council minutes for Budget 2nd reading September 22, 2020, September 24, 2020, September 29, 2020, October 1, 2020 and Regular Council Meeting January 5, 2021

Ms. Graham, Moved to approve.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve. Second?

Mr. Jessen, Second

Mr. Rivas, Second on the floor, any questions on the motion? All in favor of the minutes signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

First Reading

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 January 26th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following appropriation adjustments to the county budgets for the year 2021 and to transact any further business which might come before the Council:

Drug Free Communities Fund			
Drug Free Communities	1148-50000-000-0000	Distributions	\$ 150,000.00
Accident Report Fund			
Accident Report	1101-45100-000-0005	Data Processing Equipment	\$ 2,757.00
Parks Operating Fund			
Parks Operating	1176-31100-000-0803	Legal	\$ 4,000.00
Prosecutor Forfeiture Fund			
Prosecutor Forfeiture	1234-21100-000-0009	Office Supplies	\$ 10,000.00

Overweight Vehicles Fund

Overweight Vehicles	4201-31300-000-0005	Training and Education	\$ 5,000.00
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Public Safety Data Tech Fund

Public Safety Data Tech	4907-44300-000-0380	Other Mobile Equipment	\$ 26,711.00
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93.946 Sudden Unexplained Infant Death/Sudden Death in the Young Grant Fund
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SUID/SDY Grant	8158-44400-000-0007	Furniture/Fixtures over \$100	\$ 2,400.00
SUID/SDY Grant	8158-45400-000-0007	Other Equipment	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
			\$ 4,400.00

81.041 Indiana Department of Energy Grant Fund

Indiana DOE Grant	8160-44300-000-0005	Other Mobile Equipment	\$ 31,973.00
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97.067 Indiana Department of Homeland Security 2020 Grant Fund

IDHS SHSP Grant	8161-44300-000-0005	Other Mobile Equipment	\$ 214,375.00
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Recycling and Waste Reduction Fund

RWRD Fund	9993-11100-000-0000	Salaries	\$ 9,113.00
RWRD Fund	9993-12100-000-0000	FICA	\$ 728.00
RWRD Fund	9993-12300-000-0000	PERF	\$ <u>5,443.00</u>
			\$ 15,284.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The additional appropriations 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 within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Vicki Urbanik
Auditor of Porter County

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Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And that concludes first reading.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

Parks and Recreation – Superintendent Walter Lenckos

Parks Operating Fund - 1179-000-0803

Additional \$4,000 to 31100 Legal. Reason: Due diligence work related to long term lease development with community partner.

Mr. Rivas, Alright here we go Parks and Recreation, Walter come on down. There is an additional appropriation here for \$4,000 dollars to legal, reason due diligence work related to long term lease development with community partner. Do you want to tell us a little bit about this Walter?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Sure, this is related to the development to a potential long term lease agreement with Northwest Indiana Croquet Association.

Ms. Graham, What was it?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, The Croquet Association, this is a group that approached the Park Board I want to say two or three years ago about developing some sort of partnership, they want to raise private funds to create a publically accessible area out by the Amphitheater. So last year the Park Board asked

Attorney Hollenbeck to begin crafting what that agreement would look like and do the due diligence for it...this is the bill.

Mr. Rivas, So I guess I will lead off the question that will probably be followed with a few of these tonight. This is something that was going on last year, I mean I am sure you have a line item for legal already why are you coming for an additional in January? Why not begin to expend your line item?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, We did not have one in our Non-Reverting fund last year. We have a legal line item in the General fund but not in our Non-Reverting fund usually we pay Dave his contract and that's it. If there is an extra-ordinary expenses that we get then we set those aside somewhere else. This happened at the end of the year and I think I missed the deadline to turn something into Joy by one day or something like that, so by the time that the Park Board met we got this done, so that's why it's carried over to 2021.

Mr. Poparad, How much do you have in your legal fund now in the General fund?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, In the General fund?

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, I believe it's like \$12,500 dollars is the annual amount.

Mr. Poparad, Can't you use that?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, No this has definitely fell under the...

Mr. Poparad, You can't use that or you have chosen not to use that?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, The Park Board asked to do it out of the Non-Reverting fund instead of asking for money out of the General fund.

Mr. Poparad, But you are asking for \$4,000 dollars more now.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, In the Non-Reverting fund correct.

Mr. Poparad, I don't care what fund it is you are asking for \$4,000 dollars more.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, The Croquet Association contributing anything towards legal?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Just on their side of the agreement...no the Park Board did on our side.

Mr. Poparad, They are going to use our land, we are going to pay the legal so they can play Croquet at the County Park.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Well the idea it's a public asset, it's not private where the club would...

Mr. Poparad, I know.

Mr. Simms, Walter there is a lot involved in building this right?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Yes this is everything from...we are looking at how it affects waste water, how do we get more public interaction out there, there is the revenue that could be generated off of it. How do handle sponsorships and events. There is a Tourism aspect and all sorts of different things that we have been looking at. The Park Board is very cautious, the gentleman that is kind of

spearheading he's a local attorney in town, so this is what he does. The Park Board asked Dave to go ahead and do a whole series of due diligence on not only the National Croquet Association but the feasibility of things like this and what we would need for a long term agreement like this and that's where the bill fell.

Ms. Graham, So you were talking about the money that you were going to make on this? How much to you perceive that you will make?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Oh I wouldn't know, until there is a more mature business plan on this I wouldn't even speculate.

Ms. Graham, Well ok but you just said that it's going to be a good money maker.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, No I did not say it would be a good money maker, but there could be money that could come off of it, I just want to make sure that I am clear on that.

Mr. Bozak, Is this going to be their home field? Is this going to be the only one that they are going to have in Northwest Indiana?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, They don't currently own any land. So a number of years ago they came to the Park Board, the Park Board vetted it and they decided that they weren't really interested. So then this group went to the Chesterton Park Board. The Chesterton Park Board took a look at it and there was a conversation about whether it was going to be a good fit there, Chesterton said no. The Club came back to the County Park Board, they amended some of the things that they were interested in and how they were trying to plan it. The Park Board said ok let's go, we could start developing the framework on how this would work and you have got x number of months to raise money for the project. So the due diligence part that Dave did last year is completed. They are now in their fundraising process right now.

Mr. Poparad, Are we going to have to spend money to build this facility or they are?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, No.

Ms. Graham, How many acres is it going to take up out there?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Oh gosh, I bet you it's probably about an acre out there behind the Amphitheater

Mr. Poparad, Are they going to put the infrastructure in?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Yes, they are committed to all of that there is no cost to us.

Mr. Jessen, So Walter does legal services...the request here is for \$4,000 dollars that you are saying, is that the total amount for this specific event or group?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, That's the total amount for what the Park Board asked Dave to do in regards to due diligence. I will also share with you that they have told Dave and they have shared with Northwest Indiana Croquet Association that they are not allowing him to do additional work until further steps have been accomplished by the Association. So they have committed to they are not spending any more money on this until...

Ms. Graham, Now how about other Associations who have come forward too...I mean wanting the same privileges?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, So this is the first time that we have something that is this complicated. So when the railway garden came, that was a small section of land that they wanted, it was just a few square hundred feet. They weren't asking any utilities so they was nothing permanent being alter by the land so a

simple MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is sufficient, but this is considerably larger so a two or three page MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) isn't going to cut it.

Ms. Graham, So they are putting in restrooms?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Yes there would be utilities. Correct, I would imagine anything of this size that would come along again...but yes the Park Board would probably do the same thing.

Ms. Graham, So this is a long-term lease ?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Yes it would have to be if we were talking about something like this in.

Ms. Graham, So fifty years...one hundred years?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Well everything from the current lease with the Railway Garden and I think it's renewed every three (3) years. (Inaudible is every four (4) or five (5) years. But it said it's in the documents to keep extending out up to some ungodly number. But every couple of years they look at it again.

Mr. Poparad, At who's option our or theirs?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Well the Park Board always has an option to get out of the agreement. So our current agreements with the Northern Indiana (Inaudible) Association, the Railway Garden Society, Duneland Photography and I know that there is someone I am missing right now. Every single one of those annual agreements for shared use, whatever the parameters are whether it's one (1) year or three (3) years, there is always a way for us out and Dave always makes sure there is an escape clause just in case something horrible happens we still have a way to extricate ourselves from the agreement.

Mr. Bozak, I have a question if we were to say no to the additional at this time would you just take it from the General fund and be able to pay it? What happens if we say no to this?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, I would have to say that the Park Board and I would have to figure out where this money would come from, there is no extra dollars in the General fund.

Mr. Poparad, Yes there is there is that \$12,500 dollars right there.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, For the existing contract.

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, That pays for Hollenbeck's contract for the year.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Correct, so once we took that out...

Mr. Bozak, So would you be coming to us later?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Correct.

Mr. Rivas, Or you could renegotiate his contract.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Rivas, So there is an additional of \$4,000 dollars, so I would entertain a motion one way or the other.

Mr. Bozak, I just hate to do an additional this early in the year.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, I am happy if there is a line item you would rather it be transferred out of in the Non-Reverting fund? I would prefer that we not do it in the General fund without going through the Park Board but if that makes you feel more comfortable...

Mr. Poparad, You have \$63,000 in your operating fund in your Event Expenses, do you think that you are going to spend all that with COVID?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, If things get better by August.

Mr. Poparad, Why don't you come see us in August then?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, I'm not sure what that means?

Mr. Poparad, I make the motion to take the \$4,000 out of your Parks Operating 1179 to transfer out your 39800 Event Expenses to 31100 Legal. You have \$35,000 in Advertising, you can find \$4,000 dollars pretty quick. And I agree with Mr. Bozak this is the first meeting of the year and you are already doing additional. If we didn't have a meeting what would you do?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Wait till...

Mr. Poparad, This is long conversation...

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, I would wait until next month.

Mr. Poparad, There was a long conversation about January, February and March everybody is already doing additional.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, I want to make sure that I am clear again, this was supposed to go last year.

Mr. Poparad, That's not my problem. That was last year's budget is in the past, we were here.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, You have the right to deny the request.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion to deny the request.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion on the floor, is there a second?

Mr. Bozak, Second, because I want to see this come out later in the year if you do need it.

Mr. Rivas, So there is a motion and a second on the floor to deny the additional \$4,000 out of legal. Any further discussion? Let's get a roll call on the denial of the additional Madame Auditor.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	No
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	No
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	No
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 4 - 3

Mr. Rivas, Vicki can a transfer be made out of his Parks Operating right now?

Mr. Poparad, Mr. Rivas?

Mr. Rivas, Yes sir?

Mr. Poparad, (Inaudible) he can't find \$4,000 dollars?

Mr. Rivas, I mean you guys suggested some other ideas...

Mr. Poparad, I'm not adverse to spending the money, I'm adverse to an additional at the beginning of the year for \$4,000 dollars when you have a \$1.2 million dollars in your budget.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, \$1.2 million...

Mr. Rivas, Walter...

Mr. Poparad, Well \$700,000 dollars and \$500,000 dollars in round numbers is what I'm looking at.

Mr. Rivas, Hold on Walter...so where would you transfer from right now? Do you have a legal line item? Where is your legal line item?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, General fund.

Mr. Rivas, This is your General fund up top, why don't I see a legal line item for Parks Operating? What am I missing?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Contractual Attorney.

Mr. Rivas, There it is. So where can you transfer it from right now Walter?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, In the Non-Reverting fund or the General fund?

Ms. Graham, The General fund.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, General would be anything other than Salaries and FICA.

Mr. Rivas, I know that there is Event Expenses and Advertising, for the transfer can it be out of Non-Reverting?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Yes you can take it out of Event Expenses. In Advertising there is probably close to \$1,000 or \$2,000...

Mr. Rivas, What do we transfer to in this?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, It would go from Event Expenses to...

Mr. Rivas, Consultants?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Legal 31100

Mr. Poparad, Can we do that between funds though?

Mr. Rivas, That's what I'm wondering...can we do that between funds like that?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, In the Non-Reverting fund?

Mr. Rivas, Right 1179 (Non-Reverting) so what item would you transfer it, because there is no Legal line item from what I am seeing?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, (Inaudible) we'll just create it.

Mr. Poparad, What about Consultants?

Mr. Rivas, Well that's why I was asking...I will entertain a motion for a transfer. Walter what did you say Event Expense or Advertising?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, There is only going to be \$2,000 dollars left in there so please not Advertising.

Mr. Rivas, So Event Expense?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Yes take it out of Event Expenses.

Mr. Bozak, I will make a motion that we take it out of Event Expenses.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion to transfer \$4,000 dollars from Event Expenses to Legal line item is there any further discussion? All in favor of the minutes signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Rivas, Well that was the first one of the year.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Thank you.

Mr. Bozak, Well we have got to be tight, we all know it.

Prosecutor – Prosecutor Gary Germann

Prosecutors Forfeiture Fund - 1234-000-0009

Additional \$10,000 to 21100 Office Supplies. Reason: Appropriations need for the outstanding bills and future anticipated expenses.

Mr. Rivas, Prosecutors Forfeiture Fund there is an additional \$10,000 to 21100 Office Supplies. Appropriations need for the outstanding bills and future anticipated expenses. I think you just heard the croquet conversation?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Yes, so this is really just an additional to a line item from Forfeiture monies. It's just to increase the money in the Office Supply line item that we are going to need for our expenses related to our move to the new office.

Mr. Bozak, To what?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Our move to the new building we are going to need additional office supplies.

Mr. Bozak, When is that move?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, I don't know.

Mr. Bozak, I am just curious, then why are we moving that now? Is there a reason that we have to do it now versus when it gets closer?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Well it's going to be anytime.

Mr. Bozak, Oh soon.

Prosecutor Gary Germann, It was supposed to be a year ago, but we anticipate it being in March. The furniture is arriving and they are putting it together so anytime.

Mr. Rivas, What was budgeted?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, \$2,000 dollars.

Mr. Rivas, That's it?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, That's all we put in there to begin with.

Mr. Rivas, We budgeted \$5,000 dollars and you think you are going to need \$15,000 dollars for the move?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, We do.

Mr. Jessen, What have we missed here? What do we know now that we didn't know then? What changed?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Well we just use our other Office Supplies in our budget and in Infraction Deferral and Pre-Trial Diversion we just put a little bit to establish two line items and one of them was Office Supplies. But I just want to make sure that we have enough but we may not even use this money, but in all likelihood we will. We need...we had to purchase our carts to carry our files from the new building to Court that are waterproof and weatherproof.

Ms. Graham, Gary what kind of bothers me is you are saying is our future costs or anticipated so you don't for sure what you need. Why don't you come back when you really know?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, But Sylvia it's our money...it's our Forfeiture money, I don't understand why we can't put it into the line item that we want. If we don't use it...we don't use it.

Mr. Rivas, Because that's our role right? I mean we budget, we do the transfers and additional. So I think the point is we knew the move was coming, everybody knew so why not budget \$15,000 dollars a couple of months ago? You say it's your money but we have a role here too, so you have to come in front of us.

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Yes I know we just didn't think of it, so we need the money now.

Ms. Graham, How about giving him \$5,000?

Mr. Rivas, So there is a request in front of you for an additional \$10,000 dollars to Office Supplies. But it's says outstanding bills too though, so there is outstanding bills for Office Supplies?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, So I would go to did you miss an encumbrance? Wouldn't that be part of encumbering some money? Well this has been since the beginning of the year that we had these, we started to order things that we need for our move.

Mr. Rivas, So there is a request in front of you. I will entertain a motion either way or some way?

Ms. Graham, How about doing \$5,000 dollars and if he needs more he can come back.

Mr. Rivas, Is that a motion?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion on the floor for a \$5000 dollar additional, is there a second?

Mr. Poparad, I'll second it to get to discussion.

Mr. Rivas, We have a second for a \$5,000 additional for Office Supplies, further discussion?

Mr. Bozak, This is the same question that I asked Parks, what happens if we say no? What happens if they say no to \$10,000 or \$5,000 dollars?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Well we just don't have enough money to pay the bills and then I will be back here with a creditor asking for their money.

Ms. Graham, Are there outstanding bills Vicki? Does he have outstanding bills now?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes in the upcoming claim schedule there are some bills there (inaudible) but I can't see beyond that.

Mr. Rivas, I don't think you are going to be taken to claims in 30 days.

Mr. Bozak, What else comes out of the Forfeiture fund?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I just want to remind everyone that this is a brand new fund that you just created last year (inaudible) program so there really isn't a track record of what and how much this fund is going to be bringing in and at the time of budget no one knew.

Mr. Bozak, So there is nothing budgeted to be spent against this money?

Ms. Graham, We still don't know how much is going to be in there.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, (Inaudible)

Mr. Rivas, I think the point is that we are not sure what they are going to be receiving do you have an estimate?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Well the current cash balance is about \$41,000 dollars.

Ms. Graham, \$41,000 dollars?

Mr. Rivas, Yes

Mr. Bozak, Is there plans to use it?

Ms. Graham, Wow.

Mr. Bozak, What this fund going to be use for?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, That really is our discretionary money. It's money that we can't tell you what it will be because it's based on the amount of monies that are forfeited in our drug work.

Mr. Bozak, No but I meant what is your plans for the money?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Oh, like I said it's discretionary money. I prefer just to hold it for emergencies just in case one of the other funds can't support something that we need. It could be for an expert witness, it could be trial expenses, it could be anything.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Any further discussion on the motion?

Mr. Bozak, You can make \$5,000 dollars work for the month and then see what happens next month?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Sure but it's like I'm here every month just to say the same thing to you. But I still say it's money that belongs to the Prosecutor's Office, I mean we are not going to spend it unwisely if that's the concern.

Mr. Bozak, No I don't think so.

Mr. Rivas, Can we get a roll call on the \$5,000 dollar additional?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brickner	-	No
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	No
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	No
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 4 - 3 in the affirmative.

Mr. Rivas, I suppose we are going to see you next month?

Prosecutor Gary Germann, Probably.

Mr. Rivas, Alright thank you.

Coroner – Cyndi Dykes

93.946 SUID/SDY Grant Fund- 8158-000-0007

Additional \$2,400 to 44400 Furniture/Fixtures over \$100
\$2,000 to 45400 Other Equipment

Reason: Additional needed for Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) and Sudden Death in the Young (SYD) grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Mr. Rivas, Coroner it looks like you have a grant fund an additional \$2,400 dollars to Furniture/Fixtures over \$100 also \$2,000 to Other Equipment. Reason additional needed for Sudden Unexplained Infant Death and Sudden Death in the Young grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Mr. Jessen, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second

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

Ms. Graham, Are you creating another office? Do you need another person for this?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, No I'm just a Chair of Child Fatality Team in Porter County that is actually mandated by the State and this is the same as what I brought to you last year and I am presenting it in the same way, putting it in the same line as last year.

Ms. Graham, How much is the grant for?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, It's a reimbursement grant, so what I actually need is just to have that money in there in those lines and then I will be reimbursed as I use it for equipment or whatever I need it for.

Mr. Jessen, Coroner Dykes what did you spend in 2020 that money on just to give us a general idea.

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, We bought new refrigeration units for the office as part of this I do DNA which has to be stored at a certain temperature. So we did get a new refrigeration and freezer for the office.

Mr. Jessen, It was just an idea.

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, Yes...oh we got back-up cameras for our vans. Because one of our vans we only have the side mirrors and for safety I thought it would be best to have back-up camera mirrors so we used it for that. Just anything basically for the Deputies when they go out on a call.

Mr. Jessen, The only question that I had did you...I know in your letter that you said on the 12th the Commissioners pending approval at the Commissioners meeting did that go through?

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, Yes, I found out that the ordinance that I originally made with the Commissioners last year is for as long as it's until the grant dissolves.

Mr. Jessen, Ok perfect.

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, So I'm good with that.

Mr. Jessen, Good thank you.

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Thank you have a good evening.

Coroner Cyndi Dykes, Thank you.

Recycling and Waste Reduction – Director Keri Marrs Barron

Recycling and Waste Reduction General Fund - 9993-000-0000

Additional \$9,113 to 11100 Salaries

\$ 728 to 12100 FICA

\$5,443 to 12300 PERF

Reason: Additional needed 3% raises were not awarded due technical/paperwork error. Along with FICA and PERF

Mr. Rivas, Recycling and Waste Reduction General fund additional \$9,113 to Salaries, \$728 to FICA, \$5,443 to PERF. Reason Additional needed 3% raises were not awarded due technical/paperwork error. Along with FICA and PERF. There is a request in front of you

Mr. Jessen, I'll make the motion

Mr. Rivas, Motion

Mr. Poparad, I'll second it to get to discussion.

Mr. Rivas, Second...discussion?

Mr. Poparad, I have a question, the PERF seems to be awful high in proportion or the wage increase. I mean it's like fifty (50%) percent of the salaries. Over fifty (50%) percent, the math doesn't seem right, am I missing something?

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, That was generated by the Auditor's Office. So Tiffany did those numbers...

Mr. Poparad, Auditor? Vicki

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes?

Mr. Poparad, The math seems out of line doesn't it?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, When they originally added the budget for advertising purposes (inaudible) so that's part of the correction.

Mr. Poparad, The PERF is off?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And in the approved raises.

Mr. Poparad, I understand the reason we missed but it's fifty (50%) percent of the raises is PERF, that doesn't seem right.

Mr. Jessen, PERF seems to be off more than the raises.

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That because the budget was first advertised and correct me if I am wrong Kerry, but they didn't include any increases at all.

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, Correct we just did the original number and we missed on the advertised because we went from form 1 to form 3.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Right.

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron,

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And so when there were raises this is that correction.

Mr. Poparad, I understand what you said about the raises, but what is PERF?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 11.20%.

Mr. Poparad, 11% of \$9,000 dollars isn't \$5,400 dollars that's all I am saying.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That was we saw that needed to be done to fix that...

Mr. Poparad, You mean we under-budgeted PERF too?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Pardon me?

Mr. Poparad, We under-budgeted PERF?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, In what they advertised...yes.

Mr. Bozak, How did that happen? I understand the raises but how did we get...

Mr. Poparad, Yes it's a simple math equation.

Mr. Bozak, I see his question and it makes sense.

Mr. Poparad, I'm just curious if we have a million dollars in salaries 11.2% is PERF right? Even if there was no raises.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We don't...

Mr. Poparad, You don't check their numbers?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, For the advertising this goes back to the original (inaudible)...

Mr. Poparad, What was passed? That's all that counts, what was advertised doesn't mean anything. I'm just curious why we are off so much on PERF that's all? The wages I understand because of the raises...but the PERF doesn't make sense. I'm in rare form tonight.

Mr. Rivas, I see that, we get you out of the house once in awhile...

Mr. Poparad, They let me out.

Mr. Rivas, This is it and you get to let loose a little bit.

Mr. Poparad, I mean we are going to have to do it.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, There is no way around it, I'm just curious why we are in this position that's all.

Mr. Bozak, Seems like their PERF would have been off anyway.

Mr. Poparad, Yes but not this much.

Mr. Bozak, Even if we didn't do raises, it seems like it would have been off.

Mr. Poparad, Right...exactly.

Mr. Bozak, Do you know what happened here? Do you fill in those numbers?

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, I do, I'm the new Director this was my first budget...

Mr. Poparad, That's alright...I assumed the Auditor's Office checked all of this. At least when we went through budget.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, (Inaudible)

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, Well part of it is the new system, we are all double checking and what-not. Now I do know in regards to PERF this goes back to the district when it originally started that the Recycling Waste and Reduction District does also pay the 3% of the employees' contribution, so PERF is paid the 11.2% percent as well as the 3%. That is written in the original founding...

Mr. Poparad, Well that's interesting.

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, So the PERF is a little bit higher but in regards to this number I...

Ms. Graham, So the County is paying for this?

Mr. Poparad, That's real interesting, this is the first that I've heard about it.

Mr. Bozak, Are there other Boards set-up like that? Or is that the only one?

Ms. Graham, And that is true what she is saying that is how it is set-up.

Mr. Poparad, New surprises every month.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We have departments that we do not have access, we do not have (inaudible) and some of them are (inaudible....) So they submit their own budgets and then when it comes time for the final adoption I have to sign off on the final adoption.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, Anything further? There is a motion right? Motion and second on the floor any further discussion on these additional for these corrections? Can we get a roll call Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes

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Mr. Poparad, So actually everybody's pay in this budget is 3% higher since employees do not contribute to PERF?

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, Pardon?

Mr. Poparad, Is that an accurate statement?

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, In regards to PERF?

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, Yes

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, Correct...right?

Mr. Poparad, They are getting 3% more than what their salaries showing. I just wanted to make a point this is the first time I've heard about it and I've been down here twenty years.

Recycling and Waste Reduction Director Keri Marrs Barron, Wow...that how it was when they started...

(Inaudible)

Porter County Sheriff, Garage & Jail – Sheriff David Reynolds

Sheriff

Sheriff Accident Report Fund - 1101-000-0005

Additional \$2,757 to 45100 Data Processing Equipment. Reason: To cover the cost of the new computer to run Accident Reconstruction Software.

Sheriff Overweight Vehicles Fund - 4201-000-0005

Additional \$5,000 to 31300 Training and Education. Reason: To cover the cost of training for traffic safety.

81.041 Indiana Department of Energy Grant - 8160-000-0005

Additional \$31,973 to 44300 Other Mobile Equipment. Reason: To purchase Electric Bike and Electric ATV.

97.067 Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant - 8161-000-0005

Additional \$214,375 to 44300 Other Mobile Equipment. Reason: To purchase Explosive Incident Robot.

Mr. Rivas, Well we know that Bob is in rare form.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, Look what he did to Sylvia.

Mr. Poparad, Hey come on, I would never do something like that.

Mr. Rivas, Now how up...alright we have the Sheriff in front of us there is the additional Sheriff Accident Report Fund \$2,757 to 45100 Data Processing Equipment. Reason: To cover the cost of the new computer to run Accident Reconstruction Software.

Ms. Graham, Moved to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Just one by one...alright there is a motion on the floor for the \$2,757 dollars, discussion?

Mr. Bozak, Is that coming from the General fund?

Mr. Rivas, No the Accident Report fund.

Ms. Graham, I would like to amend my motion to move on all four.

Mr. Rivas, Alright Sylvia has amended here motion to include all four additional.

Mr. Jessen, The second accepts that.

Mr. Rivas, The second concurs, so we have the Sheriff Overweight Vehicles Fund Additional \$5,000 to 31300 Training and Education. Reason: To cover the cost of training for traffic safety. The Indiana Department of Energy Grant Additional \$31,973 to 44300 Other Mobile Equipment. Reason: To purchase Electric Bike and Electric ATV. And the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant Additional \$214,375 to 44300 Other Mobile Equipment. Reason: To purchase Explosive Incident Robot. Discussion on the four additional?

Ms. Graham, That sounds amazing.

Mr. Rivas, If there is no discussion can we get a roll call on the additional Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Jail

Public Safety Data Tech - 4907-000-0380

Additional \$26,711 to 44300 Other Mobil Equipment. Reason: To cover the balance of the cost to purchase the Explosive Incident Robot.

Mr. Rivas, Jail there is an additional for Public Safety Data Tech for \$26,711 to 44300 Other Mobil Equipment. To cover the balance of the cost to purchase the Explosive Incident Robot.

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Rivas, Motion on the floor for approval.

Mr. Jessen, Second

Mr. Rivas, Second, discussion? Well this explosive incident robot will that be shared throughout the county with all the other departments?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Well it's our Bomb Team and they do seven counties and our SWAT Teams.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

Mr. Bozak, Seven Counties?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, We unfortunately have the Bomb Team.

Mr. Bozak, Are they throwing in for our robot?

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, It's a grant.

Ms. Graham, Very nice.

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, \$214,000 dollars is the Grant and we are covering the difference .

Ms. Graham, There you go.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Mr. Simms, Just out of quick curiosity let's say if you used it in some other area and a bomb goes off and it disables this robot who pays to get it fixed? Or is this thing supposed to be indestructible?

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, No

Mr. Simms, No.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Well we would not have been able to get this but we had an old one and we couldn't pay for the parts. So I want to give a special shout out to Homeland Security! I went down there several times and they basically said we're better off applying for a new robot.

Mr. Simms, Oh...

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, So this is a new robot because they couldn't...there line items or how they operate couldn't give us the parts. But to answer your question we just be out of luck. I mean I would go back to Homeland Security and see what they could help us with, but they been awesome for us. Another shout out to the Indiana Department of Energy Grant! They gave us that and they also gave us an ATV which is not on the County so they paid for that.

Mr. Bozak, That's cool.

Mr. Rivas, So when this gets rusty and old come back in ten years and get another one.

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, It won't get rusty.

(Laughter)

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes

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Porter County Substance Abuse – Dawn Pelc

Drug Free Communities Fund - 1148-000-0000

Additional \$180,000 to 50000 Distributions. Reason: Grant funding out to the Community from the Counter Measure fees received from the Courts.

Mr. Rivas, Porter County Substance Abuse. There is an additional in front of you from the Drug Free Communities fund for \$180,000 to 50000 Distributions. Reason: Grant funding out to the Community from the Counter Measure fees received from the Courts.

Ms. Graham, Move to approve

Mr. Poparad, Second

Mr. Rivas, Motion and second on the floor for \$180,000 dollar additional. Discussion?

Ms. Graham, It's a grant.

Mr. Rivas, Let's get a roll call?

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. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Auditor

Auditor General Fund - 1000-000-0274

Transfer \$5,000 from 11100 Salaries to 11200 Hourly. Reason: Transfer to hourly needed because we didn't appropriate anything at budget time for the General fund. Transfer \$60 from 11100 Salaries to Dues and Subscriptions.

Mr. Rivas, Alright Auditor General Fund Transfer \$5,000 from 11100 Salaries to 11200 Hourly. Reason: Transfer to hourly needed because we didn't appropriate anything at budget time for the General fund. And she also like to present another Transfer \$60 from 11100 Salaries to 39300 Dues and Subscriptions. Reason: As salaries went up dues and subscriptions follows.

Ms. Graham, Moved to approve

Mr. Jessen, Second

Mr. Rivas, Both the \$5,000 dollars and the \$60 dollars?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and second on the floor, any discussion? All in favor of both transfers signify by saying ? Opposed same sign?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Thank you very much.

Second Reading

Mr. Rivas, Let's have second reading.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

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

Drug Free Communities Fund

Drug Free Communities 1148-50000-000-0000	Distributions	\$	150,000.00
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Accident Report Fund

Accident Report	1101-45100-000-0005	Data Processing Equipment	\$	2,757.00
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Prosecutor Forfeiture Fund

Prosecutor Forfeiture	1234-21100-000-0009	Office Supplies	\$	5,000.00
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Overweight Vehicles Fund

Overweight Vehicles	4201-31300-000-0005	Training and Education	\$	5,000.00
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Public Safety Data Tech Fund

Public Safety Data Tech	4907-44300-000-0380	Other Mobile Equipment	\$	26,711.00
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93.946 Sudden Unexplained Infant Death/Sudden Death in the Young Grant Fund
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SUID/SDY Grant	8158-44400-000-0007	Furniture/Fixtures over \$100	\$	2,400.00
SUID/SDY Grant	8158-45400-000-0007	Other Equipment	\$	2,000.00
			\$	4,400.00

81.041 Indiana Department of Energy Grant Fund

Indiana DOE Grant	8160-44300-000-0005	Other Mobile Equipment	\$	31,973.00
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97.067 Indiana Department of Homeland Security 2020 Grant Fund

IDHS SHSP Grant	8161-44300-000-0005	Other Mobile Equipment	\$	214,375.00
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Recycling and Waste Reduction Fund

RWRD Fund	9993-11100-000-0000	Salaries	\$	9,113.00
RWRD Fund	9993-12100-000-0000	FICA	\$	728.00
RWRD Fund	9993-12300-000-0000	PERF	\$	5,443.00
			\$	15,284.00

That conclude second reading.

Mr. Rivas, I will entertain a motion to approve second reading.

Ms. Graham, Motion to approve.

Mr. Rivas, motion

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Second, discussion? Can we get a roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Brickner	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes

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Attorney's Report

Mr. Rivas, Attorney's report?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, No news is good news, so that's good.

Mr. Rivas, Are you following all the legislation? Anything crazy going on?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, (Inaudible) nothing that I think that is of any interest.

Any other matter that may come properly before the Council

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

Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Poparad, I will make a motion to adjourn

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second, all in favor of adjourning signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Greg Simms.

Motion carries on a majority voice vote.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

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Attest: _____
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