

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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8:30 AM

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 8:30 am in the Discussion Room at Citizens Square. The purpose of the meeting was for additional appropriations, transfer of funds in excess of the current budget, grants and any other business to come before Council.

Attending: Robert A. Armstrong, Joel M. Benz, Larry L. Brown, Justin T. Busch, Tom A. Harris, Eric M. Tippmann and Sharon L. Tucker.

Also Attending: Nick Jordan, Auditor; Jackie Scheuman, Budget and Finance Director and Becky Butler, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Larry Brown: Good morning everyone. First on the agenda is the approval of the March 16th meeting minutes. Are there any additions or corrections?

Tom Harris: Move to approve the minutes from March 16, 2017.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next is the financial report.

Nick Jordan: Good morning, Council. In your packet you will see that the miscellaneous revenues are trending right along the schedule right now. We won't collect the property taxes until May. I don't expect any significant deviation of the estimates in that regard. I will say that we are in a very positive financial position. One thing you don't see reflected in the packet is the Health Insurance Fund. Through March we are 75% of where we were in 2016 as far as expenses and 67% of where we were in 2015. That is a very good position to be in the first quarter of the year. Granted claims will fluctuate through the rest of the year but it helps our fund balance. We are in a very good fiscal position at this point in time. I can take any questions, if you guys have them.

Eric Tippmann: Sixty-seven percent is what in real dollars?

Nick Jordan: In 2015 and 2016, we spent around \$11.4 million and that was \$2.6 to \$2.9 and we are at \$1.9 through the first quarter of 2017. Granted, you have to keep in mind that it fluctuates with peoples' health experiences from year to year but at least we are not 125% of where we were then. That fund has an \$8.8 million balance and with potentially \$15 million in the General Fund and CEDIT has its own. We have some very positive fund balances. The other minor adjustment on the agenda, there are two appropriation

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reductions in Council's Capital. You guys don't actually have the \$616,301 and in essence there would be \$168,534 of new appropriations today. If you had the full \$616,301, it would be net zero but you actually have \$168,534. For example, the Election Board, if you appropriate that \$587,526, it would fully wipe out your capital line because you only have \$447,000 in there right now.

Larry Brown: Is there anything else?

Nick Jordan: No.

Larry Brown: For the newer members of Council, in 2015 we had some pretty catastrophic and devastating medical events.

Nick Jordan: I think it was earlier than 2015. I want to say it was 2013 and 2014 that we peaked above the \$13 million mark in claims for two years and it almost seems like three years. At this point in time it is not spiking up again and hopefully that stays the course.

Larry Brown: Hopefully we are a healthier group.

Nick Jordan: I know the Commissioners and HR are doing what they can to push that.

Larry Brown: Very good, thank you. I will entertain a motion for the financial report.

Joel Benz: I will make the motion that we accept the financial report as given.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. We will move on to Board Appointment.

Tom Harris: This is an update from the Parks Department from our appointments.

Mitch Sheppard: My name is Mitch Sheppard.

Stephanie Veit: Stephanie Veit.

Mitch Sheppard: It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board for more than one time and I very much enjoy that. I am a 23 year veteran of the City's Park Department and my current position there is Deputy Director. I manage the Botanical Conservatory, the Foellinger Theater, our Urban Youth Centers, our Playground Program and Community Outreach. One of the things that I feel I bring to the Board is a lot of experience in State grant writing for parks and park programming funding. I appreciate your appointment and thank you very much for the opportunity to serve.

Stephanie Veit: My name is Stephanie Veit and I work for Three Rivers Federal Credit Union. I was appointed to the County Park Board several years ago and I have enjoyed

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my last four or five years on the County Park Board. I think I bring to the table a couple of things. No one likes the parks more than my family. My husband works for the City's Park Department and I know more about Emerald Ash Borer than I ever cared to know. Secondly, I am serving out my last term as President of YLNI of Northeast Indiana which I have done for the last six years. Looking at it from a talent attraction and quality of space standpoint, I think the County Parks are a huge asset to the citizens of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

Mitch Sheppard: I will turn to Stephanie for the highlights of the last year.

Stephanie Veit: A brief overview, our attendance was about 46,000 between all five of our County Parks. This is a little bit difficult to get a real accurate number because we don't have attendants at those gates during all of the hours that the parks are open. Our net income was up about \$6,600 from the previous year. Some of our really successful programs continue to be the Homeschool Enrichment Program and as we see funding from some of the County schools for fieldtrips, programming and things like that the homeschool programs seem to be picking up the slack and continue to improve. Sol Fest and Nature's Christmas, which happens out at Metea, Our Allen County Trailblazers Hiking program continues to be successful and gains traction every year. Our summer day camps and the Monarch tagging that we do and our Indiana Naturalist Program continues to bring in numbers every year.

Mitch Sheppard: We would be remiss if we didn't take advantage of this public opportunity to thank all of those that support our public parks system. Of course, yourselves, the Commissioners and all of the taxpayers of Allen County that fund the salaries of the park system, the Fox Island Alliance and the Friends of Metea that purchase specialized materials and supplies, market our programs and advocate for the system. Local Scout Troops that build bridges and pagodas and all sorts of wonderful facilities as well as helping with our trail system. There are many volunteers that have donated over 2,100 hours to the system. That is just a snapshot of what is going on but we wanted to take a little bit of time to tell you about our greatest challenge and greatest opportunity, Deer Run.

Stephanie Veit: Mitch and I think that Deer Run is one of our biggest challenges and also opportunity before our Allen County Park Board, at this time. We acquired this park four years ago from Allen County Juvenile Corrections' Probation Division. It is 107 acres and was unused for about ten to twelve years prior to the County Park Board taking it over. We have had some expenditures and maintenance in getting that back up and running. I don't think that we have done a great job of marketing all of the things that Deer Run has to offer. It has a certified high ropes and low ropes course and the gentleman out there has done a great job increasing that programming over the last few years as it becomes available. We had some of the high ropes course tied into ash trees and they had to be repaired and recertified. Now that it is up and running, we think that as a Board we have a great opportunity to get the word out to corporations and businesses in Allen County and Fort Wayne to use this high ropes and low ropes course more than the

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traction that we are getting right now. The course is ready for use and we are excited about that.

Mitch Sheppard: It is ready for use and we would love to take advantage of this opportunity to reach out to you to address organizations that might be interested. The programming there is self-funded and is no expense to the Park Department but we do receive a small portion that goes back into the maintenance of the property. The programming there is things like team building, counselling, nature education, personal and professional development. Some of the groups that have been out there include sports teams, scout troops, corporations and even family groups. Each of our programs is customized to meet the specific needs of the client. If you don't mind, I would like to distribute some information for you. Are there any questions that we might address for you?

Sharon Tucker: I do have one. I am going to show my ignorance but I am okay with that. What are a high rope and a low rope?

Mitch Sheppard: Have you ever seen the challenge courses that people go to do trust exercises and they are up in the air and up in the trees? There is low and really, really high. Everyone is completely safe. You are tied in and someone is laying you down so there is no danger to you. It is an intentional anxiety producing event that teaches you to be able to attach to your teammates and let go of your fear.

Sharon Tucker: So the photo in this pamphlet is an example of that? So that is probably something that Sharon Tucker would not participate in.

Mitch Sheppard: I will tell you that I have a horrific fear of heights and they have been able to get me way up in the trees. You would be amazed at the quality of training that Michael provides.

Justin Busch: Councilman Tucker, if you change your mind, I would happily be your anchor. Do you trust me?

Sharon Tucker: I trust you, Justin.

Larry Brown: I would try to be the photographer.

Sharon Tucker: Is this going to be a Council team building group?

Mitch Sheppard: Actually, we would be delighted to host Council at a team building exercise. You would really find that it takes you acres into the future.

Sharon Tucker: Wow.

Larry Brown: Do you have a date in mind?

Sharon Tucker: I will check my calendar.

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Eric Tippmann: When you add land, how is that processed?

Mitch Sheppard: Right now that is not owned by the County Park System. We have a usage agreement. I haven't been on the Park Board long enough to be familiar with the actual procedure. I will look over my shoulder at the Director.

Jeff Baxter: Jeff Baxter, Superintendent of County Parks. That property has been owned by the County Commissioners for about 20 to 25 years now. It was donated to the County by a couple of corporations, Lincoln Corporation and a couple of others. Juvenile Probation, as they mentioned, used it for years and due to their budget constraints, they weren't able to use it anymore and they had no funding to maintain the property. It was let go, basically, and just sat there until we were able to take it over. We have a use agreement with the Commissioners and in order to not come here and ask for more funding for staffing, we have a contract with Perceptions and Michael operates and manages all of that.

Tom Harris: I had the privilege of working with Ken Watson a little bit as Ken was overseeing that through the Juvenile Probation Office and even had a chance to go out there during those days. For the County to hang onto that property is tremendous.

Jeff Baxter: It is beautiful.

Tom Harris: It is and I have been out there about three times in the last few months. I am working a little bit with Michael to help promote that park and trying to get some of that revenue increased a little bit. It is a hidden secret for the County and it is a great opportunity as we are trying to get more people to move in. As I understand, Fox Island and Metea are not allowed to do camping at those facilities.

Jeff Baxter: We don't do camping at those facilities but Deer Run does.

Stephanie Veit: Deer Run has fabulous tents and platform tents that are great for scouting troops and overnight outings.

Tom Harris: It is kind of unique from that standpoint.

Jeff Baxter: To your question, when we were mulling this over whether we wanted to do this or not, our goal is hopefully we will make money but we want it to at least be revenue neutral. We want to make enough money to take care of it, put a little away so we can repair things when they life-cycle out but we would like it to be revenue neutral at least.

Larry Brown: Council, are there any other questions? Thank you very much for your report. While you are sitting there, we are going to jump forward to Department 74, Parks and Rec.

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Jeff Baxter: Thank you. Coming before you today because one of our vehicles was a hand me down, hand me down, hand me down, a 1994 Chevy Astro van. The brakes went out on it. We called the Service Center and they towed it down there and the next email I got was that it scored 47 out of the 25 points. We took the stickers off and it is going to auction. Evidently I am the poster child for bad vehicles. We had hoped that we could nurse that vehicle along but we can't. Being that it was an Astro van, it is a covered vehicle. I have Possum Pete back at my chair and we go to schools because schools can't necessarily make it out to us anymore. A lot of times we have to go and set up displays and take eight-foot tables and chairs and Possum Pete and owls and everything else. We need a covered vehicle. We also use the vehicles in the case of emergency during day camps and school groups if we are down at the lake area and a storm is moving in. We need to get the kids back and we can put them in a van. We are respectfully requesting the purchase of a 2017 Ford Transit passenger van. The number that I had given Becky earlier, the price came in lower on the 2017 City bid and is now at \$25,029. We request your approval of that.

Tom Harris: As liaison, I have had the opportunity to meet with the Board and be out at the Parks Department and work with them and understand some of their needs and I fully support the need for this. They have done a great job of hanging onto that vehicle for as long as you have. It is time to help them out.

Larry Brown: Council, are there any other questions?

Tom Harris: I will move for the reduction in Council General Fund, other capital, in the amount of \$25,029.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: Do you want to combine?

Tom Harris: Yes and I will also do the appropriation in Parks and Rec General Fund for vehicles in the amount of \$25,029.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. Thank you very much. Next on the agenda is a grant request from the Sheriff's Department.

Tom Harris: Council, this is an annual request that the Sheriff's Department generally comes for. They are not coming this year because this happens every year and helps the Sheriff's Department to fund some of these programs that provide education for reduction in drug abuse and such. With that I will move for the approval for permission to apply for the DAC grant for in-car video cameras totaling \$19,635.

Justin Busch: Second.

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Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next is the Surveyor.

Jeff Sorg: Good morning, I am Jeff Sorg, Allen County Surveyor. We are here to appropriate some money from our Stormwater Fund. It was set up to do studies and so on and we are in the process of trying to solve some flooding issues out west of Monroeville. This is the first of many steps and we have about \$100,000 in one account. I have talked to Mr. Hartman in the Highway Department and I think they are going to come along and help this project too. We are still going to need more cash for it but this is part of the process. We did some exploratory work out there to get some gas lines located. Specifically we need some elevations so our new pipe would not be in conflict with cross country lines. It is pretty important that we don't break them. The fund that we are taking this out of is set up for studies which are what this basically was. If you have any questions, I would be glad to answer them.

Eric Tippmann: I have one that is related to a bigger idea. I am new to Council and I didn't know if you knew that but what autonomy do they have to spend a threshold amount to come before us to get it appropriated? Do we give the Department Heads much autonomy on any amount?

Nick Jordan: For example, this is coming out of Fund 345 which is outside the General Fund. He has to have the available cash or is receiving the available cash in due time in order to offset this expense. Otherwise we would note that the money wasn't in there or they are going to receive it like Highway gets reimbursements. The \$6,000 that is here, on a couple of slides in, they have \$65,000. He could ask up to \$65,000 and if you guys feel justified...

Eric Tippmann: I can understand what they can ask for but what I would like to do with some of these departments, for the best use of everybody's time, on a certain amount do they need to come down here and take them away from their work?

Nick Jordan: Perfect example, coming up in CEDIT and Board of Health, I told them I would take those and as liaison you can say the same thing. It is what Tom just did for the Sheriff. I think that is between you guys and the Department Head.

Jeff Sorg: I like that idea.

Eric Tippmann: I don't want to slow it down as a lesson for me.

Joel Benz: I think that is something that we could talk about outside of the Council meeting this morning. Good point. I do have a question for you. This work is already done and now you are paying for it?

Jeff Sorg: Yes, we started design on the project and when we got to the point of design, we needed the elevation of the gas line. We knew we had funding available and so we

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went ahead and got that done. They dug it up; we took instruments and got the elevation on it. Due to the shape this tile is in, the road closes quite often. Eventually, if that funding becomes available, we can solve that where it never closes.

Larry Brown: Council, are there any other questions? I will entertain a motion.

Bob Armstrong: I will make a motion that we approve the appropriation in Stormwater/Watershed Fund 345 in the amount of \$6,000 for Contractual.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. Thank you. Next on our agenda is the Election Board.

Beth Dlug: Good morning, Council, I am Beth Dlug, Director of Elections for Allen County. With me is Amy Scrogam, Assistant Director. I am here today to ask Council for an appropriation of \$587,526 to upgrade the MicroVote voting systems and the storage facility out on Carroll Road. We have 675 voting machines which are part of a voting system that also includes printers, servers, laptops and card readers. These systems are now ten years old. The good news is that the voting machines hardware is in very good shape. Routine maintenance and occasional repair can extend the life of the machines indefinitely. The software that we use is at the end of life. We are using laptops and servers that are running on Windows XP to create ballots and program machines and tabulate results. We have been able to do this because we don't connect these systems to the internet and they are protected physically. These older systems do make us more vulnerable to outside manipulation if anyone would be able to get physical access.

Tom Harris: Hacked.

Beth Dlug: Right. It could happen if they got physical access to the machines and tabulation software but if we are not connected to the internet, it would be extremely hard for someone to hack into us. There are no plans for any updates or security fixes for our current election software. That means that as election law changes, which it does all of the time, we would not have the ability to obtain upgrades to address those changes. We have already identified one possible problem scenario with the software as a result of the upgrade. All voting machines used in Indiana must go through Federal and State certification from an independent testing lab and this is a costly and time-consuming process. The upgrade we would like includes hardware, software and firmware that are at the highest recognized Federal testing platform at this time. This is important because there are plans for new voting machine certification requirements on a national level as soon as the end of this year. We don't know what those requirements might be and could include something that our systems are not capable of doing. I doubt that any changes would come with money to implement those changes. Typically what happens is the older systems are grandfathered in and so we can stick with the system we have until we choose to make an upgrade to a newer system. A new machine currently runs about \$4,000. It would cost us a minimum of \$2.7 million to replace our current fleet of

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machines with something different. That doesn't count any additional hardware or software that we would need. It seems like a really good strategy for us to extend the life of our current hardware system for up to the next eight years, at least. That would be two Presidential cycles at a quarter of the cost of new machines. We are also adding security at the voting machine storage facility. We plan to add cameras and badge access to that facility. Homeland Security has made election equipment a part of the country's critical infrastructure. They did that at the end of last year. The expectation for security and the reliability of voting systems has never been higher. I think this upgrade is going to reduce our risk and increase voter confidence in our systems. I will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Tom Harris: One of the questions I have is the talk about voting centers which is the proper term that we have used.

Beth Dlug: Vote centers are Election Day centers where people are not assigned to a specific spot. We have early satellite voting which is early voting with the same concept where you can go to whatever satellite you want to. Vote centers are extended to Election Day.

Tom Harris: on either one of those concepts, are we factoring in the idea that we may be doing more of those? What is the strategy for the Election Board going forward? Is that even on the docket or being discussed? As a bad example if it was at the Coliseum, where everybody could come, would you need more machines and how does this fit into this concept?

Beth Dlug: Our machines are good. We had to lease 40 additional machines for the 2016 election. We were at the highest voter registration that we have ever had at 276,000. If you saw in this morning's headlines, they just cut about 30,000 from the 276,000. If we would have been down to that level, we probably wouldn't have had to lease those 40 extra machines. That is helping. Do we plan to go to vote centers? I think it would be a difficult leap for Allen County not for any other reason than what we saw at the satellites. When we are not able to take people and say that this is the location that you need to go and are not able to control what location they go to and they can go anywhere they want, we are unable to control the lines. We are unable to determine how many people would go to that location. We weren't able to react to that at all because we didn't have all of our machines scheduled either. We can't take an early voting machine and put it on Election Day. My fear and the thing that the Board would want to do is find 50 to 75 locations that could handle up to 20,000 to 25,000 people because you don't know where people will go.

Tom Harris: I understand that. I wasn't necessarily suggesting that. My thought is as you are looking out, are you thinking strategically about how your voting process is going to be eight years out maybe in relation to updating your machinery.

Beth Dlug: I anticipate, it does have to be a unanimous decision for satellites but I anticipate we will continue with satellite voting and as we progress move more for the

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early voting because it is more of a convenience for people. People like the longer time and the convenience of satellites. We might cut back on the Election Day as we see that trend growing. I don't see a need for additional machines. I think we are solid on those machines as long as we have the ability to lease additional machines if we see something that is just like we saw with this last election or if we see that the turnout is going to be astronomical.

Sharon Tucker: I just wanted to ask, on the foresight of software for updating, we think it will be great for two more election cycles. Within the eight to ten-year mark, do you have an idea of what we are projecting? Are we going to be more web-based or online-based?

Beth Dlug: There are some experiments, let's say, about internet voting. I think security is going to have to become an afterthought. People are going to have to say that convenience outweighs security before voting goes to the internet. Maybe in eight years, people will come to that but I kind of doubt it. There are some places in California that are looking for off-the-shelf type of solutions instead of having a vendor that specializes in that. The problem is that it costs so much to get federally certified and then certified by each State that there is no real impetus for any vendor to go out and create a new voting machine. By the time they would get it done and get it certified, it would actually meet the certification standards. It is kind of a weird place to be as far as voting machines. I think there will be some changes that will come up over the next eight years and hopefully sooner rather than later so that we can kind of sit back and see how they roll out. Then we would be in a good place from there.

Bob Armstrong: Out north, where you have the voter machine building, we have moved some stuff out of there for the Sheriff to a different facility because of the Commissioners selling that property. Is there any movement on that building because that building is all hooked together? Has there been talk about finding a new facility to store the machines? Or are we going to go ahead and secure camera and fobs and whatever and stay there? I am just kind of concerned because there was a push to get stuff moved out of that building out there for the Sheriff's Department.

Beth Dlug: This is the first I have heard of it. I have not heard of any movement on that storage facility.

Bob Armstrong: Okay. I just wondered if you were in the loop of that.

Beth Dlug: Not at all. I will check on it though.

Bob Armstrong: I just hate to see us take money, dump it into a building and then find out we are moving.

Beth Dlug: Absolutely.

Tom Harris: We would be able to take some of that with us.

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Beth Dlug: It is security cameras and is actually hooking into the Youth Services Center DVR. I can't imagine that the cameras couldn't move. The badge access is about \$1,200 and I don't know if we could move that.

Bob Armstrong: I was just looking because the Sheriff has money appropriated to add on to a storage facility on Adams Center. I know that is part of that whole long building.

Larry Brown: Justin.

Justin Busch: First of all, Councilman Tucker does a great job as your liaison and I am slowly making my way through all of the departments and so thank you for having me a couple of weeks ago. The question I have is I know we spent a lot of money on security. Security for the building where the machines are and security to buy this software that has to be certified with the Federal Government. What is the security for the transportation of the machines from the facility to the voting locations? The reason I bring it up is because Georgia has a lot of similar things that they are doing with their voting machines and in this last election they had one stolen out of a car where a woman had put it in her vehicle, made some stops and the voting machine was stolen in the Walmart parking lot. It is not something that you would normally think of but can you walk me through that?

Beth Dlug: We have a transportation company that actually moves our machines from the storage facility to each voting location. They do the actual movement of the machines. As far as the votes that are on the machines, on Election Night, we put a tally card in each one of those voting machines that have the votes on it. They bring the tally cards back down to us as far as the tabulation. Poll workers are not actually moving machines but are moving those votes. After Election Night, when we have all of those results, then we start doing an audit. Did the votes make sense as far as how many people checked in on the poll pads, which we love by the way or did we miss some votes somewhere? There is a lot of little support in there.

Justin Busch: So it is not a poll worker in a 1994 Chevy Astro van with bad brakes that they bought at auction and in a Walmart parking lot. It makes me feel that I will rest at ease tonight.

Beth Dlug: We have two poll workers that bring back all of the materials and one time we had someone that we had to track down.

Sharon Tucker: Isn't it true that the machines are sealed and both sides have to be together to unseal the machines and you take extra steps to go through to make sure that the security in fairness is there?

Beth Dlug: Right, right.

Justin Busch: It appears they could use you in Georgia but please don't leave us.

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Tom Harris: With that I will move for the reduction in Council General Fund in the amount of \$567,526 and appropriation in the Election Board General Fund for Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$567,526.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.

Nick Jordan: The next one on the agenda is within your budget. It is just transferring from your Contractual to Supplies. With the new Council members and there were a couple of extra expenses that wasn't planned in there and we are just taking \$500 from Contractual to Supplies.

Larry Brown: Are you going to get that back in payroll deduction?

Nick Jordan: I will let you guys handle that. They are putting in good effort as new Council members.

Tom Harris: I will move for approval of the transfer from Contractual for \$500 to Supplies for \$500.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.

Nick Jordan: The remainder of this agenda has to do with the change in the grids. The first one is in the CREDIT Fund. That is where the Economic Development Specialist and Senior Economic Development Specialist get paid from. They are just transferring from a Capital line to the Salaries line to be able to fund the increases in the salaries because of the change in the grids. That's number one through five.

Tom Harris: What is the Innovation Center?

Nick Jordan: The Commissioners make a contribution to it and quite a few capital lines in CREDIT. In the event they need that \$3,997, they will just transfer it from one of their other Capital lines. Instead of doing a brand new appropriation, they decided to transfer because they never spend all that is budgeted in CREDIT Capital.

Tom Harris: I will make a motion to transfer \$3,997 from Innovation Center to Senior Economic Development Specialist for \$1,749 and Economic Development Specialist, \$1,614 and FICA for \$257 and PERF for \$377 for a total of \$3,997.

Joel Benz: Second.

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Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.

Nick Jordan: The next one is a new appropriation in County Health Fund 285, again for the same reason. Items one through twelve will be new appropriations to pay those higher salaries.

Joel Benz: Move for approval of the appropriation in County Health Fund 285, items one through twelve in the amount of \$61,358.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.

Nick Jordan: Still the Board of Health but just a different fund, Local Health Maintenance Fund 286, numbers 13 through 16.

Sharon Tucker: Move for approval of the appropriation in Local Health Maintenance Fund 286, items 13 through 16 in the amount of \$3,665.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0.

Nick Jordan: Lastly, the same reasoning. This is from the On-Site Septic Fund 790 in the amount of \$2,165.

Justin Busch: Move for approval of the appropriation in the On-Site Septic Fund 790, items 17 through 19 in the amount of \$2,165.

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye, those opposed, like sign. The motion passes 7-0. I failed to ask for Public Comment earlier in the meeting. Are there any public comments?

Vickie Hadley: Vickie Hadley, Purdue Extension Service. Just to remind you that next week is Money Smart Week. That is a national campaign to improve financial literacy. Locally, the Allen County Financial Partnership provides a Money Fair at the Main Library downtown. It will be next Wednesday the 26th from 11:00 to 4:00. We have tables from banks and credit unions and many agencies focusing on financial literacy and we also do educational workshops. For those that have a library card, it is free parking. We have opened it up to the public to make them aware. We start off at 10:30 with a press conference and we have a speaker from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago who

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sponsors the national initiative. The Mayor will have a proclamation. Therese Brown will have comments and the United Way is a key partner. Greta Southard is our host from the Library. We encourage you to come. Hopefully people will come and get the information and know the services available within the community.

Larry Brown: Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity and get a little deeper into the weeds, what items are offered or discussed or trained upon?

Vickie Hadley: We have one workshop that is talking about financial abuse, affordable housing options, banking basics because we are moving more towards electronic banking and things like that. Also, managing money across the board and there will be items for the people at the tables.

Larry Brown: Thank you. Are there any other comments? Are there any recent or upcoming meetings or liaison reports?

Tom Harris: I will mention or reiterate what we talked about with Deer Run. If you haven't had a chance to make it out there, it is a fantastic park. They are reaching out to Boy Scout Troops and different organizations. Michael, the Director out there has been certified again. Organizations and businesses can go out and do team building exercises and it is a unique thing in Allen County. It is a great thing to hang onto for the County taxpayers as well.

Larry Brown: Tom, I will show my ignorance but where is this located?

Tom Harris: It happens to be in the second district. It is the northeast corner almost into Dekalb County.

Larry Brown: Okay.

Tom Harris: If you follow 37 it is going to run into 101 and hang a left and it is on the right.

Justin Busch: I think we all saw in the paper yesterday that a long time public servant who served on a lot of Boards, Ken Neumeister, passed away on Friday. I would like to say that our condolences and prayers are with this family. On a personal note, I knew Kenny well and he was a very loyal and dear friend. I would like to thank him for his service.

Larry Brown: Thanks for bringing that up. I have probably known Kenny for 35 years. I met Kenny before he started Liberty Excavating. Thank you again for bringing that up. Are there any other comments or liaison reports or meeting notices?

Tom Harris: Approval to waive the reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of April 20, 2017.

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Tucker: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor please signify by saying aye. The motion passes 7-0.

Sharon Tucker: Move to adjourn.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. The motion carries 7-0. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20.