

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
June 6, 2022
6:00 PM

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Attorney Matthew Koressel and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

Auditor Debbie Stevens and Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

Council President, Greg Richmond, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Krystal Powless: Ron Bacon?

Ron Bacon: Here.

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here.

Krystal Powless: Ted Metzger?

Ted Metzger: Present.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here.

Krystal Powless: Richard Reid?

Richard Reid: Present.

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here.

Krystal Powless: Chris Whetstine?

Chris Whetstine: Here.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And sitting in for Cliff tonight is Matt Koressel.

Matt Koressel: Good evening.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MAY 5, 2022

Councilman Greg Richmond: Let's see, no Tabled Items. Approval of minutes, I went through the minutes and gave Kristine some, oh, just little housekeeping, a few things here and there, very little this time. Nothing else in there. You all received a copy of the revised. Anybody has anything to add?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Motion to approve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Ron. Is there a second?

Councilman Ted Metzger: I'll second it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Seconded by Ted. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's all seven (7) of us. Seven, zero (7-0).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS
TAX PHASE IN
COMPLIANCE FIBERTECH PLASTICS, LLC

Councilman Greg Richmond: Alright, Tax Phase In, Economic Development Business. First up is Compliance, Fibertech Plastics, LLC.

Steve Roelle: Good evening. Steve Roelle, Economic Development. I sent everybody kind of my notes for tonight. So, I will try to be very brief. And just to kind of give you the real quick rundown of what we're talking about. And then certainly, we can answer any questions that you guys have. Fibertech is a brand new abatement. This is the first time coming up for compliance. It's a six (6) year personal property abatement. Fibertech is there in Elberfeld. They're a plastics company that does storage, custom rotational molding and stuff along those lines. This was a two (2) phase project for two (2) rotational molders. About a million dollars' (\$1,000,000.00) worth of investment and some jobs that came along with that. Phase 1, the smaller machine was installed in March of 2021 and that's up for abatement this year. That was in their tax filing and everything else that's on the tax rolls per say. Rotational molder number two (2), just to keep you in the loop, was installed this year. So, that will be on the books for next year. They've installed what they said they were going to install. Their staffing is fantastic. They're at and above Fibertech, which is now Fibertech Plastics is expanding greatly up there outside of Elberfeld. And they're in compliance and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Seeing none, is there a motion?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Motion to approve.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by David. And seconded by Rick. Any discussion? All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0).

CIHOLAS PROPERTIES, LLC COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next up is Ciholas Properties, LLC, Compliance with Statement of Benefits.

Steve Roelle: Okay. Really quick, Ciholas is, this has been an abatement you guys have seen for the last seven (7) years. This is year eight (8). Ciholas is over there off of Bell Road. They're a specialty engineering firm. They're the world leader in indoor GPS technology. They do some pretty amazing things. They hire, basically their entire staff is engineers. Average salary is about eighty-four thousand dollars (\$84,000.00). They built the facility. They've been in compliance every single year. They continue to be in compliance. If you have any questions about the list, we're joined tonight by Vicki McDonald who's the Director of Operations. And they're in compliance and we're all good.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody have any questions?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Motion to approve.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by David and second by Rick. Discussion? All those in favor? Seven (7) of us? Seven (7), zero (0).

Councilman Ted Metzger: Abstain.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You abstain. So, that'd be six and one (6-0-1 with Ted Metzger abstaining). I can't get my head turned fast enough. And one (1) abstention, Ted. Okay.

ALCOA POWER GENERATING COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS 2008-03 BOILER OPTIMIZATION

Councilman Greg Richmond: Tax Phase In, 2C, ALCOA Power Generating Compliance with Statement of Benefits, Boiler Optimization.

Steve Roelle: Okay, so, this is the first of two (2) for ALCOA. ALCOA has this one (1); this is ALCOA Power Generation. This has to do with the Boiler Optimization. This is the scrubbers that clean the air. It was a huge investment. Reduced emissions up to ninety some percent (90%). It was a multi-year project. I do want to apologize to Delwyn Forrest who's the plant manager out there at ALCOA. He's dealing with some broken ribs and recovering at home. So, he wanted to send his apologies for not being here tonight to answer any questions. This is a, when I first started in 2019, this was just a complicated abatement because of the size. It was the single largest North American investment that ALCOA made at the time. And it happened over multiple years. And so back in 2019, Cliff and Krystal and Debbie and BJ and Baker Tilly and ALCOA and I all got together on this one (1). They have a little bit of abatement left. We've kind of gone through the books for what abatement, what the equipment was, what the install was, the abatement that they were promised and they have been in compliance on this project and continue to be in compliance on this project.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Any questions? Is there a motion?

Councilman Rick Reid: Motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Rick.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Ron. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's all seven (7) of us. Seven, zero (7-0). Thank you.

**WARRICK NEWCO, LLC
COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS 2018-02**

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next up is 2D, Tax Phase In, Warrick Newco, LLC, Compliance with the Statement of Benefits, 2018-02.

Steve Roelle: Okay, so this is one (1) you guys have seen before. This is the smelter restart, restarting three (3) of the five (5) pot lines bringing employees back and all of that. Warrick Newco is kind of a new thing on there. And that's just the short explanation of that is when ALCOA sold the rolling mill assets to Kaiser, Kaiser took over the rolling mill. ALCOA created, because they were just only holding on to the smelter operations there, they created a new company which is Warrick Newco. It's ALCOA. But, that's just a new name for us compared to the way it's been before for the smelting assets and some of the real estate that's out there. It was a ten (10) year abatement. They restarted the smelters. They're up and above the employment they had on their SB-1's. They continue to be in compliance and no issues.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Any questions?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Motion to approve.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Newco, they were ALCOA, right?

Steve Roelle: Correct.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Okay.

Steve Roelle: It still is ALCOA. It's still out of Pittsburgh. It's still, it just, they formed another LLC to hold the smelter assets.

Councilman Ted Metzger: They are still ALCOA. Okay. Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Ron. Is there a second?

Councilman Chris Whetstone: I'll second it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Chris. Any questions or discussion? All those in favor? That's all seven (7) of us. Seven, zero (7-0).

**KAISER ALUMINUM WARRICK, LLC
2021-13**

Councilman Greg Richmond: And now, Tax Phase In for Kaiser Aluminum Warrick, LLC, 2021-13.

Steve Roelle: Okay, so I have two (2) for Kaiser. One (1) is 2021-13. One (1) is 2014-02. So, if you want to take 2021-13 first, that is perfectly fine. If you have any Kaiser Aluminum questions, familiar face, Kari Fleugal, is behind me that can certainly answer any questions. But, the 2021 one (1) is again a brand new one (1) coming for, this is year one (1). But, we're going to table this one (1). And the quick explanation is that it was a real property and a personal property abatement on the new roll coat four (4) line. Like a hundred and fifty million dollar (\$1,500,000.00) investment after Kaiser came here spending six hundred eighty million (\$680,000,000.00) to come to Warrick County. But, that was for building a building for the roll coat line, some equipment upgrades, and stuff along that line. The real is not part of the taxed this year because the building hasn't been completed and assessed. The reason that we're tabling it is that I'm just waiting on some questions and verification on personal property purchases and just confirming them with Kaiser based on their application. So, I'd like to table 2021-13. The new building, roll coat line, broke ground. Can't remember if anyone was out there. But, it's going well. I know Kari has some photos that we can show digitally later on. They're moving dirt on that project and it is on schedule and looking good. So, what we're talking about is the personal property. But, I'm waiting for some more paperwork, so, I'd like to table it just so we can kind of check those boxes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Do I have a motion to table the 2021-13?

Councilman David Hachmeister: So, moved.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion to table by David. Second by Rick. Any discussion? All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0). Thank you.

**KAISER ALUMINUM WARRICK, LLC
2014-02**

Councilman Greg Richmond: Now, 2014-02.

Steve Roelle: 2014-02, so this is the pusher/preheat furnaces that are part of the rolling mill. This was replacing fifty (50) year old furnaces, increasing their volume and adding some jobs. This was an ALCOA abatement when it was approved. With the transfer of all the assets and everything that goes with the rolling mill to Kaiser, that's why you see Kaiser's name on it. So, it was, it's an abatement you guys have seen before. Continues to be in compliance. The work was installed. The furnaces were purchased and everything else. The only thing I just wanted to point out is that due to the sale of the rolling mill, this now transfers over to Kaiser. So, they are in compliance and no issues.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, anybody have any questions?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Motion to approve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Ron. Is there a second?

Councilman Chris Whetstone: I'll second it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Chris. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's all seven (7) of us. Seven, zero (7-0).

DIGESTIVE CARE CENTER

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, next up is Digestive Care Center. 2F, Tax Phase In.

Steve Roelle: Yep. So that's 2020-02. That was the new fifty thousand (50,000) square foot medical facility there on Epworth. Three (3) stories, surgical facility, medical offices, administrative space. I'm joined tonight by Butch Morris who's the CFO. If you have any questions for Digestive Care Center, the holding company here for Digestive Care Center is Summit Land. So, just like Warrick Newco, you'll see kind of a different name there. They built the building. It's fantastic. It meets every expectation of their building. Their current staffing is at seventy-four (74) individuals. They plan to be at a hundred and forty-seven (147) individuals by the end of the year here in Warrick County. And one (1) of the reasons, they still transitioning. They opened a few months back. They're still transitioning out of their Evansville location at the St. Mary's Campus. And one (1) of the reasons is surgical suites and surgical facilities, there needs to be accreditation and certification. I see Ron shaking his head. To hold those surgeries in the facility. So, they're waiting on those certificates for those employees be based out of the Warrick County facility. They're in compliance and no other issues.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Any questions? Do I have a motion?

Councilman Rick Reid: Motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Rick.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Ron. Any discussions? All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0). Thank you.

PHENIX SPECIALTY FILMS

Councilman Greg Richmond: And 2G's been withdrawn for now.

Steve Roelle: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, I think that's it. Thank you, Steve.

Steve Roelle: Okay, I think I'm still next though. So, I'll stay here.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Oh, okay.

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PROSPECTIVE DRIVE

Councilman Greg Richmond: Let's see, 2H, that's right. Additional Appropriation, Prospect Drive, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

Steve Roelle: Okay, so, I'm going to talk real quick about the appropriation. But, I will certainly defer to Bobby Howard and Dan Saylor who are here in the room too if you have any questions about the project itself or specifics. The appropriation is coming out of EDIT. There's a new District 1 Highway Facility and Storm Water Department Facility going up on Prospect Drive. And it's going to help us, the County, Highway Department, Storm Water, be more effective and efficient here. Spend less time traveling. More time on site. It's also going to have a fueling station for this side of the County the Sheriff's and other departments can utilize. I just want to say, Economic believes, Economic Development believes this is a good project and good facility for Warrick County. It's been on the Commissioners Capital Improvement Project for a long time. And Economic Development supports the use of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from our share of EDIT to help fund this building. I'm a big believer if we have cash on hand, we should pay for things with cash on hand verses taking out debt or doing it any other way. So, we have those funds to complete this project and that's my two cent (\$0.02) on it. I'll defer to questions, any specific questions to these two (2) gentlemen that are up here with me.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody have any questions?

Councilman David Hachmeister: How soon do you, do you check with your attorneys that you can use Economic Development money for this, correct?

Steve Roelle: I can answer that real quick? It's just that Economic Development EDIT dollars can be used for any legal purpose that the County can spend funds on. So, County facilities and public works projects are all, are all appropriate.

Bobby Howard: And the Ordinance was amended to allow for...

Krystal Powless: That was my question. So, the CIP was amended for this.

Steve Roelle: The Capital Improvement?

Councilman David Hachmeister: We had that problem before.

Steve Roelle: Right.

Councilman David Hachmeister: And that's the reason I ask again. I, I assume you done checked it out. But, okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, do I have a motion?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Make a motion to approve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Ron makes a motion to approve. Is there a second?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I'll second it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Chris. Any further discussion? Everybody keep your hands up 'til I see them. All those in favor? Okay, that's all seven (7). (Motion carried 7-0). Thank you.

Steve Roelle: Thank you very much everyone.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Steve, before you, before you leave, I'll just comment and say that I really appreciated your notes, that you sent those to us.

Steve Roelle: Okay.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Saved us a lot of time.

Steve Roelle: It saved me some (inaudible).

Councilman Chris Whetstine: (Inaudible) to read through it.

Steve Roelle: Okay, I'm happy to provide.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: Thank you, all.

Steve Roelle: Thank you, guys.

COMMISSIONER BUSINESS PUBLIC SAFETY – MOTORIZED AMBULANCE

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next up is Commissioners, Public Safety, Income Tax money, Motorized Ambulance, fifty-five thousand four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$55,425.00).

Roger Emmons: Hey, Tony. Councilman, Roger Emmons, County Administrator, Board of Commissioners and Tony O'Neal, Warrick EMS. There was already three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) appropriated and this is the balance needed to pay for that ambulance. You got any questions about the ambulance, Tony can answer those.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Motion to approve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by David. Is there a second?

Councilman Ron Bacon: I'll second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Ron. Any discussion?

Councilman Rick Reid: Was there a contract about six (6), seven (7) years ago that you're paying for all ambulances on the contract that we made through the Commissioners?

Tony O'Neal: Yes, that contract was a designed for the hospital to buy five (5) ambulances. We have bought seven (7) actually. We bought two (2) ambulances more than what the contract has stated for at this point. This ambulance

here is the sixth (6th) truck that the County is, we're putting on as sixth (6th) truck. So, this is above and beyond what the contract talks about.

Councilman Rick Reid: I was under the impression it was unlimited. They need it for the County, and you've got to cover it.

Tony O'Neal: Yeah, it was for the first five (5) trucks. And we did, we, we, we've purchased seven (7) up to date.

Roger Emmons: Tony, that was a ten (10) year contract. What year are we in?

Tony O'Neal: We're in the year eight (8).

Roger Emmons: Year eight (8).

Tony O'Neal: Currently.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: So, Tony, are you saying the contract was for five (5) ambulances? That was specified in the contract?

Tony O'Neal: Yes. And we purchased those five (5) probably within the first four (4) years of the contract. And then we purchased two (2) more just in the last three (3) months because of the maintenance issues we're having with the trucks.

Roger Emmons: Tony, this, the AA, that includes not only the vehicle, but the equipment and medical supplies.

Tony O'Neal: Yeah, that's why it's a little more than just the price of the ambulance. But, since this is a new unit that we're putting into addition of what we have, we actually have to stock this one (1) with all the equipment that it takes to run the ambulance.

Roger Emmons: I don't need report due to measures that we've been caught with our pants down so to speak, we didn't have coverage certain number of times.

Tony O'Neal: Many times.

Roger Emmons: It's becoming a problem.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Had to go over in help Spencer County today.

Tony O'Neal: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Grain bin. Any motions on this?

Councilman Rick Reid: You already have a motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I have one (1), okay. Any more discussion then? All those in favor? One (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6). And opposed? One (1). Six to one and opposing is Ted (6-1 with Ted Metzger opposing). Okay.

Roger Emmons: Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you, appreciate it.

ELECTION BUSINESS PAYMENT OF CLAIM FROM COUNCIL BUDGET

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Next up is payment of claim from the Council budget. It'd have to come out of Council budget. Eighteen thousand nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$18,925.00)

Krystal Powless: And also, you know, you guys responded by consensus and did approve to pay the claim. And the claim has been submitted. I don't know for sure if it's been paid. But, it possibly has been paid. So.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Go ahead and identify yourself, please.

Clerk Patty Perry: Patty Perry, Warrick County Clerk.

Andrew Skinner: Andrew Skinner, Election Board President.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, is anybody have any questions or is there a motion?

Clerk Patty Perry: If I could also, Mr. Richmond, I had prepared a report of, a graph of the expenses.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Can we do that right after, I think that we probably move on this since we talked about it, we had consensus earlier.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Is this for just paying the, the eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00)?

Councilman Greg Richmond: They, what we, yeah, the claim, eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00).

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Motion to approve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Chris. Is there a second?

Councilman Ted Metzger: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Ted. Any further discussion? All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0). Now, let's get into the meat here of what we need to do.

Clerk Patty Perry: And unfortunately, I did not give Mr. Skinner copy of this report. So, I apologize. I have the expenses broken down for the Primary Election. Both for the early voting and the expenses that we incurred on Election Day. I also have a chart of the voter turn-out. And then, I have it broken down, the expenses, by fund that we had. And the expenses by Microvote which is our vendor that we use for our voting machines. And Andrew may want to comment here as well, because this was our first go around with vote centers. We really didn't know what to expect. We didn't know what voter turn-out. Generally, in the past, voter turn-out is low for the Primary. But, since we had opened up the vote centers, we didn't know what to expect. So, we wanted to make sure that all of the voters were accommodated.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Just a comment, I did it per vote price. The early voting at Lynnville was forty-three dollars (\$43.00) a vote.

Clerk Patty Perry: Exactly.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And at First Christian Church twenty-nine dollars (\$29.00) a vote. And at the Judicial Center, thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) a vote. So, maybe, instead of going the full, what did you go, three (3) weeks this time, four (4) weeks?

Clerk Patty Perry: We went...

Andrew Skinner: Statutorily, we're required in the Clerk's Office to be the four (4) weeks. And so, we followed that, so with all (inaudible) as well.

Councilman Greg Richmond: They're not restricted like that, are they?

Andrew Skinner: They can be reduced, correct.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It could be reduced.

Andrew Skinner: Yeah.

Clerk Patty Perry: And I personally, until we have our, we have our Election Board meeting on the 22nd of June, when we make that decision, are we gonna discuss that on our agenda?

Andrew Skinner: Yeah.

Clerk Patty Perry: We make that decision, I will prepare another report to let you know what the expenses, what we're expecting for the General Election.

Krystal Powless: The bottom line, just so we're all aware, is they spent their budget on the spring election. And there's no money left in the budget for the fall.

Councilman Brad Overton: For the fall.

Clerk Patty Perry: So, we just won't to have a General.

Krystal Powless: And when I say that, I mean...

Clerk Patty Perry: I shouldn't, I'm not...

Krystal Powless: There's a little bit left, but not enough to cover what they've just done.

Clerk Patty Perry: No.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, that's my question. Why or how, we budgeted this money last July and August. And I really don't like the vote centers other than it's convenient for a few people. And then you brought up the situation that it was going to be cheaper and it sold me. And now, you spent more than what you're required. I don't, why or how did that happen?

Clerk Patty Perry: You want to elaborate?

Andrew Skinner: Sure, so, the idea, the vote centers are cheaper. And if you look at the numbers on Election Day, and you compare them to what we spent on Election Day this election to what we spent on Election Day in 2018, it was cheaper. We had less workers, less locations, less voting machines used. It was all cheaper. What is new with

vote centers that you haven't had in the past and what you have to factor in that wasn't factored in here in the budget is early voting which has never been used before. That, that is an expense that's just isn't something you can compare to previous years because we've never had it before. So, while you're, and we're going to see even more savings on Election Day as we continue to drop those number of vote centers down to a, what I view, a much more rational, reasonable amount, but what we couldn't get passed with the Election Board because it had to be unanimous. Eighteen (18) was the best we could get done. So...

Councilman Rick Reid: What does the State have to say about that? How many, what's their guidelines?

Andrew Skinner: Guidelines for the State is one (1) for every ten thousand (10,000) voters.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah, so that's...

Andrew Skinner: So, minimum, we would need eight (8), five (5) sorry.

Councilman Rick Reid: Five (5)?

Andrew Skinner: Which is not enough. It isn't. For a County that is of our makeup. If we were a County that, everybody lived in one (1) area of the County, you could get away with five (5). But, we've got to cover some more areas than that.

Councilman Rick Reid: Early voting might be that way. You could probably do that on early voting. Because you had too many centers probably for early voting.

Andrew Skinner: So, early voting, we had the three (3), right? Boonville, we have to have. So, then the question is, do you need both Boonville, do you need both Newburgh and Lynnville? Maybe you do, but do you need them for both for the same amount of time? Probably, you don't. And so, that's ways to save money. Right? We had them all open for four (4) weeks, but you can certainly reduce that down. Maybe put Lynnville for one (1) week and put Newburgh for two (2) weeks in a Primary like this. When we get to Presidential Election Year, we're probably gonna need a Newburgh for all four (4) weeks just because the voter turn-out justifies it. You try and figure that out along the way and so it is going to be cheaper going forward as we figure these things out. And Election Day certainly is cheaper. It already is cheaper than it was in the past. It's, it's, we got to figure out the early voting part and build that into the budget, that's Canvas Board, or not Canvas Board, Absentee Board and that line item didn't have enough money for early voting.

Councilman Brad Overton: So, if I'm not mistaken, I think the bottom line though is we're set at what you can get from the levy.

Krystal Powless: Maximum levy.

Councilman Brad Overton: The levy's maxed out. I think in a nutshell, we could cover this if we have too out of a Rainy Day, cause we got to have an election in the fall. That would be slightly wrong. But, next go around, this will either have to get fixed or we're just going to go back to what we were doing before and get something else squared away. Because there's, we just can't pull money out of thin air and we can't just start pulling money out of the Rainy Day Fund. Obviously, you two (2) are intelligent enough to know that. But, I mean, I'm just putting it out there, we're going to have, something's gonna have to adjust or we'll have to go back to doing what we were when we were operating within those parameters. Unless somebody else has got some other suggestions, that's kind of the way I see it. And I don't know what your thoughts are on that. But...

Andrew Skinner: I'll defer to you on the levy thing. I don't know.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The levy's like, it's a pie.

Andrew Skinner: Right.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Each, in each group, like there's County General Fund, there's Health Department, there's Election Board, Park Board and all these different ones. They have a fixed amount in that slice and everything can only grow by the growth quotient.

Krystal Powless: Which is four point two percent (\$4.2%) last year. So, Election can only grow four point two percent (4.2%). Which was not very much money at all.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The total pie itself, so if we would make your levy bigger somebody else's would have to shrink.

Krystal Powless: You can't. You can't do that anymore, Greg.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You can't do that anymore?

Krystal Powless: You can't do that anymore. I used to be able to do that. You can't. It's four point two percent (4.2%). It's whatever State says it is. That's all they can bring in. That's a maximum and I make sure to get the maximum every year.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, we're stuck.

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Clerk Patty Perry: Well, I, I really, and I think Andrew and Grant Gerling the Vice President of the Election Board, we had talked and he was in agreement and I know Andrew is of reducing the number of vote centers.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good.

Clerk Patty Perry: Dramatically.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I'd like to back up to what you said about, Andrew, you said that this Election Day was cheaper this time than previously. What was the cost of the Primary versus previous Primaries?

Andrew Skinner: I don't have those numbers in front of me.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: So, it really doesn't do us much good just looking at one (1) day. Election Day was cheaper than Election Day. We need to know the cost of the Primary.

Andrew Skinner: Right. Election Day is all we had to compare to from 2018.

Krystal Powless: It was a lot more and I can get that information.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Okay, I'd like to know that information. How much it costs to hold a Primary regardless of the method.

Andrew Skinner: Oh, sure, the Primary this year certainly cost more than the Primary in 2018.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: That's what's key here. Not actually Election Day, but the cost of the Primary.

Krystal Powless: Or even a Presidential.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: And then I had another question about your locations. First Christian Church and the Judicial Center, why did one (1) cost twice as much as the other. It appears all the all the numbers seem to be the same. Same number of days, same number of workers.

Andrew Skinner: There were twice as many workers at First Christian than there were Judicial Center.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Okay, cause it says Voter Board ten (10) workers each day. The other one says ten (10) workers each day. So, that's where my confusion is I guess well.

Clerk Patty Perry: Well, the Election Office, some were part time. They were 8:00 (AM) to 4:00 (PM) or 8:00 (AM) to noon and then some came in 1:00 (PM) to 4:00 (PM). That could be it. So sorry, could be a typo.

Andrew Skinner: Trying to think, so, in the Judicial Center...

Clerk Patty Perry: Oh, I know what it was, the number of machines, cause we only had four (4) machines there, I believe.

Andrew Skinner: I think you had three (3) workers in the hall and then you had workers in your office.

Clerk Patty Perry: Yes, Sir.

Andrew Skinner: Right, whereas at First Christian, they were all doing voting.

Clerk Patty Perry: Exactly.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: So, you actually did have more workers then at First Christian then the Judicial Center?

Clerk Patty Perry: That's correct. I'm sorry.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: That's okay. I was just curious.

Clerk Patty Perry: I read it and read it and read it.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: When I saw the numbers, they all looked like the same hours in the same days and everything and I felt like, golly. I should ask, so I asked.

Clerk Patty Perry: And also, added into that figure, the cost of programming the machines is a factor that you need to play in on that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Have to be programmed every Election, right?

Clerk Patty Perry: Yes, Sir.

Andrew Skinner: Correct.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And I noticed, my poll was a lot more machines lined up that was being used.

Clerk Patty Perry: Where was that?

Councilman Rick Reid: I think that's everywhere.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, cut down on that, maybe.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah, there's way too many.

Clerk Patty Perry: Way too many.

Andrew Skinner: We can, again, cut down on machines for the, for this year. Presidential year, you're gonna see this number of machines should top out there. It's all, it's all machines on deck for a Presidential year. So, in terms of budgeting for 2024 Presidential Election, right, this is your number. This is all early voting, all the workers needed, all the machines needed. The only thing we can do is reduce locations, but again you're just spreading out the workers.

Councilman David Hachmeister: But you're over your tax levy.

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Yeah.

Andrew Skinner: And that's really what baffles because every County has to do this. They ever get, every county has to do an election. Every county that switches to vote centers or has early voting has to figure out where to get the money somewhere. So, I, I don't know where that, where they get that money from if they're all maxed out.

Krystal Powless: They probably, they possibly didn't open as many centers and they possibly didn't have as many people working in those centers that we did. And you can't bring in more money into the Fund. You can't, more than the maximum levy will allow. Okay? If you decide that you're gonna do something out of Rainy Day, I'm sure, Cliff's not here tonight, but, I'm sure there's gonna have to be a Resolution passed in order to even go about this. Cause you're talking about even paying some people's salaries out of Rainy Day. So, it's not just a matter of an appropriation to reimburse them or something like that. That can't happen. So, those claims will have to be paid from Rainy Day.

Clerk Patty Perry: Krystal, are you talking the Deputy's salary?

Krystal Powless: No, your Deputy salary will remain.

Clerk Patty Perry: Okay.

Krystal Powless: I'm talking about your poll workers.

Clerk Patty Perry: Okay. I see.

Andrew Skinner: There, there, there's a stipend of fifty dollars (\$50.00), a hundred dollars (\$100.00) a day, you mean?

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Andrew Skinner: Okay. When you said salary, I was thinking employees.

Krystal Powless: Well, it's still, that's the line item number it comes out of. So.

Clerk Patty Perry: And we want to get away from those half days, whole days. It's very confusing for payroll for the Auditor's Office. If things went, I'd like to commend the Auditor's Office. Things went so smoothly this time with the number of people that we had to pay. I mean it, they, thank you. It was incredible.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, Krystal, next year is City elections. They'll still get the full amount of their levy?

Krystal Powless: Um hum. Um hum.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, there should be some cash leftover?

Councilman Brad Overton: There's not going to be any.

Krystal Powless: There's not going to be any cash left over. See, that's the problem.

Andrew Skinner: How does that work?

Councilman Greg Richmond: From the City Election? That's what I'm saying the City Election.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, for two (2) years there, it would be. From last year (inaudible) City.

Krystal Powless: Yeah. But like from this year to next year. There won't be any (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I realize that. Yeah. I'm just saying after the City Elections, they won't use their whole budget that year and help.

Krystal Powless: That cash remains in their fund. It doesn't go anywhere else. It helps fund the budget for the next year. Yes.

Councilman Brad Overton: Well, in this, this eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00), that's not really just the extra. Isn't, wasn't there some, didn't you had to transfer some funds around within the budget as well?

Krystal Powless: Yes, we've already...

Councilman Brad Overton: So, I guess my question is, is this eighteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (\$18,925.00), is that the only additional amount that...

Krystal Powless: That we've helped them out so far? No. We eliminated their, their health insurance claim for the fall and transferred that to their absentee voter workers. So, the Commissioners budget is gonna foot, foot the bill for their election insurance employee.

Councilman Brad Overton: So, so, the key we need, what we need to determine then is, by what dollar amount do they need to reduce by to get us ready for 2024.

Krystal Powless: I have kind of calculated that. I came up with around eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000).

Councilman Brad Overton: Okay, so that's, that's the parameter I guess and I'm sure you've already communicated that.

Krystal Powless: But, I don't know if that's doable.

Councilman Rick Reid: Well, it has to be.

Clerk Patty Perry: Yeah.

Councilman Brad Overton: Well, I think it has to be or we go back to what we were doing before.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Clerk Patty Perry: Exactly.

Councilman Brad Overton: It seems to be the only...

Andrew Skinner: We can't go back to what we were doing before.

Councilman Rick Reid: You got the number now.

Councilman Brad Overton: Well, we're going to move it down to five (5) or six (6) vote, something's going to have to give. That's just, you know.

Andrew Skinner: That would be great.

Councilman Ted Metzger: That's the elephant in the room, the number, the number of vote centers. They got to come down to at least...

Andrew Skinner: That's a unanimous Election Board decision. It requires Democrat approval.

Councilman Ted Metzger: And part of a team...

Andrew Skinner: (Inaudible) at this point because it does, every change we make to the vote center has to be unanimous.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Right, and they insisted on running this election like a Presidential Election to come up with data to back up what you guys have been telling them.

Andrew Skinner: What we already know.

Councilman Ted Metzger: So, now, we have our data but we went through this. Do you foresee them...?

Andrew Skinner: I hope they will.

Clerk Patty Perry: He told me, Grant Gerling told me he would.

Andrew Skinner: He did and the new Democrat chair thinks we need to reduce.

Clerk Patty Perry: Yes.

Andrew Skinner: But, you know how that goes.

Councilman Ted Metzger: But, you won't know that 'til later on down the road.

Clerk Patty Perry: June 22nd.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The budget situation.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Earliest.

Clerk Patty Perry: Krystal said, we need to move quickly. Sorry to interrupt.

Andrew Skinner: If would be helpful if they figure out the budget.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Did I hear you say, we can't go back to the, before the vote center? Did I hear you say that a minute ago?

Andrew Skinner: You cannot just go back. You have to again be a unanimous vote by the Election Board to not be a vote center County anymore.

Councilman Brad Overton: So, they've got two (2) options. Either get a unanimous degree to go back to not being vote centers or they get a unanimous degree to cut this down to get us to within that eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00). So, either way, we got to get, somebody's buying it. Or you all of...

Clerk Patty Perry: Here, we can't go back though during mid-year, now, so yeah, we have to stay.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Right

Councilman Brad Overton: This year we're kinda, pardon me, but SOL, I think is where we're at this year.

Clerk Patty Perry: But, I will say this and I want to add this in speaking with my Chief Deputy that handles the numbers, I hate that she's not here, if we reduce the amount of absentee workers that we have, the number of machines that we have programmed, there's little numbers here, per machines, each machine to have it programmed is fifty-five dollars (\$55.00). And we have two hundred (200) machines. So there's little things that add up. Reduce the workers, the absentee workers, big, big, and reduce the number of machines, and hopefully reduce the number of vote center locations as well. Are you in agreement on that?

Andrew Skinner: Um hum.

Clerk Patty Perry: I should have talked to him before I said that.

Andrew Skinner: For, for November, yeah, that's a lot easy savings. My concern, my real concern is not saving money here in November. That we can do. It's being able to afford a General Presidential Election with that, in that, within a budget, without being able to have the budget. So, we need to figure out that budget and start planning now. That's information we need.

Krystal Powless: You took money that you were going to save at the end of last year to purchase new equipment. And that, that dipped in to everything that was going to fund this year's budget. So.

Clerk Patty Perry: We did.

Krystal Powless: You know, you have to be careful what you're spending on non-election years also. Because your cash continues to build, you see? So.

Andrew Skinner: Those, that equipment was necessary but, again, and you know, those printers still haven't even come in yet.

Clerk Patty Perry: No.

Andrew Skinner: We still don't even have these.

Clerk Patty Perry: Yeah. I hope we have them by November.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Probably sitting in a ship somewhere.

Andrew Skinner: That's what we're told.

Clerk Patty Perry: That it is truly what we've been told. We do not, I will tell you this, Andrew and I, we don't look at this lightly the fact that we've gone over. We do take this very serious.

Councilman Brad Overton: Yeah, I mean, I'm sure, you would have to find somewhere to get some major trimming out of...

Krystal Powless: Well, what I've asked of Patty, once they have their meeting and they decide how many's going to be open, the workers, if she could give me an average cost of what her expenses would be for the fall so I'll know how much her budget can yet support and then how much we might have to make a Resolution in the pay out of rainy day. So, that's where we stand. So, the sooner she can give that information to me I'm hoping we can discuss it at budget time and take care of it. Okay?

Councilman Brad Overton: I'm not even worried that much about this one (1). Because that's where, all right.

Clerk Patty Perry: Now, the city election though, we don't pay for that.

Krystal Powless: The City Election, and see that's where, that's where you need to not spend, you know, that year to build your cash up, reserves, so that you can afford to have the Presidential Election.

Clerk Patty Perry: Right. Remind me. You don't have to remind me.

Krystal Powless: Oh, I will.

Clerk Patty Perry: I've lost sleep over this. You don't have to remind me. I'm sorry.

Councilman Brad Overton: Alright. That's all I've got.

Clerk Patty Perry: But, wouldn't the monies from the City Election, when they come in...

Krystal Powless: Um hum. It comes in, it just goes into your cash and your Election budget and helps support you paying for the Presidential Election.

Clerk Patty Perry: Okay. Wonderful.

Krystal Powless: It doesn't go anywhere else but your budget.

Clerk Patty Perry: Thank you.

Councilman Ted Metzger: And we're never gonna see something like this again, right?

Clerk Patty Perry: No, Sir.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Never.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Ted, I don't think she can help that.

Councilman Ted Metzger: That's all you've got to worry about.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Other people have the decision-making (inaudible).

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Yeah. (Inaudible).

Clerk Patty Perry: No, that's, no. I take this very, very seriously. Andrew and I both do.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Yeah, this can't happen, this could never happen again.

Clerk Patty Perry: No, I know. Or you'll fire me.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Me too, actually.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Next.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next? Is that all? Thank you.

Clerk Patty Perry: Yes, Sir.

Andrew Skinner: Thank you.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Thank you.

Clerk Patty Perry: Thank you.

**HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CORRECTIONS
SHERIFF – UNIFORMS – MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT
RETIREE – CENTRAL DISPATCH – TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
RETIREE – RECORDER PERPETUATION – DEPUTY
RETIREE – COMMISSIONERS – ADMINISTRATOR
TRANSFER FROM FELONY DEPUTY AND GROUP INSURANCE TO GRANT
DISTRIBUTION**

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'm gonna read all of these because we can do these with one (1) vote if you wish to.

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Brad Overton: I wish too.

Councilman Ted Metzger: I wish too.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Handbook Policy Reimbursements, Transfers and Corrections. The Sheriff has a reimbursement, Uniforms, three hundred dollars (\$300.00), Motorized Equipment, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), that's 5A. 5B Retiree Appropriation Handbook for Telecommunications Officer that's retiring from Central Dispatch, ten thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars and twenty-six cents (\$10,486.26). 5C is Salary Ordinance, Retiree, Handbook Policy, Recorder Perpetuation Deputy, eight thousand two hundred fifty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$8,259.79). 5D is Salary Ordinance, Retiree Appropriation, Handbook, Commissioners' Administrator, five thousand eight hundred eighty-six dollars (\$5,886.00). And then also Commissioners' Administrator, seven thousand seven hundred eighty-nine dollars and two cents (\$7,789.02).

Roger Emmons: This is my last official meeting, Council meeting as Administrator. June 30th is supposed to be my last day, but I'll probably be back doing, helping whoever they select to take my place. So, anyway, it's been a pleasure working with you gentlemen and always, Krystal as well. Thank you for everything. Oh, you haven't approved it yet have you?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Maybe. Sweet talk will get you nowhere, Roger.

Roger Emmons: Yeah, I know.

Roger Emmons: 5E, Transfer Correction, transier from Pretrial Felony Deputy, twelve thousand six hundred ninety-six dollars (\$12,696.00), to Grant Distribution (\$12,696.00). And then transfer from Group Insurance, seventeen thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$17,591.24) to Grant Distribution (\$17,591.24). So, do we want to do that? I think the wish is to do it all in one (1). So, I'll take a motion?

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Ted.

Councilman Brad Overton: Quicker over there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Who'll second it?

Councilman Brad Overton: Me.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Chris.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Brad seconds. Okay, any discussion? All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0). Okay, thank you.

(June Appropriations are found on Page 15 of these Official Minutes)

UPCOMING INDIANA COUNTY COUNCIL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Councilman Greg Richmond: Any other Business to come before the Council? I do want to say this before we close, the Indiana County Council Association meeting is going to be in June. I can't remember the exact date, but this is the first one (1) I've missed in a long, long time. I can't be there cause I'm going to be out of town. It would be nice if somebody from Warrick County could go to that meeting. I can't even remember where it's at since I'm not going. But it's a State called meeting's what it is. And it comes out of unappropriated funds, your travel expense and hotel. It's some place in one (1) of the donuts around Indianapolis. I can't remember where but AIC will have it published. You've gotten emails. I know I've gotten two (2) or three (3) emails from County Councilman up there, okay, Nashville area. Mark Owen? No, it's not Owen. I can't remember his name right now. But, I'd encourage somebody to go from the County on that one (1). It's a good experience. You hear, you get to talk to a lot of other Councilmen across the State. And you get to hear State Board Account's people and all kinds of information on legislation coming and going. All right I'll entertain a motion.

Councilman Rick Reid: Motion to adjourn.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Rick, second by...?

Councilman Brad Overton: Me.

Councilman Rick Reid: No one.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Brad.

Councilman Greg Richmond: All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0). Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Greg Richmond
Greg Richmond, President

Ron Bacon
Ted Meizger
Ted Meizger

Chris Whetstone
Chris Whetstone

Brad Overton
Brad Overton, Vice President

David Hachmeister
David Hachmeister
Richard Reid
Richard Reid

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Stevens
Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes transcribed by Kristine Georges

Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Warrick County Council, Warrick 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 proposed specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

FUND	APPROPRIATION #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Public Safety	1170.44302.000.0000	Motorized Ambulance	\$55,425.00	55,425.00
Sheriff	1000.24500.000.0005	Uniforms	\$300.00	300.00
	1000.44300.000.0005	Motorized Equipment	\$30,000.00	30,000.00
Central Dispatch	1000.11270.000.0303	Telecomm. Officer	\$10,486.26	10,486.26
LIT	1112.44611.000.0000	Prospect Drive	\$500,000.00	500,000.00
Commissioners	1000.11900.000.0068	Administrator	\$5,886.00	5,886.00

Taxpayers appearing in the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board 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.

Adopted this 2 day of June, 2022.

Brad Overton
Greg Richmond
Richard Reid
David Hachmeister
Richard Reid

ATTEST: Deborah K. Stevens
Auditor Warrick County