



**MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Session**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**JUDGE NAT U HILL MEETING ROOM**

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Pursuant to proper notice, a budget hearing of the Monroe County Council was called to order at 4:30pm, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the Monroe County Courthouse in the Nat U. Hill Meeting Room, Third Floor, Bloomington, Indiana 47404. The presiding officer was Vic Kelson. A quorum was present, including:

**Councilors present:** Jill Lesh, Charles Newmann, Sophia Travis, Vic Kelson, Michael Woods, Warren Henegar, Marty Hawk.

**Also Present:** Mark Hazelbaker, Chief Deputy Auditor's Office; Margaret Hollars, County Council Assistant; Jeff Cockerill, County Legal.

**CALL TO ORDER**

(Kelson) (not recorded) We will begin with the pledge of Allegiance

(All) recite the pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment**

(Kelson) We will now move along to up to 15 minutes of public comment. How many people are here for public comment? 1, 2, 3 keep it to no more than 5 minutes a piece please.

(Hawk) I thought we agreed, no more than 3 minutes each when we had the motion on the floor.

(Kelson) Oh we did. That is true. The motion was to make it 3 minutes. That is correct.

(Henegar) Right, because I have got to get out to the farm bureau and talk to those Republicans out there.

(Gabe Rivera) Ok, my name is Gabe Rivera. And it's a real honor to speak at this institution which I have been speaking out on this topic, which I will speak to you tonight about, for about 3 years. We recently cut budgets for jail work release programs for up to 330 people in jail. It's beginning to look a little more like Auschwitz every day. And I want everyone to realize that what people think of starving Auschwitz and stuff like that, that was the end of Auschwitz. Auschwitz was really just a work camp. And now we are talking about more money for jails. I want to talk about the drug war a little bit. And I am going to use all catch mind control phrases so that all of the mind control puppets of the new world order that listen to the media and believe that Obama is nothing less than a literal Nazi, like funded by the same people that funded the Nazis is going to create a world socialist state. My name is Gabe Rivera my information is at [myspace.com/endthedrugwar](http://myspace.com/endthedrugwar) the fastest way to stop I-69, the war in Iraq, lobbying racism, and domestic violence is end drug prohibition locally. The new world order has corrupted all of our societies' organizational structures. The new world order is what's bankrupting all of you and you guys are all its toys. The new world order could also be called the pharmaceutical industry; the prison industrial state. We all have inherent birth rights that are preserved in the constitution and if I have not hung you it is your duty as an American citizen to make sure that I am not locked up at 330 people in a place that never should have existed in the center of our town. Talk about bad karma. We pledge allegiance to a god here. And I wanted to explain to you who I think god is. God represents truth and wisdom and love, all of which are lacking in jail and prison industrial complex. You all are going to wake up; you can shoot me; you can jail me; the principles of liberty and freedom are enshrined in your birth right. You are not going to be crazy Nazi lock everyone up people much longer. Thank you for 3 minutes. It's a pleasure.

(Kelson) Any further public comment?

(Daivd White, Volunteer New Leaf New Life) I am David White appoint Warren Henegar to tell me when the 3 minutes are up; starting right now. I am a volunteer for New Leaf New Life and I am here to explain to you a little bit of what the program is about. And there will be somebody else who will also have 3 minutes, Deborah Morrow, who will explain to you about the volunteer opportunities. Okay, very quickly and Warren please tell me when it is three minutes.

(Henegar) Vic will.

(Kelson) I will?

(White) Oh, okay. Alright

(Kelson) Okay.

(White) One and a half to go. New Leaf New Life is a Bloomington based non-profit organization that assists inmates in the Monroe County jail during incarceration and after release. What do we want to do? We want to encourage personal growth and self sufficiency and we want to help inmates make a successful transition back in to the

community. That's our goal. We have so many, many programs. This sheet of paper you have has much more than I am going to say. It has also in the back our funding, the grants all that you might want to know, because at a later time there will be a request for more funding from the council, but not today, okay. The programs offered in the jail include a 12 step program, which is being introduced into the F-block twice a week, and that will continue with released inmates. In addition to that we have an intake program that Hal Taylor operates it offers discussion groups for men from various cell-blocks when they come in on a variety of topics including problem solving, substance abuse, and anger management. We think that helps them prepare for getting out. We also have what we call enrichment programs. These feature a range of classes in self expression and artistic exploration. It includes creative writing, for men and women, literature reading and discussion, arts and crafts, and also a theater program that Susan Sandburg runs, which I am so pleased about. And, frankly, to tell you the truth, some of the men coming out of the theater program are going to be taking part in theater in Bloomington. I know that for a fact. And it really helps them. We have very importantly a transition program and this helps inmates prepare for making the transition. It helps them with getting jobs and so forth. Now, we have outside of the jail programs as well. One of them is called employment assistance and we have someone on our staff that has an office at work-one and helps there and it also helps at Martha's house. We have support groups that we have started; one includes cross roads. All released inmates have the opportunity to attend this weekly support group where Joe Cassel runs it every Thursday evening at 7:00pm and he helps them get jobs. And according to Joe he is successful at it. And we have what's called, (and this is the last thing that I am going to say because I am going to let Deborah on) an A+ group that just started. These are people coming out of what we call the therapeutic block, which meets Friday afternoons, and Tonya Konaski, Susan Sandburg, and others. What we want to do is continue the programs. I mean these people are in jail sometimes for a few weeks or a few months, if they are not transferred to D.O.C. We want to continue with these programs and we also want to start, very importantly for me and I know for others on this panel, we want to start a family outreach program. And believe me we will do it. And we are going to cooperate with other agencies to do it. And we are going to start a mentoring program with other agencies. Believe me it will happen. Now I want to introduce Deborah Morrow. She's going to say a few things because I am sure my three minutes were up Warren. Thank you for being so patient with me.

(Kelson) Thank you.

(White) And Deborah is the volunteer coordinator. She is on the staff. I am a volunteer. But she does not coordinate anything about me.

(Deborah Morrow, volunteer coordinator for New Leaf New Life) As he said I am Deborah Morrow volunteer coordinator for New Leaf New Life. And first I must acknowledge and thank all the great volunteers who work with our program. There's no way that I could even begin to describe to you their hard work and dedication and we truly believe that without their hard work and dedication we could not serve the inmates that are incarcerated. It's also especially important to acknowledge Monroe County

Correctional Center and staff. Without the support of Sheriff Kennedy we would not have access to many of the individuals we work with. For his cooperation we are grateful. We also appreciate Commander Bill Wilson, who lends us his supportive guidance as we volunteer work in Monroe County Correctional Center. We also have to acknowledge Sergeant Gafken who does the required criminal checks and paperwork on our volunteers and Sergeant Crow who conducts the jail orientation for all of our volunteers. Without these individuals help and cooperation our program at the jail could not exist. The challenges that are faced on a daily basis by the guards and staff at the Monroe County Correctional Center causes New Leaf New Life to appreciate and admire the daily efforts made to accommodate approximately volunteers entering the jail each night for approximately 500 hours. And this does not include the hours that are put in by our staff. The inmates at the Monroe County Correctional Center appreciate our programming. One of the saddest days was this summer when a woman told me, "You know for some of these women you are the only person that they have." You know, a lot of these, well these inmates have made a mistake. That is why they are there. That does not mean we can turn our backs on them forever. We are going to be welcoming them back into our community. And when they come back into our community they look us up. They find us. They see us as their friends. And that helps build a good foundation for them when they are released. So, I want to thank you Sheriff Kennedy, for allowing us. And thank you guys for your time.

(Kelson) We will move along. Is there any other public comment? [pause] Hearing none we will move along to our regular agenda.

(Woods) Mr. President, move to amend the amended agenda to include an item XVII B1 and B2 Emergency Management item XVII B1 creation of new budget lines and XVII B2 appropriation approval. This is for a grant that has come up since our work session.

(Kelson) Motion is there a second?

(Henegar) Second

(Kelson) Motion and a second; is there a discussion on amending the agenda to add the new item?

(Hawk) Question

**(Kelson) The question has been called. We will do a voice vote. All in favor say "Yes."**

**(All) Yes**

**(Kelson) Opposed "No."**

**(none)**

**(Kelson) Motion passes.**

(Hawk) Mr. President I suggest you vote on the minutes that are required. As you know I am not in favor of the bond issue, but before you loose the people who attended that meeting. I suggest you go ahead and vote on that particular set of minutes. I mean I am not going to vote in favor of it, nor was I at the Special Meeting, but you need to have all those people who attended the Special Meeting vote in favor of those minutes; before you loose those people. I mean if Warren has to leave early. He might not be here for that.

(Kelson) Okay, is there any opposition to that from council?

(Travis) I accept the motion, **so moved.**

**(Henegar) Second**

(Kelson) Motion and a second; the motion is to take up the **minutes for the Special Session of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 that was the Jail Bond Hearing.** Is there discussion on the minutes?

(Hawk) Just the record might want to show us who all attended. I will pass because I was not at the meeting and I think you only had 4 or 5 at the meeting.

(Kelson) There were 5 I believe.

(Woods) I do not believe I was there.

(Kelson) I believe all three on this side were there. Do you?

(Lesh) Who does it say?

(Kelson) Who does it say in the minutes? Who was there?

(Woods) Which ones?

(Kelson) I know I was there. The Special Session of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

(Mark) I can open them up real quick.

(Kelson) Yes, please. I know I was there.

(Hawk) I am sorry for the interruption, but for those of you who want the bond you need this vote to take place, and I do not want to have to have another special meeting.

(Kelson) Yes, take up the minutes from the special meeting.

(Hazelbaker) July, I am sorry 7<sup>th</sup>?

(Kelson) July 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a special meeting. I do not have those minutes with me.

(Woods) I hate to say it, but I have been to so many meetings this summer I cannot remember if I was at this one or not.

(Hawk) I am sorry.

(Hazelbaker) Present was: Kelson, Woods, Lesh, Newmann, and Henegar.

(Kelson) Okay, all accept for Councilors Hawk and Travis were here.

(Hazelbaker) Yes sir.

(Kelson) Okay, we have a motion. The motion is to approve those minutes. Does it matter that that motion came from someone who was not here.

(Hawk) Right, that is not my motion to put it on the floor; I suggested that you do it.

(Kelson) No, it was Councilor Travis' motion.

(Woods) No, that is not a problem.

(Kelson) We will do a voice vote. All in favor say "Yes."

**(Majority) Yes** [Hawk abstained]

(Kelson) wait.

(C Newmann) I have got the minutes here in front of me to review and I do not see what the vote was. Can you give us what the vote was in that?

(Hawk) It was the first reading. There would have been no vote.

(Kelson) It was the first reading.

(C Newmann) Okay.

(Kelson) Yes, it is just to verify that we did have it.

(Hawk) Just let the record show that I abstained from this vote.

(C Newmann) Okay.

(Kelson) Somebody call the question.

(Woods) **Call the Question**

**(Kelson) The question has been called. We will do a voice vote.**

**(Kelson) All in favor say “Yes.”**

**(Majority) Yes**

**(Kelson) Opposed “No.”**

**(Travis) No. [abstain]**

(Kelson) You were not here.

(Travis) Sorry

(Kelson) **Motion passes.** Thank you.

**(Hawk) abstain.**

(Kelson) Okay, we will move along to item IV.

**(Woods) Mr. President, move approval of item IV 1 and 2. Aviation 1 request for creation of new budget line approval, 2106-331 Construction, line 40.0013 AIP number 25 Advanced Planning for Taxiway Construction and item IV 2 request for appropriation approval 2106-331 Construction, line 40.0013 AIP number 25 Advanced Planning for Taxiway Construction in the amount of \$70,056.00**

**AVIATION**

2106-331 Construction

40.0013 AIP #25 Advanced Planning for Taxiway Construction	\$ 70,056.00
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(Kelson) Motion is there a second?

**(Hawk) Second.**

(Kelson) Motion and a second; good evening.

(Finley) Hello, I am Amy Finley. Secretary at the airport and this is Ken Richey.

(Kelson) Please speak into the microphone.

(Finley) You cannot hear my big mouth?

(Kelson) Well the people on TV.

(Finley) I have been told I have a very big voice. I am Amy Finley from the Airport. This is Ken Richey, the vice president of our board. And as you said we are here requesting to spend \$70,056.00 from our construction fund for advanced planning survey, design, and bid document preparation. Of course the funds will be reimbursed by the FAA approximately spring of next year. This was a project that we were going to do the spring of this year, but congress kept cutting off the money, until the new administration for next year. This is going to be a taxiway that will provide movement from the new hangars. There's already been one that has been built, and we are expecting three more,

maybe three more on top of that; so, a total of five, six; I am sorry, five more; one already done. The taxiway will run from the new hangars to runway 35. This is a total grant of \$650,000.00 that would be \$617,500.00 from the FAA, \$16,250.00 from the state, and \$16,250.00 local. Any questions?

(Kelson) Just for everyone's information. Mr. Payton was here for the work session last week. He is traveling this evening for a statewide event and he could not be here tonight. Is there discussion from the left?

(Lesh) Just to clarify, sounds like from the work session that this is approximately 10% of the grant, correct me if I am wrong, that you would be paying up front, so that you have a better chance of getting the whole grant...

(Finley) Right

(Lesh) ...and looking better to the granting agency.

(Finley) Correct. Our airport has actually started this whole trend of being prepared. We are ahead of a lot of other airports. If you are prepared ahead of time, you are more likely to get the grant money quicker.

(Lesh) Sounds like a good idea.

(Finley) And this is the 5<sup>th</sup> time we have done this. And it works out really well for us.

(Lesh) 5<sup>th</sup> time, good

(Kelson) Additional from the left?

(C Newmann) It is in my packet. I see there's \$70,056.00. Okay, I thought I heard you say \$60,000.00.

(Finley) \$70,056.00

(C Newmann) Okay, and will that all be reimbursed by the FAA.

(Finley) Yes, the very first payment. It will all be reimbursed.

(C Newmann) Thanks, okay. Thank you.

(Kelson) Additional? Discussion from the right.

(Hawk) Just as a reminder that this is not local taxes. Your construction fund is not local taxes. If for any reason you do not get the grant this does not cost local tax payers one penny.

(Finley) Correct

(Hawk) And I thank you and your board and Bruce for working so hard to try and bring this kind of money back to Monroe County. Thank you.

(Kelson) Additional?

(Henegar) I support it.

(Kelson) I am supportive of this as well and...

**(Lesh) Call the question**

(Kelson) Question has been called. We will do a roll call vote. [pause] Oh, oh. Hold it. Hold it. Is there public comment on this item? The question has been called. We will do a roll call vote.

**Roll call vote** –called by Hazelbaker.

**Newmann** –Yes

**Hawk** –Yes

**Lesh** –Yes

**Henegar** –Yes

**Woods** –Yes

**Travis** –Yes

**Kelson** –Yes

(Hazelbaker) **Motion passes**

(Kelson) Thank you very much.

(Finley) Thank you.

(Woods) Mr. President, **move approval of item V Human Resources council approval of revisions to personnel administration committee policies and procedures.**

(Kelson) Motion, is there a second?

**(Henegar) Second**

(Kelson) Motion and a second; good evening.

(Rhonda Foster, Human Resources) Good evening. Rhonda Foster Human Resources Director. This document is an amendment to the personnel advisory committee, policies and procedures, to change request and submittal of documents from the Auditor's office to Human Resources. And also to include in new job classifications and reclassifications the 360° audits that would be done by Human Resources.

(Kelson) Should we have a comment from PAC?

(Woods) PAC supports this, supports these revisions; and voted to recommend that they be made.

(Kelson) I believe that the vote was unanimous as well. Is there discussion from the right?

(Hawk) I would like to hear if there's any discussion from anyone in attendance, any of the County employees that are here.

(Kelson) We will take public comment at the end.

(Hawk) I know that is the reason why I am going to wait until then before I would have any comment.

(Henegar) I strongly support this. This is a big deal. This is important for our county and I am glad to support it.

(Kelson) Is there discussion from the left?

(Lesh) Just that at work session we went over it pretty closely and all of the improvements seem like they will help us all with personnel issues. I support it.

(Foster) Thank you.

(C Newmann) Rhonda you know the main thing I am interested in here is the 360° audits, what I have called the desk audits in the past, and I am glad that we are going forward with that, and hopefully have a schedule of when we will be able to see what the accomplishment of those desk audits are. And I realize that's going to be a big job to review all those. Thank you.

(Foster) Thank you.

(Kelson) Additional

(Travis) Can you give us a little more about the movement of the documents to your office? I assume that is sensitive and confidential material. And I am kind of curious logistically how you have arranged for that.

(Foster) On all the documents or just these that pertain to job classifications?

(Travis) Job classification and if there is other movement of documentation. I am curious about that, because it is a security and a privacy sensitive information mater.

