



Brownsburg Fire Territory

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June 24, 2011

Governing Board
Hendricks County Communications Center
1075 W. Main Street
Plainfield, IN 46168

Greetings,

I am writing you, out of concern, regarding the payment schedule to fund the Hendricks County Communications Center operations budget. Our organization believes strongly that everyone should pay their "fair share" and respects what our elected officials have accomplished in defining that term. However, the Brownsburg Fire Territory, like most organizations, has experienced a significant hardship when it comes to funding over the past few years.

Brownsburg Fire Territory was a partner in payment for center operations since its inception, and we wish to remain an affirmative partner with HCCC in all aspects of operation. In 2010, the Territory was operating on an \$8.89 million budget initially, with operational funding of only \$7.97 million. This required employment cuts as well as operational and financial reorganization considering \$7.49 million were category one, personal services expenses.

In the current fiscal year, our Form 22 distribution reflects an accurate forecast by Umbaugh & Associates of total revenue at \$7.385 million and an initial budget of \$8 million. While not an optimal situation, it reflects tremendous progress in reducing deficits created by new tax laws and economic pressures from the recession.

Next fiscal year (2012), we are presently estimating total revenue of \$8.01 million and a forecast budget of just over \$8.3 million, which is mainly due to shortfalls resulting from several financial issues and errors outside of the Territory's control affecting the 2011 bottom line. The fact is, we are recovering slowly and do see a light at the end of the tunnel, but continue at this point, to have operational needs that exceed basic revenue funding for the next several fiscal years.

That brings us to the initial proposed plan presented by the center. The plan shows an initial 42.34% increase in 2012, followed by an additional 36.9% increase in 2013, for a total increase, in two years, of \$114,550.00. Without a substantial increase in revenue, this level of increase creates additional

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financial instability and hardship. Until we regain a neutral revenue position, it is difficult to support any small increases, to say nothing of increases that exceed thirty to forty percent and more.

As an original paying partner to the center, we wish to make a good faith effort of support, and in that light, have attached a plan with an initial increase of 10.77%. Subsequent years have similar adjustments, with the end goal being the assigned rate as established by the Governing Board. The financial plan submitted will be subject to annual review, and any alterations to this plan will be made, in writing, based on those future reviews.

We respectfully submit this proposal, in hopes it enhances your understanding of our position and our willingness to achieve the same goal. The attached plan was submitted via email on June 17, 2011 to Wes Bennett.

Should you have questions regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oran D. True', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Oran D. True
Fire Chief

Cc: Brownsburg Fire Territory Executive Board
Wesley Bennett, Plainfield Clerk-Treasurer
Steve Cook, Director, Hendricks County Communications Center
Dale Cheatham, Town Manager, Town of Brownsburg