

DECEMBER 6, 2010

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2010 at the Wabash County Courthouse. Vice-Chairman Jim Kaltenmark opened with a word of prayer. Chairman Mike Ridenour led the pledge of allegiance. Ridenour called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with six members present: Ridenour, Kaltenmark, Gary Nose, Ted Little, Daryl Evans and Randy Curless. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Council thanked Commissioners for the new window shades in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

The next order of business was to review the minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting. Curless made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by a 6-0 vote.

The first order of business was to discuss the Petition to establish a Regional Sewer District in Laketon, Indiana. Ken Jones, President of Wightman Petrie, Betsy Blosser of Rural and Community Affairs Program and Stan Bagley, Laketon Wastewater Committee discussed the proposed project. Blosser stated the next step in the process of the Laketon Sewer project is the creation of the Regional Sewer District. Jones reviewed the proposed engineering plans that were approved by Commissioners. Council discussed the concerns of the cost of the project. Jones stated it will be a \$55 to \$60 increase in fees for the residents of the Laketon area, but that this is the most cost effective option. Discussion was held on the idea of discontinuing the project entirely; Jones and Blosser both stated the septic is currently running into the Eel River and this could affect the river and the Aquifer down the road which could involve the local Environmental Health Department and ultimately the EPA. Surveyor Cheri Slee stated currently the North Manchester Fire Department cleans out the drain that drains into the Eel River. Terri Michaelis, Middle Eel River Watershed Initiative at Manchester College, stated currently the Eel River has high e-coli counts. Michaelis also stated Logansport uses the Eel River for their drinking water source. After much discussion, Evans made a motion to approve the creation of the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 6-0 vote. Council also signed Resolution 2010-85-15 creating the Laketon Sewer District. Council also signed a letter of support for the creation of the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation requests as advertised:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2010 NO XII

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

SEC. 1, Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
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COUNTY GENERAL FUND #0001
Auditor #0001-0002

0001-0002-03-431-065 Other Services and Charges				
– Leases /Service Contracts - Copier	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00	6	0

This request is to appropriate funds received from Perry Corporation to buy out the lease on the OCE copier and replace with an updated copier/business center scanner/fax, etc.

Little made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by 6-0 vote.

Coroner #0001-0007

0001-0007-003-431-012 Other Services and Charges				
– Autopsies	\$ 22,000.00	\$22,000.00	6	0

The budget is over due to all the deaths for Wabash County in 2010.

Little asked why there were bills from 2008 and 2009. Accounts Payable Deputy Mariah Odman stated the hospital submitted a full invoice and these were included as unpaid. County Coordinator Jim Dils stated he was able to negotiate a 20% decrease on all hospital claims except for autopsies. Also, the bills will now come to the Auditor’s Office for a more timely payment. Coroner Carol Whitesel stated a preliminary blood draw is done upfront. Then blood work is done by a lab to qualify the lab work. Whitesel stated anything that looks suspicious must be investigated. Whitesel stated they have investigated 30 deaths this year and 14 in a two week period; 30% are under the age of 30. Ridgeway stated \$23,000 has been spent on autopsies this year. \$41,460 spent on autopsies in 2009. Kaltenmark made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 6-0 vote.

EMA #0001-0031

0001-0031-03-436-000 Other Services and Charges				
– Repairs, Maintenance & Equipment	\$ 177.00	\$177.00	5	0

EMA recently sold surplus property in the form of metal desks that is no longer utilized by EMA. The condition of the desks made them unsuitable for any department and were sold for scrap. This money can be used in the repairs/maintenance and equipment account for expenses in 2010.

Nose made a motion to approve request; his request was seconded by Little and passed by a 5-0 vote. (Ridenour left the meeting early).

Circuit Court #0001-0035

0001-0035-03-431-032 Other Services and Charges				
– Interpreters	\$ 160.00	\$160.00	5	0

This request is to transfer an interpreter’s grant from the General Fund into the Circuit Court Interpreter Fund.

Circuit Court received a grant and this needed to be appropriated to be spent. Nose made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Central Dispatch #0001-0038

0001-0038-01-412-023 Personal Services				
– Part-Time Dispatchers	\$ 3,900.00	\$3,900.00	5	0

The Auditor has made adjustments between the jail budget and the 911 budget. With those adjustments and increasing our available part-time staff, the part-time dispatcher account will be fully expended before the end of 2010. This amount will ensure the account can meet the obligations for the remainder of 2010.

EMA Director Bob Brown stated reconciliation was done and this needs to be appropriated to finish out the year for part-time employees. Evans made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 5-0 vote.

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND #0002-00038

0002-0038-01-413-073 Personal Services				
– Hospital Insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,500.00	5	0

This should be the final amount needed to pay the Hospital Insurance for 2010.

This was the difference for the amount that was incorrectly advertised last month. Curless made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Auditor Ridgeway stated the DLGF has requested Wabash County Highway Department reduce the 2010 highway department budget by \$15,000 in order to finalize the full 2011 budget. Ridgeway presented Resolution No. 2010-85-16 reducing the 2010 budget by \$15,000. Little made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-85-16; his motion was seconded by Curless and the resolution was adopted by a 5-0 vote.

WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND #0022

0022-0000-01-413-074 Personal Services				
– Sheriff’s Pension Fund – October, 2010	\$ 1,702.00	\$1,702.00	5	0

Civil Process Collections for the month of October 2010: Clerk’s Office civil process collections - \$1,702.00; the Sheriff Department’s civil process collections - \$0.00

Nose made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Ridgeway stated 75% of the 2010 Contributions have been paid to date. The Rainy Day Fund will need to pay the remaining \$37,000 for a total of \$145,000 from that fund to the Sheriff’s Pension Fund for 2010.

E-911 LANDLINE FUND #0054

0054-0000-04-444-006 – Central Dispatch Equipment \$ 2,429.00 \$2,429.00 5 0

The amount requested is the final insurance payment for lightning damage on August 3, 2010 to the equipment at the dispatch center. The claim was for an antenna and coax cable on the central dispatch tower.

Evans made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 5-0 vote.

WABASH COUNTY CREDIT FUND #0121

0121-0000-03-439-127 Other Services and Charges
– Foreign Trade Zone \$ 1,000.00 \$1,000.00 5 0

This request is for the county to reimburse EDG for the Foreign Trade Zone fee that EDG paid to the City of Fort Wayne.

Commissioner Brian Haupert stated this membership opens doors for potential county grant money. Evans made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 5-0 vote.

0121-0000-03-439-140 Other Services and Charges
– Laketon Regional Sewer District \$ 19,000.00 *withdrawn*

AUDITOR’S PLAT BOOK COLLECTIONS #0170

0170-0000-05-451-001 Unappropriated – Plat Book Distributions
– Book Binding \$ 1,800.00 \$1,800.00 5 0

As of November 15, 2010, we have a balance of \$16,500 in the Auditor’s Plat Book Fund. Auditor would like to repair/glue and have new casings put on 18 of our older Plat and Transfer books. The Auditor obtained a quote from Faulkner’s Bindery of Tipton for \$100 each for book casings and the needed repair.

Curless made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 5-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 6th of December, 2010 by the above noted aye and nay votes.

The next order of business was to address Transfer Requests:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2010-19

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1 Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expense of said county government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2010 the following additional sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – CENTRAL DISPATCH				
0054-0000-03-431-000 Professional Services	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	5	0

SEC. 2 WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:

INCREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – CENTRAL DISPATCH				
0001-0038-01-412-023 Dispatchers-Part Time	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	5	0

This transfer request is to pay wages for part-time personnel for the remainder of 2010. Recent adjustments by the Auditor between the Sheriff’s Department and Central Dispatch for the year has resulted in an amount less than needed to complete the 2010 calendar year.

Evans made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by 5-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 6th day of December, 2010, by the above aye and nay vote.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2010-20

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1 Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expense of said county government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2010 the following additional sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
PROSECUTOR USER FEE - PRE TRIAL DIVERSION FUND				
0101-0001-04-444-043 Law Enforcement Equipment	\$686.00	\$686.00	5	0

SEC. 2 WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:

INCREASE:

PROSECUTOR USER FEE - PRE TRIAL DIVERSION FUND

0101-0001-03-439-015 Trial Preparation Expenses	\$686.00	\$686.00	5	0
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“2009 invoices were taken out of the 2010 budget (with no encumbrance filed) and Jon Gillespie told us that he would correct it to be shown taken out of 2009 budget but that was never done and now there is a negative balance in #0101-0001-03-430-015”.

Curless made a motion to approve request; his motion is seconded by Evans and passed by a 5-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 6th day of December, 2010, by the following aye and nay vote:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2010-21

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; NOW, THEREFORE:

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL – PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE				
0001-0020-03-432-023 Mileage	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	5	0
0001-0020-03-439-022 Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	5	0

SEC. 2 WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:

INCREASE:

COUNTY GENERAL – PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE

0001-0020-02-421-011 Office Supplies	\$1,475.00	\$1,475.00	5	0
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We carpooled more and saved money on mileage. We also used email and fewer bulk mailings. However with supplies rising costs and other items needed like paper, ink cartridges, our supply budget is depleted.

Nose made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 5-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 6th day of December, 2010, by the above aye and nay vote.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2010-22

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1 Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expense of said county government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2010 the following additional sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL – CIRCUIT COURT				
0001-0035-03-439-083 Children’s First	\$250.00	\$250.00	5	0

SEC. 2 WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:

INCREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL – CIRCUIT COURT				
0001-0035-02-422-026 Security Officer Supplies	\$250.00	\$250.00	5	0
This request is to cover deficiency in the Security Officer Supplies Account.				

Evans made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 5-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 6th day of December, 2010, by the above noted aye and nay vote.

COUNCIL DISCUSSED:

2010 Amended Salary and Wage Ordinance:

Auditor Ridgeway stated this includes: the addition of the Central Dispatch department; the fiscal year budget for the Community Corrections; Probation Mentor Coordinator and Tammy Monce for the IDACS dispatcher at the Jail; AACTION Payroll. Little made a motion to approve the amended Salary and Wage Ordinance for 2010; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 5-0 vote.

2011 Salary and Wage Ordinance:

January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011. The 2011 Budget has been preliminarily approved by the DLGF and no cuts will need to be made regarding the salaries. Curless made a motion to approve the 2011 Salary and Wage Ordinance; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Council Meeting Dates for 2011:

Council discussed the schedule of the binding and non-binding budget reviews. Council stated they would like to set a separate date for binding and non-binding reviews. Evan made a motion to accept presented calendar for 2011; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by 5-0 vote.

Note:

- Little asked if there was a policy recognizing members who are exiting their position. Little stated we need to recognize Mike Ridenour for his four (4) years of service with two years as President. Little stated there is a Christmas Party on December 13th at the courthouse from 11-1pm and an appreciation needs to be done. Council agreed. Kaltenmark stated he would order a plaque for the event.
- Commissioner Brian Hauptert stated the official swearing in of the Newly Elected Officials will be held on December 27th at 7:00 P.M. at the Honeywell Center.

Council Reviewed:

October 31, 2010 Auditor and Treasurer Financial Reports
Council personal information review and update
Solid Waste Recycling Fee's for service

Curless made a motion to adjourn the meeting; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed with a 5-0 vote.

The following individuals attended the December 6th Council meeting:

**If any names are spelled incorrectly, we apologize.*

Sheila Rhoades

Councilmen –elect: Jeff Dawes

Bonnie Corn

Dave Hawkins

Louella Krom

Terri Michaelis

Greg Bolt

Adam Bolt

Commissioners: Brian Hauptert, Scott Givens and Barry Eppley

*Approved as written – January 24, 2011