

## **JULY 25, 2011**

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, July 25, 2011 at the Honeywell Center in the Crystal Room. Claude Markstahler opened with a word of prayer. Chairman James Kaltenmark led the pledge of allegiance. Kaltenmark called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with six members present: Kaltenmark, Markstahler, Randy Curless, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes and Ted Little. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the June 27, 2011 meeting. Markstahler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Steve Johnson, Executive Director of Wabash County Solid Waste presented the monthly financial report:

1. Reimbursements to agricultural related properties have been disbursed; 171 at \$24 and 1 at \$12 – totaling \$4,116. Johnson stated the reimbursed ag properties were brought to their attention by residents. Once this occurred WCSW researched and found a pattern, identified them, presented them to the Board and they were approved for reimbursement.
2. The Board is amending language in the Special Assessment Resolution including adding a \$10,000 threshold for assessed values for improvement on non-homestead, non-qualified residential, and non-ag parcels and will also include an official appeal process.
3. Visitor numbers have increased 15% over 2010.
4. Electronic devices: shipped 20,747 lbs. in July
5. Now puncturing and draining paints, lubricants and solvents from cans which allows for their disposal as non-hazardous waste.
6. 132 tires have been shipped
7. June had 114.5 tons of recycling at \$105 per ton
8. Board has approved the corner of Vernon and Columbus Street drop-off site to be resurfaced by the City of Wabash
9. Event recycling containers were used at the Charlie Creek Festival and Wabash County 4H Fair.

Mike Howard, Planning Director reviewed the proposed Unsafe Premise Funding Resolution. The Plan Commission Board would like a separate fund established this purpose.

Kaltenmark opened the floor for public comments regarding agenda items. No comments were offered.

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

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2011 NO VII**

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
<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND # 0001</u></b>				
<b><u>WABASH SUPERIOR COURT #0001-0036</u></b>				
<b>0001-0036-03-431-024 Other Services and Charges</b>				
- CASA	\$ 262.50	\$ 262.50	6	0

For bookkeeping purposes, Court Personnel was requested to do an Additional Appropriation Request to pay claim. The court notes, however, that these monies were advanced out of the monies budget for the GAL/CASA Account in order for the court to receive a GAL Report before rendering a decision. Those monies were ordered repaid by the litigant and were repaid but were deposited into the General Fund.

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

**WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND #0022**

<b>0022-0000-01-413-074 Other Services and Charges</b>				
- Sheriff's Pension Contributions - May	\$ 2,104.00	\$ 2,104.00	6	0

Civil Process Collections for the month of May 2011: Clerk's Office civil process collections - \$1,131; Sheriff Department civil process collections - \$73; Sheriff Sale Proceeds for March - \$900.

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

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated a final copy of the agreed upon Sheriff's Pension Plan has been completed. Land stated Elaine Betty is no longer with McCready and Keene. The new representative is Stanley Brown.
2. Presented a copy of a six month statistic overview of the 2011 year. Land stated GED programs will begin Tuesday evening, July 26<sup>th</sup>; 8 males and 2 females. There is also a Saturday study class. Land stated most of the inmates do not stay long enough to finish the program so they plan to coordinate with Community Corrections which has a program that works with a local church to help individuals finish their GED after their incarceration is complete.
3. With Commissioners approval traded in the 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle along with the 1997 Chevy Blazer for a more reliable 2007 car.
4. Stated they are in the final process of hiring two (2) merit officers. They are down to 19 applications out of the 66.

5. Stated the two group homes in Wabash County are not part of Community Correction but is through the Anthony Wayne Services. Land stated he has had several phone calls from local residents, but he is unable to answer questions regarding zoning. The main concerns are of a civil nature.

**COUNTY TITLE IV-D INCENTIVE FUND # 8895**

**8895-0035-02-421-020 Supplies – Wabash Circuit Court**

<b>– Computer Software</b>	<b>\$1,940.00</b>	<b>\$1,940.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
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This request is to cover the cost of 2010 compliant software for new computers for Circuit Court. Money is to be used from the IV-D Incentive Fund.

**8895-0035-04-444-040 Capital Outlay – Wabash Circuit Court**

<b>– Equipment – Recording Mixer</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
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This request is to cover the cost of a new mixer for recording equipment in the Circuit Court. Money is to be used from the IV-D Incentive Fund.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court Reporter, stated IV-D funds are to help Child Support payment enforcement. Christa stated the products were purchased from the companies that originally installed the equipment. Markstahler made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by; Dawes and passed by a 6-0 vote.

**This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2011, by the above aye and nay vote.**

Little asked if the video conferencing system is being used. Christa stated it has not been used in Circuit Court since the Pattison trial (last October). Sheriff Land stated the Superior Court equipment had problems in the beginning but the equipment at the jail and both courts are, according to BIS, up and running; but is not used often. Sheriff stated the judge decides if video conferencing is used. Stroup stated it was used more with Judge Christopher Goff’s cases. Stroup stated the system is used occasionally by Huntington County attorneys and with the DOC.

Kaltenmark opened the floor for public comments regarding non-agenda concerns: Bonnie Corn, Idris Krhin, Gary Swain, Bonnie Newton, Earl Newton, Cindy Glover, James Webb, John Swain discussed their concerns regarding two (2) Anthony Wayne Service homes on America Road.

Darren Bates of Data Pit Stop presented the estimated revenues, net AVS and circuit breakers for 2012. After much discussion, Bates stated it would be in the best interest of the county to maintain the current levy freeze income tax rate at .4%; also to maintain the adjusted gross income at 1% and the allocation ration at 60/40; 60% PTRC and 40% qualified resident. Council will take under advisement.

**COUNCIL REVIEWED:**

June 2011 Auditor and Treasurer Financial Reports  
TIF District Notification Letters  
Commissary Fund Reports: January 1 – June 31, 2011  
2012 Wabash County Budget Binders

*Reminder:*

- *Wabash County Civil Unit Non-Binding Reviews will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 P.M.*
- *Wabash County Departmental Hearings are to be held August 16, 17 & 18*

Little stated the Laketon Sewer District needs financial assistance for grant expenses. Commissioners stated they approved a \$500 funding request during their meeting this morning in the form of either a transfer or an additional appropriation.

Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M.; it passed with a 6-0 vote.

**The following individuals attended the June 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:**

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

Commissioners: Brian Hauptert and Scott Givens  
Cindy Glover  
Bonnie Newton  
Earl Newton  
Idris Krhin  
Bonnie Corn  
June Losure  
Laurie Swain  
Gary Swain  
Teresa Witkoske  
John Swain

\*Approved as written – August 18, 2011