

JANUARY 3, 2012

Wabash County Council met for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with six (6) members present: James Kaltenmark, Randy Curless, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes, Ted Little and Daryl Evans. Ridgeway opened the floor for nominations for the County Council Chairman. Little made a motion to nominate Kaltenmark for Chairman; his motion was seconded by Nose. Dawes made a motion to close the nominations; his motion was seconded by Little and the election of Kaltenmark passed by a 5-0 vote. Ridgeway congratulated Chairman Kaltenmark and turned the meeting over to him.

Kaltenmark opened the floor for nominations for the County Council Vice-Chairman. Evans nominated Randy Curless for Vice-Chair; his motion was seconded by Little. Dawes made a motion to close the nominations; his motion was seconded by Nose and the election of Curless passed by a 5-0 vote. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

The Wabash County Commissioners and County Council held an informal ceremony for a "shredding" of the Judicial Center Bond – Series 2000. The final payment on the bonds was made on December 21, 2011. Commissioner Haupert, Councilman Little and Councilman Nose are the only three remaining elected officials that were in office when the Judicial Center project was initiated over ten (10) years ago.

Council appointed representatives for the following County Boards and Commission:

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| 1. E-911 | Evans, Markstahler |
| 2. Community Correction | Kaltenmark |
| 3. Solid Waste | Curless |
| 4. Animal Control | Kaltenmark |
| 5. GIS | Dawes |
| 6. Emergency Mgmt. & LEPC | Nose |
| 7. Plan Commission | Little |
| 8. Convention Visitor's Bureau | Evans |
| 9. Job Classification Committee | Evans/Curless |
| 10. Region IIIA: | Evans |
| 11. Tax Abatement Committee | Evans/Curless |
| 12. Local Alcohol Beverage Board | Gary Wood |

Council Reviewed:

- Letter to Criminal Code Evaluation Commission. County Coordinator Jim Dils stated a draft was reviewed by Community Corrections Director Jeff Hobson, Chief Probation Officer Dallas Duggan, Sheriff Bob Land and Prosecuting Attorney Bill Hartley. Hobson stated via e-mail that he is in support of the letter and has a few concerns of his own that he would like addressed. Nose

stated this letter needs to be sent to State Legislators, State Representatives and Governor Mitch Daniels and as well as the CCEC. Dils stated all mentioned will receive a copy of the letter including all members of the CCEC. Council and Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed letter.

- Update of Status of 2012 Budgets; Ridgeway said the State is waiting on a software update which will delay all state budget approvals until probably as least February 1, 2012.
- November 30, 2011 Auditor and Treasurer Financial Reports
- Report of Tax Abatements Applicable for 2011 pay 2012. Nose stated he would like to discuss the idea of having a county abatement program similar to what the city has created. Council discussed the different options and regulations that would need to be addressed regarding land classification: residential as opposed to agricultural land. Little stated the abatement program was originally created to promote job creation and economic growth. Nose stated this may promote younger individuals to stay and build houses in the county and make this there home. Council discussed the number of building permits that processed in 2011. Little stated he would contact Plan Commission Director Mike Howard for this information for the January 23rd meeting. Commissioner Scott Givens stated he would like to see the impact this would have on tax collection. It seems it would be a larger percentage for county taxpayers to absorb. Little stated the idea of a Building Inspector may need to be addressed as well. Council stated they would like to see the city's ordinance and copies of zoning permits for the last few years to see trends. Auditor Ridgeway stated this will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for continued discussion.
- Report of 2011 Salaries and Wages Paid to Wabash County Employees.

Curless made a motion to adjourn the meeting and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Council met in the EMA-EOC Room in the basement of the courthouse to view the LOIT presentation from Bob Lain and Adam Horst from the Fall Auditor's Conference.

The following individuals attended the January 3rd Council meeting:

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

Commissioners: Barry Eppley, Brian Hauptert and Scott Givens
Sheriff Bob Land
County Coordinator Jim Dils
Sheila Rhoades

Approved as written – January 23, 2012