

FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2012 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Claude Markstahler opened with a word of prayer. James Kaltenmark led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Kaltenmark called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with all members present: Kaltenmark, Randy Curless, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes, Ted Little, Markstahler and Daryl Evans. 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 January 23, 2012 meeting. Nose made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG of Wabash County, Inc., presented a proposed declaratory resolution designating an economic revitalization area and qualifying personal property of Hipsher Tool & Die, Inc. for a ten (10) year tax abatement. Konyha stated it takes 40 points on the abatement scale to qualify. Hipsher Tool & Die Inc. qualified with 48 points. Evans made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-85-05 approving the ten (10) year tax abatement for Hipsher Tool & Die; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed Declaratory Resolution 2012-85-05 by a 7-0 vote. Konyha stated the second step would be to hold a public hearing. Konyha requested the hearing be held at the March 26, 2012 Council Meeting. Council gave unanimous consent.

Jenice Rankin, Executive Director of Wabash County Solid Waste District, presented an update report:

1. Problem waste disposal – 2011 total lbs.:
 - a. Chemicals 51,667
 - b. Appliances 18,156
 - c. Batteries 25,305
 - d. Electronics 121,243
 - e. Tires 47,815
 - f. Mercury 12,892
 - g. Misc. 6,558 (propane tanks, extinguishers, wire, cable, etc.)
2. Profit & Loss Comparison January 2011 and January 2012. Nose questioned why there was a \$984 increase in direct deposit fees. Rankin stated this was due to changes in the annual fee, a basic direct deposit fee increase and a mandatory accounting system upgrade fee. Rankin also noted there was an increase in PERF.
3. February 2012 Monthly Report
 - a. Revenues \$28,744
 - b. Debits \$52,030 – Rankin stated part of the reason for the increase in debits is due to the payment of two (2) recycling fees totaling \$21,000.

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:

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:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2012 NO II**

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
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COUNTY GENERAL FUND
GIS - #0001-0027

0001-0027-02-421-020 Supplies – Office Equipment	\$ 1,853	\$ 1,853	7	0
0001-0027-03-434-065 Other Services & Charges – Software Maintenance	\$ 1,616	\$ 1,616	7	0
0001-0027-04-444-044 Capital Outlay – Other Equipment	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	7	0

PLAN COMMISSION - #0001-0022

0001-0022-04-444-042 Capital Outlay – Office Equipment	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	7	0
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This request is not an increase to the current budget. GIS and the Plan Commission purchased new computers with the assistance of Intrasect Technologies and funds were paid to Intrasect for the new computers. Intrasect refunded the payment and requested the invoices be paid directly to the computer supplier, GOV Connection. The amounts listed above are a refund totaling \$10,768.20 that need to be transferred from General Fund Cash into the GIS and Plan Commission budget’s appropriated specific line item to pay GOV Connection directly.

Markstahler made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 7-0 vote.

WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND - #0022

0022-0000-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund – December, 2011	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,711	7	0
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Civil Process Collections for the month of December 2011: Clerk’s Office Civil Process Collections - \$1,398; Sheriff Dept. Civil Process Collections - \$13; Sheriff Sale Proceeds for November - \$1,300

0022-0000-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund – January, 2012	\$ 2,192	\$ 2,192	7	0
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Civil Process Collections for the month of January 2012: Clerk’s Office Civil Process Collections - \$1,092; Sheriff Dept. Civil Process Collections - \$0; Sheriff Sale Proceeds for January - \$1,100

Nose made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented the 2011 Jail Information Report.
 - a. The average inmate population dropped from 88 in 2010 to 74 in 2011.
 - b. The average length of stay decreased 58% from 2010 to 2011. Land stated this is due to the fact that more inmates are taken to DOC as well as a large percentage of inmates are bonding out early.
 - c. There were 247 days in 2011 when the inmate population exceeded the rated capacity of 72. Land stated this is lower than in 2010.
 - d. The medical expense was \$37,000 less in 2011 than 2010. Land stated this was due to the lower inmate population as well as no inmates had special medical needs as was the case in 2010.
2. Presented the 2012 Jail Inspection Report. Land stated there were concerns with dim lighting, negative air flow and storage which have existed in the past.
3. Little asked why inmates are not allowed to assist with county work. Land stated due to the current written policy inmates are only allowed to work on Wabash County Jail property. Working in any other area creates liability concerns. Land stated any changes to the current policy would require extra personnel and extra liability expense. Land stated he has seven (7) trustees currently who perform work around the jail property. Little stated he would like to have numbers on paper to see if expanding the work zone would be a feasible option. Land stated he would review the issue.
4. Land stated there was a savings of \$2,700 per car on the leased 2012 Chargers due to a change in the lighting equipment supplier.
5. Land stated a pre-owned Jeep has been purchased and is being used.
6. Dawes asked if the idea of the Sheriff's Department adding an officer to the Wabash County Drug Task Force with financial assistant from the Prosecutor's Office has been re-visited. Land stated he will review this in either June or July following graduation of two new deputies from the academy in May.
7. Reported that the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission is discussing funding options including possible use of county Misdemeanor Money to support the D-Felon changes. Land stated he will report any final decisions made by the Commission.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT FUND # 0036

0036-1112-02-422-051 Supplies – Miscellaneous Supplies – (Refund)	\$ 549	\$549	7	0
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This request is not an increase to the budget; it is moving refunded money into the specific fund account line and placing it back into our budget to be spent at a later date.

Markstahler made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Dawes and passed by a 7-0 vote.

ADULT PROBATION USERS FEE FUND #0060

0060-0000-01-413-071 Personal Services – FICA \$ 2,174 \$ 2,174 7 0

This request is to cover the Social Security for the part-time field officers. Auditor Ridgeway stated this is an addition to the 2012 budget but the funds will come from Adult Probation User Fee.

Little made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 7-0 vote.

RECORDER’S PERPETUATION FUND # 0098

0098-0000-04-444-040 Capital Outlay – Computer Equipment \$ 757 \$ 757 7 0

This request is to update the Recorder’s Server. The vendor refilled the estimate due to an error on the original estimate. This is for ½ of the difference. The other ½ will come from the Security Protection Fund (0155).

RECORDER’S SECURITY PROTECTION FUND #0155

0155-0000-04-444-040 Capital Outlay – Computer Equipment \$ 757 \$ 757 7 0

This request is to update the Recorder’s server. The vendor revised the estimate due to an error on the original estimate. This is for half of the difference. The other half will come from the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund (0098).

Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper stated there was a math error in the Fidlar, Inc. contract approved at the January 23rd Council meeting which now requires an additional \$1,512.88. This will make the total contract \$16,424.72. Draper stated since she had not signed the agreement prior to the discovery of the error, she felt the increase was legitimate. Markstahler made a motion to approve both requests; his motion was seconded by Dawes and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Draper stated she will present an ordinance at next month’s meeting regarding on-line search fees. According to I.C. 5-14-3-8.3 these fees must be placed in an Enhanced Access Fund and not placed in the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund or the County General Fund. The funds will be used to pay the Recorder’s server and IT fees. Draper stated a second new fund was established in July 2011, the Elected Officials’ Training Fund – under IC 36-2-7-19. This fund receives monies from a portion of the Recorder’s fee collections and is to be used for travel expenses for required certification training for elected officials. The statute currently includes only the Recorder and Surveyor. The current balance in the fund is \$1,170; this was collected in 2011 from July through December. Draper stated she will use monies from this fund to cover the cost of her annual conference.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 27th of February 2012, by the above aye and nay vote.

COUNCIL REVIEWED:

- 2012 Updated Distribution Reports: CAGIT & CEDIT
- Indiana Department of Revenue – Quarterly Tax Report; October 1 thru December 31, 2011
- Auditor and Treasurer Financial Reports – January 31, 2012
- Ridgeway stated she will present a list of Council representatives for the various county departments at next month's meeting.
- INPRS Authorized Agent Designated to Perform Necessary Duties – This is the new PERF website. INPRS has requested signature of the Council Chairman to approve County Coordinator Jim Dils as representative for Wabash County. Council approved by consensus. Ridgeway stated we have been informed that the INPRS employer contribution rate for 2013 will be increased to 10% - it is 8.5% in 2012.
- Indiana County Council Association 2012 dues total \$140. Council approved by consensus.
- Presented the 2012 AIC membership cards for Council members.
- The Economy, the State Budget and Farmland Taxes as presented in the webinar on 2/1/12 by Larry DeBoer, Professor and Extension Specialist in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University.

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

Nose stated a chairman needs to be assigned for the County Tax Abatement Committee. Curless agreed to chair the committee.

Little stated he spoke with a County Council member from Miami County who stated they could not agree to make cuts on the 2012 budget and sent it to the State for them to make cuts. The State sent it back and they now have to cut approximately \$820,000. Little stated he is so appreciative of how well Wabash County worked together and was able to make cuts that were necessary and create a balanced budget.

Nose stated he was proud to see that Wabash County has one of the highest high school graduation rates of the Northeast Indiana School Districts – Evans stated it was 87%.

Curless made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it passed by a 7-0 vote. The next Council meeting will be on March 26, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

The following individuals attended the February 27th Council meeting:

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

Commissioners: Barry Eppley, Scott Givens and Brian Hauptert

Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper

County Attorney Steve Downs

EDG Executive Director Bill Konyha

Phillip Dale

Bobby Hettmansperger

Bonnie Corn

Heather Wolfe

James Wolfe

*Approved as written – March 26, 2012