

MARCH 26, 2012

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 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 February 27, 2012 meeting. Dawes noted on page 2; Nose motion - should be seconded by Little; Kaltenmark noted a typo on page 5 ("week" should be "month"). Curless made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes; his motion was seconded by Dawes and passed by a 7-0 vote.

The next order of business was to hold the public hearing for proposed Resolution 2012-85-06 Confirming an Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Personal Property of Hipsher Tool & Die, Inc. for Tax Abatement. Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG of Wabash County, Inc. stated:

1. The abatement application is for a piece of manufacturing equipment with a total value of \$196,700.
2. HT&D employs eleven (11) people, which they propose to retain, and will create one (1) additional position.
3. They have an average wage of \$19.10 per hour.
4. HT&D acquired sufficient points on the evaluation process: received 48 points which exceeds the 40 points required to qualify for the ten (10) year tax abatement. This includes: targeting, value added, job creation, job retention and average annual wages.

Evans made a motion to approve Hipsher Tool & Die, Inc., on the recommendation of EDG and the County Tax Abatement Committee, for the ten (10) year tax abatement and to approve Resolution 2012-85-06; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper presented two (2) new proposed ordinances and one (1) amended ordinance:

1. Proposed 2012-85-04: Establishing User Fees for Access to Recorded Document Information. Draper stated Fidlar Technologies provides a one (1) time use software program called Tapestry. Searchers may pay a fee for a one-time search from the site. These fees are paid by the searchers to Fidlar via credit card then a portion of is disbursed to Wabash County. Fidlar also has a monthly subscriber software program called Laredo. Searchers may sign-up for continued use of the record search and will be invoiced monthly by the Recorder's office. Little made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2012-85-04; his motion was

seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote. Evans made a motion to suspend the rules on a second reading; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote. Evans made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-85-04 on second reading; his motion was seconded by Dawes and Ordinance 2012-85-04 was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

2. Proposed 2012-85-05: Creating the Wabash County Elected Officials Training Fund and Proposed 2012-85-06; Amending Ordinance 2005-4 creating the Wabash County Identification Security Protection Fund. Draper stated in 2005 the Security Protection Fund was established for fees collected from declaration forms per IC-36-2-7.5-6. Now one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the fees collected and placed in the Security Protection Fund are to be placed in a new fund that was established in July of 2011, the Elected Officials' Training Fund – under IC 36-2-7-19. This fund receives monies from a portion of the Recorder's collections and is to be used for travel expenses for required certification training of elected officials. The statute currently includes only the Recorder and Surveyor. In 2013, it will also include the Treasurer and Auditor. Nose made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2012-85-05 creating the Wabash County Elected Officials Training Fund and Ordinance 2012-85-06 Amending Ordinance 2005-4; his motion was seconded by Dawes and passed by a 7-0 vote. Markstahler made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote. Curless made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-85-05 and Ordinance 2012-85-06 on the second reading; his motion was seconded by Little and Ordinance 2012-85-05 and 2012-85-06 were adopted by a 7-0 vote.

Jenice Rankin, Executive Director of the Wabash County Solid Waste District, presented the February 2012 monthly report:

1. Residential participation numbers are up 96.6% YTD over 2011.
2. Shipped 52,070 pounds of household hazardous waste: electronics, chemicals, batteries, mercury and appliances
3. Drop-off recycling collection cost per ton will increase from \$103.26 to \$111.93; this is an 8.4% increase. Nose expressed concern with such a significant increase.
4. Tipping fees are up \$15,000 this year. Rankin stated this is partially due to demolition projects at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru and the Marion VA Medical Center
5. Tire dumping has become an increased problem. In 2011, a total of 41,825 pounds of tires were received including the River Clean-Up Project. Since January 1, 2012 SWMD has taken in 10,000 pounds of tires. Of this amount, 86.4% was received from the Lagro area.

Rankin stated the Department of Natural Recourses (DNR) is investigating this significant increase.

- 6. Profit and loss – no significant change from 2011 to 2012
- 7. Material management is up slightly due to a two (2) month recycling payment
- 8. A new furnace was installed in the warehouse. Rankin stated this has helped lower the heating expense.

Markstahler questioned who controls the drop-off rate fee. Rankin stated it is controlled by the municipal cost index. Nose stated Fort Wayne is selling their recycling and making a profit. Rankin stated WCSWD is a small operation and does not have the equipment or employees to pick up the product on their own. It would require an expensive set-up process and would take a long time to make a profit off of this product if at all. Little requested a financial report with a current and previous year’s comparison. Rankin agreed. Evans asked if Rankin has noticed a significant influence from the Fort Wayne office. Rankin stated she has been watching this and has not seen any change.

Kaltenmark opened the floor for public comments regarding agenda items. Wabash resident Lisa Shanabarger expressed her concerns regarding difficulty hearing in the Wabash County courtrooms. Commissioner Brian Haupert stated Commissioners would address this issue. Shanabarger also expressed her concerns for the availability of a drug rehabilitation program at the jail. Sheriff Bob Land stated there are currently programs available and agreed to provide information to Shanabarger.

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

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2012 NO III**

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:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND – JAIL #0001-0033</u>				
0001-0033-02-422-016 Supplies				
– Janitorial Supplies	\$ 114	\$ 114	7	0

This request is a credit received from Wal-Mart that was placed into the General Fund. I am requesting it be applied to the Jail Janitorial Supply Line.

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

0001-0033-03-432-033 Other Services & Charges				
- Inmate Transfers	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	7	0

This request is due to the fact that the inmate transfers budgeted line for the over population housed at the Miami County Jail line is nearly zero (0) for the 2012 year. The 2012 budget was \$20,000; \$15,750 has been spent as of February 17, 2012. We have not received the February 2012 invoice yet, but we are expecting it to be \$4,200; which would leave \$50 in this budgeted line.

Sheriff Bob Land stated currently there is one (1) inmate in the Miami County Jail. Land stated currently the population in the Wabash County Jail is at an acceptable level and no further inmates need to be placed in Miami, but it is difficult to predict how the numbers will run over the summer months. Land stated they have requested that a monthly bill be submitted to keep a better handle on expenses. Markstahler made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND #0022

0022-0000-01-413-074 Personal Services				
- Sheriff's Pension Fund - February 2012	\$ 2,169	\$ 2,169	7	0

Civil Process Collections for the Month of February 2012: Clerk's Office Civil Process Collections - \$1,196; Sheriff Department's Civil Process Collections - \$73; Sheriff Sale Proceeds for February - \$900.

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

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND # 0113

0113-0000-03-439-011 Other Services & Charges				
- Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	7	0

This request is from carryover funds from LHM that were approved after our reports were due in July for the 2012 year.

Kathy Carter-Lower, Vital Records Health Department, stated the funds are available and just need to be appropriated. Nose made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 7-0 vote.

ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FUND # 1217

1217-0004-03-439-011 Other Services & Charges				
- Training Recorder	\$1,500	\$ 1,500	7	0

This request is to place funds into this account for the Recorder and Surveyor to spend for State called meetings rather than using the Commissioners' budgeted funds as allowed by IC 36-2-7-19.

Auditor Ridgeway stated this is the fund that was established by Ordinance 2012-85-05 at this evening's meeting. Little made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Dawes and passed by a 7-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 26th of March 2012, by the above aye and nay vote.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented:

1. A request from the Wabash Circuit Court for the purchase of a new Taser. The current Tasers have been removed from service due to age. A new Taser and holster would be a cost of \$844.95 plus freight. Ridgeway stated this was turned in after the advertisement deadline for March. Ridgeway requested pre-approval as this is a necessity in the Judicial Center but that it would be presented at next month's meeting. Council gave unanimous approval.
2. Presented proposed Resolution 2012-85-07: Granting a temporary loan from the Rainy Day Fund totaling \$100,000 to the County Health Fund to maintain an operating cash balance. Ridgeway stated the Health Department's budget had been reduced over the last few years due to an error with the DLGF and is currently running at a cash balance of \$6,107. The account is funded by CEDIT but funds will not be disbursed until settlement time. This loan would allow payroll and other budgetary needs to be covered until funds are deposited. The Rainy Day Fund has a balance of \$1,644,000 and is not marked for any specific need at this time. The loan will be reimbursed by December 31, 2012 as noted in IC 36-1-8-4. Markstahler made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-85-07; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Kaltenmark opened the floor for public comments regarding non-agenda concerns. Wabash County resident Mike Ridenour requested a copy of the county financial report. Ridgeway presented a copy to Ridenour and also noted this is posted on the county website. Ridgeway stated if any other County Council candidates leave their email address a copy will be sent to them as well.

COUNCIL REVIEWED:

- Council Appointment to the North Manchester Economic Development Commission: Steve Fawcett. Little made a motion to appoint Steve Fawcett to the North Manchester Economic Development Commission; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 7-0 vote.
- February 2012 Auditor and Treasurer Financial Reports.
- List of Council representatives for county departments – Kaltenmark requested each member review and report any changes needed at next month's meeting.
- 2011 Annual Report – Ridgeway stated this is on-line at: www.in.gov

Markstahler stated the E-911 funds will not be collected by the county but will be disbursed through the State. Ridgeway stated this is true and according to the law the State will go back the last three (3) years and calculate an average; each county will receive no less than the average.

Curless made a motion to adjourn the meeting and passed by a 7-0 vote.

The following individuals attended the March 26th Council meeting:

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

Commissioners: Barry Eppley, Scott Givens and Brian Hauptert

Bill Konyha

Bonnie Corn

Mike Ridenour

Lisa Shanabarger

Roxy Roser

William Gerding

*Approved as written – April 23, 2012