

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2013 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Claude Markstahler opened with a word of prayer. James Kaltenmark led in the pledge of allegiance. Kaltenmark called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with all members present: Kaltenmark, Randy Curless, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes, Claude Markstahler, Bill Ruppel and Mike Ridenour. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by County Auditor Linda Conrad.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting. Curless made a motion to approve the minutes. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a vote of 5/0. The minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Ridenour made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ruppel seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

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

County Attorney Steve Downs and Barnes & Thornburg attorney, Jeff Qualkinbush presented an ordinance for its' second reading regarding the Manchester University 2013 tax exempt revenue bond issues in the amount of 3,545,000,000 to be used to refinance the Indiana Educational Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2002 and in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to be utilized to pay the costs of the recently completed renovations of the Academic Center of Manchester University. Qualkinbush explained the details of the bond financing and stated that there is no financial obligation on the part of the County; that Manchester University is only utilizing the county's tax exempt status and that repayment would be the responsibility of Manchester University. Nose made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2013-85-02 Manchester University 2013 Bond Financings as presented. The motion was seconded by Dawes; it passed by a vote of 6/0. Ruppel abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest because of his membership on the President's Council of Manchester University.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2013 NO. II

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:

WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND #1193

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund – December, 2012	\$1,202.00	\$ 1,202.00	7	0

Explanation: Civil Process Collections for the month of December 2012: Clerk’s Office Civil Process Collections - \$702.00; Sheriff Dept. Civil Process Collections-0; Sheriff Sale Proceeds for December - \$500.00

Markstahler made a motion to approve the request; Ruppel seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7/0.

Sheriff Bob Land reported the hiring of one new deputy and three jail officers. He stated that the deputy will be attending the law enforcement academy in April. He reported that new department vehicles have been ordered. He reported that the department had received another GED program grant in the amount of \$1000.00. Reported the Jail population is currently at 69 inmates.

RECORDER RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND #1189

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay – Computer Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	6	1*

Explanation: Requesting the purchase of new computers, software, printers and scanner. \$5,000.00 of purchase is being paid from the Security Protection Fund and \$2,000.00 from Recorder’s Records Perpetuation Fund.

County Recorder, Lori Draper had requested approval of the purchase of computer equipment at the previous Council meeting. Council’s consensus had been to approve the request. Ridenour made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request. Ruppel seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 6/1. Markstahler voted against the request.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT #8850

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay – Furniture & Equipment	\$6,582.00	Tabled	7	0
Supplies -	430.00	Tabled	7	0
Capital Outlay - Replacement door	\$265.00	\$265.00	7	0

Explanation: Requesting the purchase of a new computer, monitor, mouse and keyboard, four ipads with cases and docking stations, desk, hutch, and locking file cabinet. Also purchase of pens and paper.

Explanation: Replacement of accordion door with a hollow core door in the health department at a cost of \$265.00.

Jennifer Scott, Health Dept. Environmental Sanitarian and Health Board member, Dr. Robert Becker were present to explain the requests. Following comments, questions and objections to the out-of-state quotations, Council

members directed Scott to get more local county and state comparable quotes for the requested purchases. Ridenour made a motion to table the additional appropriation request until the next Council meeting. Ruppel seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7/0.

Scott explained that they had received quotes from three local vendors for the replacement of an accordion door in the Health Department which is broken. Scott and Becker recommended the quote from Rose Construction in the amount of \$265.00. Nose made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the door replacement. Markstahler seconded the motion; it passed by a vote 7/0.

TOBACCO TRUST GRANT #1206

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay – Scanner	\$965.97	\$965.97	5	2

Explanation: A scanner was returned as did not do the job as needed. A check for \$965.97 was refunded to the department and then reported as collections on 2/7/13.

Kathy Carter-Lower, Health Department explained the request for additional appropriation. Nose made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Dawes and it passed by a vote of 5/2. Ridenour and Markstahler voted against the motion.

RAINY DAY FUND #1186

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Personal Services – Dec 2012 Social Security & PERF	\$1,271.06	\$1,271.06	7	0

Explanation: Animal Shelter is no longer part of the County budget, need additional appropriation to pay the remaining benefits.

Markstahler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request. Ridenour seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7/0.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 25th day of February, 2013 by the above aye and nay votes. The auditor was directed to present the above additional appropriations to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer requested tentative approval for the painting of the Probation office at a cost of \$7,582.00 to be paid from the Adult Probation Users Fees Fund. Council's consensus was to approve the expense and directed Duggan to submit a request for an additional appropriation for official action at the next Council meeting.

The next order of business was to address the transfer of funds requests.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2013-85-01**

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, 2013 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 Approved	AYE	NAY
DECREASE: General Fund/Commissioners				
#1000-11802.00 Animal Shelter wages	\$106,627.00	\$106,627.00	7	0
Personal Services				

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: General Fund/Commissioners				
#1000-30801.00 Animal Shelter Allocation	\$106,627.00	\$106,627.00	7	0
Other Services & charges				

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 25th day of February, 2013 by the above aye and nay vote.

A letter was received from Wabash City Mayor Vanlandingham requesting the appointment of Stan Leland as a county representative to the Wabash City Economic Development Commission retro-active to February 1, 2013. Ridenour made a motion to approve the appointment. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7/0.

Council reviewed/approved:

Auditor and Treasurer's January 2013 Financial reports.

January 2013 Income/Expense statement from the Solid Waste Management District

Ridenour requested a copy of the quarterly tax report of the LOIT income tax funds.

Ruppel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ridenour and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

The following individuals also attended the February 25th Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor, B.J. Grube

County Commissioner Brian Hauptert

County Commissioner Barry Eppley

Louella Krom

Teresa Witkoske

