

JUNE 24, 2013

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 2013 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Kaltenmark opened with a word of prayer and led in the pledge of allegiance. Kaltenmark called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with these members present: Kaltenmark, Randy Curless, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes, Bill Ruppel and Mike Ridenour. Council member Claude Markstahler was tardy for the meeting. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by County Auditor Linda Conrad.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting. Curless made a motion to approve the minutes. Ruppel seconded the motion; it passed by a vote of 6/0. Markstahler was absent for the vote.

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

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections Executive Director presented the 2013-2014 Community Corrections Grant in the amount of \$183,000 to be effective July 1, 2013. He stated that there had been no changes to the grant since 2009 with the exception of the removal of Community Transition Program revenue. He explained that counties would not receive the advance of \$25,000 in CTP monies, but would still be eligible to receive the transition program revenue based on each county's application and participation in the program. Hobson also explained that the Indiana criminal codes are being rewritten by the State with more levels of theft felonies added. He stated that this would result in more inmates being housed at the local level which would impact the Sheriff's Department the most because of increased costs. He stated that the cost increases have not yet been addressed by the State. Discussion included concerns about the increased costs of housing more inmates at the local level and all resulting costs. Hobson agreed to keep the Council informed of the results of the House Bill and the rewriting of the criminal codes in relation to the County's concerns. Hobson requested that an amendment to the current Salary Ordinance be approved.

**AMENDMENT 2013-II
2013 SALARIES & WAGES ORDINANCE FOR WABASH COUNTY**

Whereas: Public Law No. 231 requires County Councils to fix salaries of county officials and employees for the year 2013:

Sec. 1: Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council, Wabash County, IN that the salaries and wages of county officials and employees and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2013 are as follows:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

<u>Fund/Acct.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Bi-weekly pay</u>	<u>Annual pay</u>
1122-11102.013	Director	J. Hobson	1,813.58	23,576.50
1122-11212.013	Adm. Asst.	K. Barker	1,165.04	15,145.50
1122-11313.013	Field Officer	S. Burns	1,188.35	15,448.50
1122-11411.013	Case Manager	R. Hoffpauir	1,108.89	15,448.50
1122-11411.013	Case Manager	M. Striker	1,188.35	15,448.50
1122-11807.013	PT Home Detention		\$14.00-\$15.00	18,750.00
1122-16000.013	PT Work Release		\$12.00-\$14.00	7,500.00

An amendment to the Salary Ordinance was approved with the 2013 budget on Dec. 3, 2013. The salary ordinance was amended and approved by Council as part of the 2013-2014 Community Corrections Grant Budget on the 24th day of June, 2013.

Ridenour made a motion to approve the amendment to the 2013 Salary Ordinance as requested. Ruppel seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

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

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2013 NO. VI**

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:

Sheriff Land was present to explain the request for Additional Appropriations and the request for Transfer of Funds.

WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND #1193

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Personal Services (May Invoice)	\$1,705.00	\$1,705.00	7	0

Explanation: Civil Process collections for May, 2013: Sheriff's Dept. \$120.00, Clerk's Office \$585.00, Sheriff's Sale proceeds \$1000.00 for a total of \$1,705.00.

Nose made a motion to approve the request. Dawes 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 24th day of June, 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.

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2013-85-05

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:				
#1148 DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND				
(Aaction Grant) Law Enforcement Services	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	7	0

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:				
#1148 DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	7	0
(Aaction Grant) Law Enforcement Equipment				

Explanation: Original request from Action Grant/Drug Free Community funds was for law enforcement (personnel overtime) services, however, per the Aaction board's decision, this money will be used to purchase law enforcement equipment instead.

Ridenour made a motion to approve the transfer request. Ruppel 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 24th day of June, 2013 by the above aye and nay vote.

Sheriff Land reported to Council that the Jail Generator bid has been awarded to L-A Electric at a cost of approximately \$120,000. Discussion followed regarding the capacity of the new generator. He stated that his staff has been trained and the scanning of past inmate records has begun.

Kaltenmark asked for public comments regarding non-agenda items; no comments were heard.

Council reviewed:

- Chairman Kaltenmark introduced a letter from Robert & Leslie Patterson regarding the Council's appointee, Randy Curless, as the Council's representative to the Plan Commission. The letter alleges that the appointment of Mr. Curless is a conflict of interest in light of the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management's (IDEM) issue with Curless and that Council should appoint a different Council member as their representative to the Plan Commission. Council member Ruppel stated that, according to State law, there is no conflict of interest, and as long as Mr. Curless is not voting on any issue that affects his business or if there is no felony involved, then this IDEM issue should not disqualify Mr. Curless from serving on the Commission. Nose stated that Mr. Curless has addressed the IDEM issue and that issue has nothing to do with his service to the Plan Commission. No Council action was taken.
- Reviewed the Auditor and Treasurer May Financial reports.
- Reviewed the May 2013 Solid Waste Management District profit & loss statement. Nose asked about the Solid Waste District's Additional Appropriation Request to County Council in order to appropriate \$100,000 to make a building payment from their Solid Waste budget. Auditor Conrad stated that she had received no request to date.

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

The following individuals also attended the June 24th Council meeting:

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

County Commissioners Brian Haupt and Scott Givens

Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube

Purdue Extension Director Teresa Witkoske

Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Sheila Rhoades

Bonnie Corn

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

James Kaltenmark, Chairman

Randy Curless

Mike Ridenour

Claude Markstahler

Gary Nose

Jeff Dawes

William Ruppel

Attest: _____
Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor