

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, December 1, 2014 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman James Kaltenmark called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with seven members present: Kaltenmark, Claude Markstahler, Randy Curless, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes, Bill Ruppel and Mike Ridenour. Markstahler opened with a word of prayer and Kaltenmark led in the pledge of allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor's office.

The next order of business was to review the minutes of the October 2014 meeting. Ruppel made a motion to approve the minutes. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

Kaltenmark asked for comments about agenda items. There were no comments from the public.

The next order of business was the convening of a public hearing for the consideration of tax abatement for Vision Properties, LLP and Midwest Eye Consultants, PC. Bill Konyha, Economic Development Group of Wabash County Executive Director explained that the Tax Abatement Committee has not met yet, so he requested that this matter be tabled until the next Council meeting. He explained the statistics of the tax abatement request including the impact of local payroll taxes and the total of property and income taxes to be generated. Kim Pinkerton, Chamber of Commerce member spoke in support of the requested abatements. Council members questioned the per capital county income. Dawes asked about the companies' accountability to comply with the statement of benefits listed on their applications for tax abatement. Konyha explained that each year the companies must submit a form of compliance to Council. Konyha explained that he will be leaving the Wabash Economic Development Group and has recommended a replacement for his position. Konyha updated the Council on the current and future Wabash County economic development projects. Ruppel and Kaltenmark thanked Konyha for his service to Wabash County. Ruppel made a motion to table the abatement resolution until the January 2015 meeting. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation request:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS **ORDINANCE #2014-85-12**

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, 2014 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:

CAGIT –Certified Shares #1110

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
<u>CAGIT – Certified Shares</u>				
Wards of the Court and State Institutions				
#1110-30992.00	\$35,000	\$35,000	7	0

Explanation: Shortage in the line item/account

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

These appropriations were presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 1st day of December, 2014. The Auditor was directed to present the above additional appropriations to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as provided by law.

The next order of business was to address the Transfer of Funds requests. Dr. Jeff Pyle, Health Board President was present to explain their request.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

#2014-06

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 and increased in the following amounts:

	Amount Requested	Amount Transferred	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
GENERAL FUND - Superior Court -Dept. 36				
Dues & Subscriptions #1000-30910	200.00	200.00	7	0
Leases & Service Contracts #1000-30651	700.00	700.00		
Guardian Ad Litem #1000-30355	1,974.00	1,974.00		

INCREASE:

GENERAL FUND - Superior Court –Dept. 36				
Lawbooks #1000-21800	2,874.00	2,874.00	7	0

Explanation: Shortfall in budget of Lawbooks line item.

Ridenour made a motion to approve the transfer request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

	Amount Requested	Amount Transferred	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
STATEWIDE 911 FUND				
Professional Services #1222-3000	\$7,916.34	\$7,916.34	7	0
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
GENERAL- Central Dispatch				
Part-Time Dispatchers #1000-12300	\$7,916.34	\$7,916.34	7	0

Explanation: To cover the shortfall within the part-time account. This is not an additional appropriation because the statewide 911 allows for the use of transferred funds to pay dispatcher salaries.

Markstahler made a motion to approve the transfer request. Ruppel seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

	Amount Requested	Amount Transferred	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
HEALTH FUND				
Part-time Food Inspector #1159-12304	\$1,916.29	1,916.29	7	0
Education & Training #1159-30110	500.00	500.00		
FICA/SS/Medicare #1159-17100	\$2,364.63	2,364.63	7	0
Education & Training #1159-30110	\$ 480.00	480.00		

INCREASE:

HEALTH FUND

PERF #1159-17200	\$2,416.29	2,416.29	7	0
Group Health Insurance #1159-17300	\$2,844.63	2,844.63	7	0

Explanation: Need additional money for insurance because line item was cut from approved budget order at beginning of year.

Ruppel made a motion to approve the transfer request. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

	Amount Requested	Amount Transferred	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND				
Trucks/Tractor Equipment #1176-40431	\$30,000	\$30,000	7	0
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND				
Truck/Tractor Repair #1176-30623	\$30,000	\$30,000	7	0

Explanation: Due to extreme winter season, an unusually large number of equipment failures and repairs had to be made. These repairs have depleted the budgeted line item. Need to fund the repair line item for remainder of year.

Ridenour made a motion to approve the transfer request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

	Amount Requested	Amount Transferred	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
CUM. CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND				
Courthouse Renovation #1138-40540	\$50,000	\$50,000	7	0
Courthouse Walks paving #1138-40761	\$40,000	\$40,000	7	0
Computer Maintenance #1138-30502	\$39,366.46	\$39,366.46	7	0
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
CUM. CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND				
Computer Maintenance #1138-30502	\$90,000	\$90,000	7	0
Computer Equipment #1138-40400	\$39,366.46	\$39,366.46	7	0

Explanation: Per Auditor's office: Need transfer to pay vendor (Intrasect) invoices and to correct account errors.

Dawes made a motion to approve the transfer request. Curless seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

These requests were presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 1st day of December, 2014.

The proposed 2015 Council meeting dates were reviewed. Ridenour made a motion to approve the dates. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Kaltenmark asked for public comments regarding non-agenda items. There were no comments from the public.

Council reviewed:

October 2014 Auditor's and Treasurer's financial reports.
October 2014 Solid Waste Management District income statement.

Vice-Chairman Ridenour presented service award plaques to Jim Kaltenmark and Gary Nose in recognition of their years of service to the County Council. Both members will retire from County Council at the end of December, 2014. Dawes expressed his appreciation for the leadership of both outgoing members.

With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

The following individuals also attended the December 1st Council meeting:

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

Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Rachel Lemon.