

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, March 23, 2015 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Mike Ridenour called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Seven Council members were present: Ridenour, Kyle Bowman, Randy Curless, Jeff Dawes, Matt Dillon, Claude Markstahler, and Bill Ruppel. Markstahler opened with a word of prayer and Ridenour led in the pledge of allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor's office.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting. Ruppel made a motion to approve the minutes. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a vote of 7/0.

Ridenour asked for public comments regarding the meeting agenda. There were no comments.

The first order of business was the discussion of the employee meal allowance. The current employee meal allowance for overnight travel is \$26.00 per day. After discussion by Council, Ruppel made a motion to increase the meal allowance per day to \$35.00 for both in state and out-of-state overnight stay with the meal breakdown of \$10.00 for breakfast and lunch, and \$15.00 for dinner. If an employee is traveling within one day, the allowance would be \$10.00 for each meal. The effective date of the change is March 23, 2015. Dillon seconded the motion and it passed by a 7/0 vote.

Local Attorney Larry Thrush was present representing the County Health Board with concerns about the "proposed" transfer of monies from the cash balance of the Local Health Maintenance Fund to the County Health Fund. He stated that the State Dept. of Health will not approve any further state health grant monies to Wabash County if the Council transfers any cash balance from Local Health Maintenance to the County Health Fund. Ruppel noted a "point of order" by explaining that this subject was not on Council's agenda for today's meeting and that any further discussion should come at the end of the meeting under non-agenda items.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS **ORDINANCE #2015-85-03**

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, 2015 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:

COUNTY HEALTH FUND - #1159

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Medical Supplies #1159-25700	\$5,301.11	\$5,301.11		
Medicaid claims filing expenses #1159-30602	\$11,275.37	\$11,275.37		
Vaccine expenses #1159-31130	<u>\$58,670.52</u>	<u>\$58,670.52</u>		
TOTAL APPROPRIATED	\$75,247.00	\$75,247.00	7	0

Explanation: Per Resolution #2015-85-06, Vaccine expense to be paid by the County Health Fund and removed from the Local Health Maintenance Fund budget.

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

RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND - #1189

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Personal Services				
Deputy #1189-11200	\$5,680.00	\$5,680.00		
Social Security #1189-17100	300.00	300.00		
TOTAL APPROPRIATED:	\$5,980.00	\$5,980.00	7	0

Explanation: At budget time last summer, these line items were reduced in the Recorder's budget because these personal services were to be paid by the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund. The additional appropriation allows for this change.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

The next order of business was to address the Reduction of Appropriations request:

REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #2015-85-01

WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances that will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further ordained (resolved) that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:

SEC. 1 Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said county government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2015 the following sums of money are hereby reduced out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND - #1168

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Medical Supplies #1159-25700	\$5,301.11	\$5,301.11		

Medicaid claims filing expenses #1159-30602	\$11,275.37	\$11,275.37		
Vaccine expenses #1159-31130	\$58,670.52	\$58,670.52		
Total Reduction:	\$75,247.00	\$75,247.00	7	0

Explanation: Per Resolution #2015-85-06, vaccine expenses need to be removed from the Local Health Maintenance Fund budget with expense to be paid by County Health Fund.

Ruppel made a motion to approve the reduction of appropriations. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address the Transfer of Funds requests.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
#2015-85-02**

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 – Coroner (007)				
Deputies contractual #1000-30112	\$450.00	\$450.00	7	0
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
GENERAL FUND – Coroner (007)				
Biohazard Supplies #1000-22400	\$450.00	\$450.00	7	0

Explanation: Not enough funds to pay future invoices.

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

Chief Probation Officer Sara Lochner was present to request pre-approval from Council to purchase a new vehicle to replace the van that had been damaged in an accident. She stated that she would be submitting an additional appropriation request at the April meeting for the purchase of a new van at a cost of \$24,740.00 to be paid by Probation User fees.

Sheriff Bob Land was present to explain that he will be submitting an additional appropriation request at the April meeting for the purchase of bulletproof vests for his deputies to be paid out of the General Fund. He stated that the vests had formerly been paid for out of the Commissary Fund but those monies are dwindling rapidly. He stated that he continues to rotate the vests, but new vests are needed to protect the deputies from rifle rounds as well as handguns. He estimated the cost at \$14,650.00. Council requested that the Auditor’s office advertise the additional appropriation from the Cum. Capital Development Fund, not the General Fund.

Chairman Ridenour asked for public comments regarding non-agenda items. Council addressed Attorney Thrush's statements of opposition by the County Health Board and the State Board of Health to the approval of any cash transfer of monies from the Local Health Maintenance Fund to the County Health Fund. Ridenour explained to Thrush that the transfer of cash had already been approved at Council's February meeting in Resolution #2015-85-06. Dawes pointed out that an earlier proposal from the County had been offered to the County Health Board and that the Board never responded in any way to the proposal. He also stated that the County would be open to an audit of these vaccine-related monies with the goal of an agreement of the exact amount that should be transferred. Ridenour stated that the County Auditor's office had done extensive research dating back several years in order to arrive at the figure that was transferred. He suggested that Thrush contact County Attorney Steve Downs with any further questions, issues or concerns.

Council reviewed:

Auditor & Treasurer's financial reports for February 2015

Solid Waste Management District income statement for February 2015. Ridenour stated that the Solid Waste Director has been requested to make changes to the income statement in the future in order to provide the month and year-to-date expenses and the current cash balance in addition to the income.

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

The following individuals also attended the March 23rd Council meeting:

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

Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd, Commissioners Brian Hauptert, and Scott Givens, Attorney Mark Frantz, Health Board member Dr. Robert Beckett, Co. Extension Director Teresa Witkowske, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

Mike Ridenour, Chairman

Randy Curless

Jeff Dawes

William Ruppel

Kyle Bowman

Matt Dillon

Claude Markstahler

Attest: _____
Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor

