

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, April 27, 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. County Auditor Linda Conrad was absent from the meeting so Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd assisted the Council. 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 March 23, 2015 meeting. Ruppel made a motion to approve the minutes. Dillon 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 next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation requests. Commissioner Brian Hauptert (on behalf of Highway Superintendent John Martin), Sheriff Bob Land, Dr. David Roe and Dr. Robert Beckett representing the County Health Department, County Recorder Lori Draper and Probation Officer Trisha Hanes (on behalf of Chief Probation Officer Sara Lochner) were present to explain the requests.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2015-85-04

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:

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND - #1135

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Bridge 510 Construction #1135-40762	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	7	0

Explanation: This request is for the construction of Bridge #510 on Harrison Ave. at Wabash Street with a complete replacement of the present structure. During the routine inspection in 2014, it was found that this bridge was deteriorating faster than anticipated. Because of the traffic flow on the bridge, the replacement process needed to be

accelerated before it deteriorates any further. This appropriation will cover the removal of the bridge structure and the construction of a new bridge along with inspection costs required during construction. The project should begin in July 2015 and possibly continue to the end of 2015.

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

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND - #1138

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Sheriff's Dept. - Uniforms/Equipment #1138-24400 (Bulletproof Vests)	\$14,684.48	\$14,684.48	7	0

Explanation: This request is for the purchase of 16 bulletproof vests for Sheriff's department officers. Land explained that grant funds had previously been available for purchasing vests but that source was unavailable.

Council suggestion: Sheriff Land should check into the cost of helmets for officers also.

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

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND - #1168

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Equipment #1168-40421 (2) Refrigerator/Freezers	\$13,513.40	TABLED	6	1*

Explanation: All providers receiving publicly funded vaccine must adhere to all the requirements as stated under the IN State Dept. of Health Immunization Division article attached. The IN State Dept. of Health Immunization Division has approved the Panasonic MPR-715F-PA Pharmaceutical Refrigerator/Freezer combo and the Migali Pharmacy/Laboratory Dual Temperature Refrigerator/Freezer.

Per Roe and Beckett: the Refrigerator/Freezers must have the capacity to store up to one-year's supply of vaccine. The temperature must be monitored twice daily. Roe stated that quotes had been taken and that this equipment was approved by the State. Council members questioned why the department was not purchasing two of the lower priced refrigerator/freezers instead of one refrigerator at the lower price and one combo at the higher price. Council members had unanswered questions so they requested that Health Dept. Nurse Lori Faust attend the May Council meeting.

Dillon made a motion to table this request until Council's May meeting. Bowman seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 6-1 with Markstahler voting against the motion.

RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND #1189

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Computer Equipment #1189-40400	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	7	0
Travel #1189-30230	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	7	0

Explanation: Two high definition monitors are going out and a battery back-up is needed for two other computers. The travel line item was cut from the Recorder's dept. budget and I was directed to ask for an additional appropriation from this fund when needed. The original request was for \$500.00 but that much was not needed because of being able to use the County Elected Official's Training Fund.

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

ADULT PROBATION USER FEES FUND - #2100

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Motor Vehicles #2100-40430	\$ 24,740.00	\$24,740.00	7	0

Explanation: The Probation department needs to replace a damaged van. Dorais Chevrolet has provided the best price for a 2015 Chevrolet Traverse. The price includes the trade-in value of the damaged van.

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

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2015-85-03

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:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Transferred</u>	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
GENERAL FUND – Recorder				
Office Supplies #1000-2100.000.004	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	7	0
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
GENERAL FUND – Recorder				
Dues - #1000-30910.000.004	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	7	0

Explanation: Not enough in Dues line item.

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

The County Commissioners were present for questions and discussion regarding the need for a temporary loan from the CEDIT Fund to the General Fund.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2015-85-07

**A Resolution Authorizing a Loan from the County Economic Development
Income Tax (CEDIT) Fund to the County General Fund**

Whereas, the Wabash County Council has determined under the authority of Indiana Code: 36-1-8-4, that it would be in the best interest of Wabash County to authorize a loan of the County Economic Development Income Tax Fund to the County General Fund due to an inadequate operating balance. Council has determined an emergency situation exists as timely payment of employee benefits and vendor claims is at risk:

NOW, THEREFORE, as there are sufficient funds on deposit in the County Economic Development Fund for current needs, this Council does hereby sanction a temporary loan not to exceed the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) from the County Economic Development Income Tax Fund to the County General Fund. Said appropriation is to be used for operating expenses of Wabash County. Per Indiana Code: 36-1-8-4, the County Economic Development Income Tax Fund must be reimbursed in the total amount of loan made on or before July 1, 2015.

Passed by the Wabash County Council this 27th day of April, 2015.

Mike Ridenour, Chairman
Randy Curless
Claude Markstahler
Jeff Dawes

William Ruppel
Matthew Dillon
Kyle Bowman

Attest: Linda L. Conrad, Wabash County Auditor

Curless made a motion to approve Resolution #2015-85-07 authorizing a temporary loan from CEDIT Fund to the General Fund. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

It was stated that the Auditor's office was authorized to transfer up to \$300,000.00 from the CEDIT Fund to the General Fund after a determination was made of the exact amount required for the timely payment of employee benefits and vendor claims.

Sheriff Land reported on the current jail population and currently pending legislation at the statehouse. House Bill #1007 could result in the loss of County Misdemeanant funds in the amount of \$25,000 per year to Wabash County and Senate Bill #217 proposes an increase from \$13.00 to \$25.00 for service-of-process fees collected by the Sheriff.

Council reviewed:

Auditor & Treasurer's financial report for March 2015

Solid Waste Management District Profit & Loss YTD and tipping fees revenue YTD comparison.

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

The following individuals also attended the April 27th Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd and Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, County Commissioners Barry Eppley, Brian Hauptert, and Scott Givens, Attorney Steve Downs and Attorney Mark Frantz, Co. Coordinator Jim Dils, Co. Extension Director Teresa Witkoske, EDG Director Keith Gillenwater, Ron Fearnow, Jim Dixon, Bonnie Corn, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzie Klemann, and Tim Arnett with “The Bash” radio station.