

**WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, July 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, Claude Markstahler, Randy Curless, Bill Ruppel, Jeff Dawes, Matt Dillon, and Kyle Bowman. Mr. Markstahler opened with a word of prayer and Mr. 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 June 22, 2015 meeting. Ruppel made a motion to approve the minutes. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a vote of 6-0. Markstahler did not vote on approval of the minutes because of his absence from the June meeting.

Keith Gillenwater, President and CEO of the Wabash County Economic Development Group (EDG) was present for the semi-annual update to the Council regarding economic activity within Wabash County. He stated that EDG has 38 active projects, 14 of those from last year, and 35 new leads, some of which were eliminated for various reasons. He has conducted 39 business visits to date in order to facilitate county business retention. He updated the Council on the “Revolving Loan Fund”, the “Regional Cities” project designation and application process, the “Stellar Community” project and the “America’s Best Communities” project of which Wabash County is a quarter finalist for economic community funding. Brief questions followed.

Ridenour asked for public comments regarding the meeting agenda. No comments were heard.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation requests. Chief Probation Officer Sara Lochner and Wabash County Solid Waste Director Jen Rankin were present to explain the specific requests.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**  
**ORDINANCE #2015-85-09**

**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:**

<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND - #1000</b>				
	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Probation Dept. – Probation Officer	\$ 4902.00	\$4902.00	7	0

#1000-11705.000.037

Explanation: Officer Brian Swihart was hired to replace a terminated officer in January, 2015. With his years of experience, the county is to pay him an additional \$4,902.00 to be in compliance with the 2015 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE FOR PROBATION OFFICERS.

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
Computer Maintenance #2100-30651-000-0000	500.00	500.00	7	0

Explanation: Needed to cover the monthly costs of off-site computer back-up with Intrasect Technologies as well as any additional computer issues that may arise in the remainder of 2015.

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

**CEDIT FUND - #1112**

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
CASA Program - Grant Match #1112-30242-000-0000	29,500.00	29,500.00	7	0

Explanation: County's share of the matching grant money that needs appropriated.

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

**WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Personnel Services – Unemployment Benefits	5,000.00	5,000.00	7	0

Explanation: This account is currently in the negative (-201.29). Indiana is a credit reduction state and current billing from the IN Dept. of Workforce Development is \$1,264.51. The request also includes funds for an additional full-time employee.

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

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges - Public Education	6,630.00	6,630.00	7	0

Explanation: Appropriation of revenue from the multi-district combined purchase and sale of recycled plastic hand chairs.

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

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges- Ground Maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00	7	0

Explanation: Increase cost for parking lot maintenance due to snow removal and salt applications.

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

**AMENDMENT #2015-4 TO THE 2015 SALARIES AND  
WAGES ORDINANCE**

Whereas: Public Law No. 231 requires County Councils to fix salaries of County Officials and Employees for the year. SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana that the salaries and wages of County Officials and Employees and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2015 are as follows:

<u>Fund &amp; Title of Position &amp; Employee Classification</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
GENERAL FUND - Probation Department Probation Officer #1000-11705.000.0037 Brian Swihart	\$4,902.00

Date this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

AYE	NAY
Mike Ridenour	None
William Ruppel	
Randy Curless	
Jeff Dawes	
Claude Markstahler	
Matthew Dillon	
Kyle Bowman	

Attest: Linda Conrad, Wabash Co. Auditor

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

Public Health Nurse Lori Faust, County Health Officer Dr. David Roe and Health Board member Dr. Jeff Pyle were present to address the previously tabled additional appropriation request to the Local Health Maintenance budget. Councilman Dillon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruppel to remove the request from the table in order to address the additional appropriation request. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Dr. Roe addressed Council member Ridenour’s suggestion of possible vaccine storage at the Wabash County Hospital instead of purchasing more equipment by stating that besides the inconvenience to the public health nurse, the State Department of Health would not approve storing the vaccines at the Hospital because transporting the vaccines might result in temperature fluctuations that could compromise the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine.

Public Health Nurse Lori Foust explained that Indiana State Department of Health recommendations and approval and vaccine dosage accountability are the reasons for requesting the purchase of one Panasonic refrigerator-freezer at a cost of \$5,353.00 and one Migali Scientific refrigerator-freezer at a cost of \$8,160.40.

**LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE #1168**

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay - Equipment #1168-40421-000-0000	13,513.40	13,513.40	7	0

Explanation: All providers receiving publicly-funded vaccine must adhere to all requirements as stated under the Indiana State Dept. of Health Immunization division for storage and handling unit requirements. The State Dept. of Health has approved the Panasonic MPR-715F-PA Pharmaceutical Refrigerator/Freezer combo unit and the Migali Pharmacy/Laboratory Dual temperature refrigerator/freezer unit.

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

Ridenour asked for comments regarding non-agenda items.

Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube explained that the Auditor’s office needs to advertise the proposed 2016 budgets in August before the next Council meeting and so they would appreciate Council’s consensus on how much should be advertised for the LOIT Public Safety Fund budget since this budget will supplement the General Fund expense. She stated that the County Commissioners had submitted a budget of over \$470,000 but that by the end of 2016, there would be approximately \$1,419,475 in revenue received. After some discussion, Council agreed to advertise the budget at \$709,737 which is the amount of the revenue to be received in 2015. Council members were also directed to the State’s Gateway program if they want to review the proposed 2016 budgets and estimated revenues before the scheduled September budget hearings. Grube had emailed estimated fund appropriation balances to be used when considering additional appropriation requests for the remainder of the year. Councilman Ridenour requested copies of the Excel spreadsheet used each year by Council and prepared by Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd

detailing the current budgets, the proposed budgets, and the variances between the two amounts for each fund and budgeted account just as soon as it is available.

Chairman Ridenour suggested that because of the importance, an additional meeting besides the regular monthly Council meeting needs to be scheduled to talk to Darren Bates about tax cap losses and allocations of LOIT percentages for 2016. He stated that he has been in contact with Darren and will get him scheduled to meet with Council soon.

Council reviewed:

Auditor & Treasurer's financial report for June 2015

Solid Waste Management District Profit & Loss/Income Statement for June 2015.

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

**The following individuals also attended the July 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 and Brian Hauptert, Sheriff Bob Land, Co. Extension Director Teresa Witkowske, Health Board member Dr. Robert Beckett, Attorney Mark Frantz, Bonnie Corn, Louella Krom, Jim Dixon, Jack & Sandy Ferguson, Wade Weaver, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzie Klemann, The Paper reporter, Emma Sue Rausch, and "105.9 The Bash" reporter, Tim Arnett.