

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, October 24, 2016 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, Randy Curless, Claude Markstahler, Bill Ruppel, Matt Dillon, Kyle Bowman, and Jeff Dawes was tardy. Markstahler opened with a word of prayer and Ruppel led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor’s office.

Chairman Ridenour requested that those present silence their cell phones and stated that all public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items are permitted and encouraged.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting. Ruppel made a motion to approve the minutes. Curless seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 vote. Dawes was not present for the vote.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation requests. Present for the requests were: Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Major Tyler Guenin, County Coroner Carol Whitesel, and Deputy Coroner Susie Lewis.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2016-09

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, 2016 the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated 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 GENERAL FUND- #1000

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
SHERIFF Garage & Motor #1000-22500.000.0005	\$1,725.00	\$1,725.00	6	0

Explanation submitted by Sheriff Bob Land: requesting to appropriate money from the sale of used 2010 Charger. No additional money requested.

Ruppel made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation. Dillon seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
CORONER				

Deputies/Professional Services

#1000-30112.000.0007	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	7	0
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Explanation submitted by Coroner Whitesel: No money budgeted for 2016, but need to pay deputy coroner. Deputy is paid \$100.00 per case as a subcontractor and has completed eight cases to date. Council asked about a written contract with the deputy coroner and Whitesel stated that there is no contract. Council suggested to the Coroner and the Commissioners that there needs to be a written contract with any contracted employee.

Ruppel made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Autopsies

#1000-30120.000.0007	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00	7	0
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Explanation submitted by Coroner Whitesel: The balance in account is \$18,500 and have invoices for over \$28,983.00. Average cost of autopsy is \$1,790.00 and still have several more months in year. Have completed 27 autopsies to date. Council approved only \$30,000 because that's the amount that was advertised by the Auditor's office. It was noted that over \$48,200 was spent in 2015 and there was only \$30,000 budgeted for 2016.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation. Ruppel seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Cell Phone

#1000-30259.000.0007	\$600.00	\$600.00	0	0
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Explanation submitted by Coroner Whitesel: The balance of the account is \$272.12 but need \$600.00 more to complete the year. The Auditor's office stated that the balance in this account is a negative (-\$122.18) as of the meeting date. Whitesel stated that the cost is approximately \$100.00 per month and includes the charges for iPad and internet service. She estimated that one third of that cost is her own personal phone calls. Council stated that the iPad and cell phone must be shut off and turned in to the County at the end of the term of office (Dec. 31, 2016) since the equipment is county property. Auditor's office sent Council members a memo which stated that the contract on the iPad is expired on Oct. 20, 2016 and will be paid in full. There will be no upgrades allowed to the iPad. The contract for the cell phone expires Feb. 20, 2017 and the contract balance, as of Dec. 31, 2016 will be \$173.25. There will be no upgrades allowed on the cell phone.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation. The motion died for a lack of a second. Council suggested that Whitesel request a transfer of funds from the Travel & Mileage account to cover the remaining cell phone expense.

A request for an additional \$100.00 for office supplies (printer ink) was withdrawn by Coroner Whitesel.

LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUND- #1170

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	AYE	NAY
	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>		
K-9 Program #1170-40009-000.0000	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	7	0

Explanation submitted by Sheriff Land: We need funds for one canine unit as discussed at the budget hearings.

Ruppel made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation. Dillon seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

(Not a county governmental department, but County Council must approve additional appropriations in addition to the WC Solid Waste Board)

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay-Furniture & Equipment	\$25,500.00	\$25,500.00	7	0

Explanation submitted by W.C.S.W. Director Jen Rankin: We need to purchase a “Skid-Steer” capable of moving materials to and from the barn on unstable ground.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation. Curless seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted this 24th day of October, 2016 by the above aye and nay vote. The Auditor was directed to present the above additional appropriation 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. Present for the request was Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Major Tyler Guenin.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

2016-85-04

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, 2016, the following 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:

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.

DECREASE: GENERAL FUND #1000

Election Board

	Amount Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-30310.000.0018 Printing	\$500.00	\$500.00	7	0
#1000-30710.000.0018 Polling Place rent	\$200.00	\$200.00	7	0
#1000-30622.000.0018 Voting Machine repair	\$600.00	\$600.00	7	0

INCREASE: GENERAL FUND #1000

Election Board

	Amount Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-11602.000.0018 Precinct Board Members	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	7	0

Explanation submitted by: County Clerk Elaine Martin: The Election Board made the decision to increase the number of poll workers on Election Day from 50 to 60 adding 10 more workers to five of the vote center sites. Also wanted to increase the workers at Timbercrest Senior Living Facility & Peabody Home on the Saturday early voting dates by two more workers to be able to assist elderly voters.

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

DECREASE: DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND #1148

Aaction - Local grant	Amount Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
#1148-21102.000.0000 Supplies	\$1,230.00	\$1,230.00	7	0

INCREASE: DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND #1148

Aaction - Local Grant	Amount Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
#1148-12200.000.0000 Payroll	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	7	0
#1148-17100.000.0000 FICA/Medicare	\$130.00	\$130.00	7	0

Explanation: Submitted by Sheriff Land: There is not enough money in these accounts for payroll & benefits.

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

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted this 24th day of October, 2016 by the above aye and nay vote.

The next order of business was the consideration of a resolution for a loan from the Cumulative Bridge Fund to the County General Fund.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #2016-85-10

A Resolution Authorizing a Loan from the Cumulative Bridge Fund to the County General Fund

WHEREAS, the Wabash County Council has determined under 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 Cumulative Bridge 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 a risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, as there are sufficient funds on deposit in the Cumulative Bridge Fund account for current needs, this Council does hereby sanction a temporary loan not to exceed the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Cumulative Bridge 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 Cumulative Bridge Fund must be reimbursed in the total amount of the loan made on or before December 31, 2016.

Passed by the Wabash County Council this 24th day of October, 2016.

Wabash County Council

Mike Ridenour, Chairman
Randy Curless
Claude Markstahler
William Ruppel
Matt Dillon
Jeff Dawes
Kyle Bowman

Attest: Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor

Ruppel made a motion to approve the loan and the resolution as presented. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Ridenour asked Attorney Mark Frantz about the status of the Local Health Maintenance Grant with the State Health Department. Frantz stated that there

have been no new developments since the denial of the 2016 grant application. If any further action is being considered, this discussion will require an executive session.

Council reviewed:

September 2016 Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports

September 2016 Solid Waste Management District Income & Expense Statement

With no other business to come before the Wabash County Council, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2016.

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

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd, Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, County Commissioner Brian Haupert, Attorney Mark Frantz, Purdue Extension Director Teresa Witkoske, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzie Klemann, and The Paper reporter, Emma Rausch.