

## **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, June 26, 2017 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Jeff Dawes called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Seven Council members were present: Dawes, Randy Curless, Matt Dillon, Kyle Bowman, Lorissa Sweet, Philip Dale, and Matthew Mize. Bowman opened with a word of prayer and Dawes led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor's office.

Chairman Dawes requested that those present silence their cell phones and stated that all public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items are permitted and encouraged. He stated that if a member of the public wishes to address Council, he or she should raise their hand and state their name for the minutes.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes. Curless seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Sheriff Bob Land was present to request Council's approval of the Sheriff Department's contract with a new attorney. He explained that the attorney previously contracted for several years had recently passed away, so he would now like to contract with Attorney James Austin. Land explained that he had sent the contract to the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) in order to get approval to pay the \$4,000.00 contract out of the Sheriff's Commissary Fund. The SBOA had no issues with paying the contract from that fund. Dale made a motion to approve the attorney contract. Curless seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation requests: Present for the requests were Health Board President Keith Walters, and Highway Director John Martin.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS** **ORDINANCE #2017-05**

**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, 2017 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:**

**SPHI/ STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE FUND– #8850**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Capital Outlay/Equipment #8850-40440-000.0000	\$250.00	\$250.00	7	0

Explanation: The request was submitted by Health Officer, David Roe. Health Board President, Keith Walters was present and explained the request: This fund is made up of remaining grant money. The department needs to replace an office typewriter since the machine can't be repaired.

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

**MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND– #1176**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Liquid Bituminous #1176-26000.000.0039	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00	7	0

Explanation: Per John Martin, Highway Director: This appropriation is to fund the oil for 2017 Chip & Seal program. Martin explained that in the years past, this was funded by the Local Roads and Streets budget but due to revenue decreases, it has to be budgeted from the MVH funds. Martin explained that he mistakenly omitted the request for funds in the 2017 budget request. He stated that this will chip and seal approximately 70-80 miles of road.

Dillon made a motion to approve the amount requested. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

**Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted this 26th day of June, 2017 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 the request for transfer of funds. Present for this request was Circuit Court reporter, Christa Stroup.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
2017-85-04**

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**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, 2017, 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

	Amount Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
Circuit Court/Dept.35				
#1000-30222-000.0035 Interpreters	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
#1000-30620-000.0035 Equipment Repair	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		

INCREASE: GENERAL FUND #1000

Circuit Court/Dept.35	Amount Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-22000.000.0035 Computer Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
#1000-22000.000.0035 Computer Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
Total	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	7	0

Explanation submitted by Circuit Court Judge McCallen: The transfer would assist with the cost of purchasing a laptop for the Judge's use away from the office. He will be able to receive detention orders, search warrants, and other documents via email. This will allow him to do away with a fax line in his home, as well as complete research and other related items while not at the office.

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

**Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted this 26th day of June, 2017 by the above aye and nay vote.**

In attendance to speak about drainage concerns were Paula J. Papich 7628S SR 15, LaFontaine, Herb and Maxine Hughs 7725S 100E, LaFontaine and Deidre Earl 7670S SR 15, LaFontaine. Paula Papich stated that there is an overflow of water from farmland that flows over County Road 800 South into the residential area on State Road 15 every time there is much rain. She stated that basements are flooding and asked if more could be done to address the problem. Herb Hughs asked if the drainage tile had been inspected lately. Council Chairman Dawes stated that this is an issue for the County Drainage Board and then asked the Commissioners who were present and who are members of that board, if they would address the questions. Commissioner Barry Eppley stated that the Surveyor's office and the Drainage Board are aware of this problem and that they are working on a solution. Discussion continued between the concerned residents and Eppley after the meeting.

Chairman Dawes presented a proposal that a Commissioners' representative and three Council representatives meet with Larry DeBoer of Purdue University before the start of the official 2018 budget hearings in order to review budget requests and set funding priorities. He stated that no decisions would be made by the committee. He asked for three volunteers from Council and said that he would be willing to serve on the committee. Matt Dillon and Matthew Mize said that they will also serve.

Council reviewed:

May 2017 Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports

May 2017 Solid Waste Management District Income & Expense Statement

Dawes requested that the Auditor contact the Solid Waste Director about changes needed on the monthly income & expense statement; specifically listing last year's monthly figures beside this year's monthly figures as a basis for comparison.

With no other business to come before the Wabash County Council, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2017.

**The following individuals also attended the June 26th Council meeting:**

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

Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, County Commissioners Barry Eppley, Brian Hauptert and Scott Givens, County Coroner Suzie Lewis, Attorney Mark Frantz, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzie Klemann, and The Paper reporter Emma Rausch.