

April 28, 2003

Council Chairman, Paul Sites, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer and minutes of the 3/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Leon, second by Eugene Schenkel, and carried.

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IV 2003				
COUNTY GENERAL				
County Commissioners				
174 Personal Services (Sheriff pension)	\$ 6504.	\$ 6504.	7	0
Moved by Leon to approve, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed.				
Cumulative Bridge				
3421 Capital Outlay (Br 208 Const.)	489,000.	489,000.	7	0
For construction of bridge on Old 24 W at Richvalley, over the railroad. Gene moved to approve, second by Joann Rauh, and passed by all.				
3314 Other Services/Charges (Br 208 engineering)	43,500.	43,500.	7	0
The county share is 20% reimbursable. Joann moved approval, second by Richard Pepple, and passed.				

Vince Harrell, Co. Extension Agent, presented a letter announcing his retirement effective 6/3/03. The position will not be filled until 1/04. Nancy Radabaugh will assume the duties in the interim. Vince was asking Council permission to hire a temporary summer assistant. Gene moved to approve the request with a signed contract, discussion followed, and due to the lack of a second, the motion died. Ted Little later moved for the Council to authorize a temporary employee be hired for 10 weeks at 29 hours per week with a contract reviewed by Commissioners, and the employee would not qualify for any benefits. Paul second the motion, with four ayes and three nays (Leon, Joann & Rich). Paul expressed appreciation to Vince for his many years of service to all of Wabash Co., and for the number of hours spent each week.

Paul stated his appreciation to Sheriff Leroy Striker for the improvements made to the jail basement, and Gene thanked him for his efforts for children, like featuring them in the Plain Dealer with the Sheriff. Leroy stated that hopefully next school year the jail basement will be used five days a week for alternative school. The Sheriff presented an inmate medical program for in house services regarding protocol and procedures. Last year \$82,000. was paid out for inmate medical expenses, and the budget approved for 2003 is only \$40,000. He is looking at all avenues of health services to try to reduce costs, and working with Commissioners on a policy.

Treasurer, LuAnn Layman, presented a letter requesting permission to receive monies from the state by electronic transfer. Gene moved to approve the change, second by Rich, and passed. LuAnn will proceed with necessary paperwork.

A question was raised on the status of the County Farm. Commissioner Lester Templin, said it is being marketed in WEDCOR brochures. Ted suggested a May meeting with all elected officials for preparation of 2004 budgets, might be in order. Ted and Rich were asked to work on this with department heads. With no further business, Leon moved to adjourn, second by Rich, and passed.

/s/ Paul Sites /s/ Leon Ridenour /s/ Richard Pepple /s/ Ted Little
/s/ Gary Nose /s/ Eugene Schenkel /s/ Joann Rauh

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor