

FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on February 26, 2007 at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order with six (6) Council members present: Bob Fuller, Mike Ridenour, Ted A. Little, Gary S. Nose, James Kaltenmark, and Claude Markstahler. Dean Eppley was on vacation. Commissioners: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Hauptert, and Scott E. Givens were also present. Prayer was offered by Kaltenmark. Ridenour made a motion to approve the January 22, 2007 minutes with four (4) corrections as noted in the January 22, 2007 official minutes. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved with a 6-0 vote.

Chester Township Assessor Patricia Egolf was present to discuss with the Council the necessity of the purchase of a new copier for her office. She stated this is needed on an emergency basis and may be able to cover part of the costs up to \$350. with a Transfer from her appropriations for copier supplies. Little stated that he would be in favor of the purchase after reviewing the information presented and Fuller stated that he felt the Council was in consensus they would not oppose this action. Egolf has presented information to the Commissioners and will need to file an Additional Appropriation Request with the Auditor to be advertised for the official Council approval. Council also discussed decreasing the Chester Township Assessor budget expecting the utilities expenses to be included in the rent paid.

The next order of business was to address the following additional appropriation requests as advertised and presented in Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007 II.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2006 NO. II
FOR 2007**

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 expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL 0001				
Clerk of the Courts				
0001-01-412-019 Personal Services – Wages – Clerical Hourly	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	6	0

Request is for Personnel changes, to create a new budget line item for possible future use.

Little made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved by a 6-0 vote.

Auditor

0002-01-412-014 Personal Services – Plat Book Update \$ 2,098.00 \$ 2,098.00 6 0

The Auditor's Plat Book Update appropriation to pay Brenda Hegel was eliminated for 2007 due to the approval of the new GIS system and a new Part-time deputy to train to do the Plat Updates on GIS. As stated at budget time GIS would not be up and running by the beginning of this year. Brenda has agreed to continue to draw the updates to the plats by hand through June, 2007. This appropriation would cover her payroll until then. They discussed her being paid as an Independent Contractual Service, however, she informed the Auditor that "they tried that in the beginning (1992) and it messed up (her) taxes... so I talked to the Commissioners and they agreed to pay me on a salary basis." It has been done this way for the past 15 years.

Council discussed payment to be based on the 2006 rate. Nose motioned to approve the request but insisted that it be as a Contractual Other Services and Charges instead of Personal Services budget line item. This motion was seconded by Little and approved by a 6-0 vote.

Prosecutor – Title IV-D

0009-01-412-021 Personal Services – Employee Final Benefits \$ 4,775.76 -0- 3 3

Karen Cole left employment on 12/29/06. She has 201 vacation hours and 167.5 sick hours accumulated from her employment. Her annual pay was \$23,585.00 and divide that by 26 pays = \$907.12 and divide that by 70 hours per pay is \$12.96 per hour.

After much discussion, Markstahler motioned to approve the employee final benefit payment appropriation. It was seconded by Kaltenmark but did not pass due to a 3-3 tie. Ridenour, Nose, and Fuller voted nay.

Prosecutor – Title IV-D

0009-01-412-021 Personal Services – Employee Final Benefits \$4,322.16 \$4,322.16 6 0

A resubmission of the employee final pay request for Karen Cole; less \$453.60.

The Prosecutor's office revised and reduced the appropriation request by \$453.60 and resubmitted it to the Council. Markstahler made a motion to readdress the request. It was seconded by Kaltenmark and approved by a 6-0 vote. Ridenour made a motion to rescind the original request tie vote of 3-3. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved with a 6-0 vote. Council agreed to the changes that had been made to the request. Little made a motion to approve the new request as presented. It was seconded by Kaltenmark and approved by a 6-0 vote.

Emergency Management

0031-04-445-043 Capital Outlay – Vehicles \$ 1,500.00 \$ 1,500.00 6 0

Wabash City Police has offered EMA a 2001 Chevrolet Impala four (4) door Police Pkg at the value allowed by the dealer for trade in of \$2,000.00. We have had our 1996 Ford Crown Victoria appraised by the dealer and were offered \$500.00 (Last year we sold at county auction a 93' Crown Victoria for \$550.00). The 96' Ford Crown Victoria we have now has 182,000 miles on it. The 2001 Chevy Impala has 102,000 miles. Wabash Police will leave all the emergency lighting equipment on this car and that is worth at least \$1,000.00. This would give EMA an upgrade at a very reasonable cost. And it would lower our fuel costs as the Chevy Impala is a V-6 front wheel drive vehicle.

Markstahler made a motion to accept request. It was seconded by Nose and approved by a 6-0 vote.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION – USER FEE FUND 0101

0001-04-444-042 Capital Outlay – Equipment \$ 3,995.00 \$ 3,995.00 6 0

In-car video camera system for Wabash County Sheriff's Department Deputy Matt Shrider's vehicle as per attached letter and invoice.

Following discussion, Markstahler made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Nose and approved by a 6-0 vote.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION – USER FEE FUND 0101 Continued

0001-04-444-042 Capital Outlay – Equipment \$ 537.90 \$ 537.90 5 1
Purchase of two nylon duty belts for the Tactical Intervention Team of the Indiana State Police as requested in attached letter and invoice.

Sheriff Striker stated at one time the State Police could not get Diversion Funds. But, due to changes in Legislation, they can now use a portion from the County funds. It is not the usual policy to seek county diversion funds but, funds for training are limited. Striker also stated that Wabash County does benefit from the training and equipment of the Indiana State Police Officers in our area. Mike Nichols of the Indiana State Police was present to answer any questions. Following discussion, Little made a motion to approved request. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved by a 5-1 vote. Nose voted nay.

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY 0002

0039-03-439-072 Other Services & Charges/ Deer Removal \$2,500.00 \$ 2,500.00 6 0
The above budget line item was added in 2006, after the budget for 2007 had already been submitted. Highway Superintendent Rice requested this amount to cover this year's budget.

Little asked if the Highway Department would contact Joe Updike, of USDA, to see if any funds are available to help with the cost of the Deer Removal Service. Little made a motion to proceed with the request. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved by a 6-0 vote.

HEALTH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT 0147

0000-03-439-060 Other Services & Charges – Public Clinic \$ 45,000.00 \$45,000.00 6 0
This request of the County Health Nurses is to purchase \$40,000.00 for TDap and Meningitis vaccines, and \$5,000.00 is for Nicotine patches.

Little made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved by a 6-0 vote.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. II for 2007 was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 26th day of February, 2007 by the above recorded aye and nay vote.

The Roann Paw-Paw Township Public Library Board of Trustees sent a letter requesting Council renew the appointment of Max Gaston with a full term set to end February 26, 2011. Council had no objections. Markstahler made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Nose and so approved with a 6-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting adjourned on a motion made by Kaltenmark, seconded by Little and a 6-0 vote. The next meeting will be on March 26, 2007, at 8:00 A.M., on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse in the former Circuit Court room.