

## **MARCH 26, 2007**

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on March 26, 2007 at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order with all members present: Bob Fuller, Dean Eppley, Mike Ridenour, Ted A. Little, Gary S. Nose, James Kaltenmark, and Claude Markstahler. Commissioners Lester D. Templin, Scott E. Givens, and Brian K. Hauptert were also present.

Prayer was offered by Kaltenmark. The minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Ridenour moved to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Little and approved by a 7-0 vote.

The first order of business was to consider Resolution 2007-I, authorizing a Temporary Loan of Local Road and Street Revenue to the County General Fund.

### **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2007- I**

#### **A Resolution Authorizing a Loan of Local Road and Street Revenue 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 Local Road and Street funds 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 at risk;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, as there are sufficient funds on deposit in the Local Road and Street account for current needs, this Council does hereby sanction a temporary loan not to exceed the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.) from the Local Road and Street 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 Local Road and Street Fund must be reimbursed in the total amount of loan made on or before December 31, 2007.**

Eppley moved to approve Resolution Loan. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved by a 7-0 vote.

**Passed by the Wabash County Council this 26th day of March, 2007.**

The Next Order of Business was to address the following Additional Appropriation requests by various Wabash County Departments as advertised and presented in Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007 No. III below.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2007 NO. III**

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
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**COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANT FUND**

**To Transfer the Funds:**

Decrease				
0111 0000 03 439 110 AACTION Grant	(\$2,745.00)			

**COUNTY GENERAL 0001  
Sheriff**

**Increase and To appropriate to a line account:**

0001 0005 01 412 022 AACTION payroll	\$ 2,745.50	\$2,745.50	7	0
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Money to be transferred from AACTION account into an AACTION Payroll account so earnings can be paid.

Little moved to approve Sheriff AACTION payroll transfer and additional appropriation request. It was seconded by Kaltenmark and approved by a 7-0 vote.

**COUNTY GENERAL 0001  
Waltz Township Assessor**

0017 02 421 011 Supplies – Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	7	0
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To cover office supplies that were not in the budget, including name stamp.

Eppley made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Little and approved by a 7-0 vote.

**Planning Commission**

0022 01 412 011 Personal Services – Director	\$ 1,162.00	\$1,162.00	7	0
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Mr. Howard's salary was approved by the Commissioner's salary ordinance for \$31,165.00 an error in the 2007 budget which did not show the increase.

Ridenour moved to approve Howard Salary correction. It was seconded by Nose and approved by a 7-0 vote.

**ADULT PROBATION USER FEES FUND 0060**

0060 0000 01 412 014 Other Services & Charges – PT Probation Officer	\$ 4,500.00	\$4,500.00	7	0
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This officer is respectfully requesting that \$5,000.00 be transferred from Adult Probation User Fees to Personal Services to fund the hiring of a part-time probation officer\* to prepare Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports. Please see attached document which shows the significant increases in Court ordered reports prepared by the Wabash County Probation Department. The part-time person will be hired on a contract basis and will be required to be a certified probation officer and maintain all qualifications as such. The person will be paid based on their years of experience.

Council discussed the idea of contractual services and it was also stated that both Judges, Superior and Circuit, were very pleased with Dallas Duggan's, Chief Probation Officer, pre-sentencing reports. Eppley motioned to approve request. It was seconded by Markstahler and approved with a 7-0 vote.

0060 0000 01 413 071 Personal Services – Social Security      \$ 500.00 -      -      -

Council took no action on this request.

**COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANT FUND 0111**

**To Transfer the funds:**

**Decrease:**

0111 0000 03 439 109 AACTION GRANTS      (\$4,000.00)

**Increase**

0158 0000 03 431 015 Drug Testing (\$4,000.00)

**WABASH COUNTY DRUG COURT FUND 0158**

**Increase & to appropriate to a line account:**

0158 0000 03 439 109 Other Services & Charges -      \$ 4,000.00      \$4,000.00      7      0  
Drug Testing

Grant money approved to be placed in the Drug Court Fund in Drug Testing Fund.

Markstahler made a motion to approve drug test funding transfer and appropriation. It was seconded by Ridenour and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 26th day of March, 2007 by the above aye and nay vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker submitted the Annual Jail Inspection report. Striker also submitted a Wabash County Central Dispatch Study dated March 19, 2007. Striker stated that his department and Captain Charlie Smith, Wabash City Police and the WCP Department, are in favor of the Central Dispatch idea. Dave Young, North Manchester Town Marshall, was present. He stated he is not against the idea of a combined Central Dispatch, but, the North Manchester Town Council has concerns that keep them from fully buying into the idea. After much discussion on benefits, concerns, and why or why not the Central Dispatch idea should be considered, the Wabash County Council stated they wanted it to be on record that the Council is in support of the Central Dispatch idea. Eppley stated he felt that it is the consensus of the Wabash County Council for the Commissioners to move forward with the Concept of the Central Dispatch Plan. Eppley made a motion for Commissioners to go forward. It was seconded by Nose and approved by a 6-0 vote. Chairman Fuller abstained.

Michael Roth, of Poet - formerly Broin, was introduced by Bill Konya, of the Economic Development Group, to present to Council some of the information and concerns on the proposed second Ethanol Plant in Wabash County. This second plant would be located on approximately 200 acres between County roads 800N and 850N south of North Manchester.

Roth stated they are submitting an air permit to the State this week, are in talks with the town of North Manchester, and are speaking with the neighbors of this proposed facility. Two issues that are being addressed are rezoning from Agriculture to Industry and approval of a TIF Tax Incremental Financing) district. TIF helps set aside monies to address streets, sewer, water and other project needs that might not be there without the tax help. Roth stated that Poet is second in production to ADM (Archer Daniels Midland) in production of Ethanol. If the proposed plan goes forward, construction could begin before winter of 2007.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Superintendent, reported to Council on a prior question from Council concerning financial assistance from USDA for deer removal in Wabash County. USDA does help in certain situations but, it does not assist in funding with other government agencies so no extra funding is available from USDA.

No other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Markstahler. It was seconded by Nose and approved by a 7-0 vote. The next regular session will be held on April 23, 2007 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.

\*Typo correction 4-23-07