

JUNE 25, 2007

Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, June 25, 2007. Prayer was offered by Kaltenmark. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present: Ted Little, Dean Eppley, Bob Fuller, Claude Markstahler, Gary Nose, Jim Kaltenmark and Mike Ridenour. The minutes of the May 29, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Ridenour and approved by a 7-0 vote. The first order of business was to address the Additional Appropriations Requests as advertised for Ordinance 2007 No. VI:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2007 NO. VI**

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				
Commissioners				
Personal Services – Sherriff’s Pension Fund For 133 Claims serviced in Superior Court, 271 in Circuit Court, Clerk’s Report and Sheriff’s Secretary’s Report during the month of May, 2007.	\$ 9381.00	\$ 9381.00	7	0
Eppley moved to approve the request for the Pension Fund. His motion was seconded by Markstahler and passed on a 7-0 vote.				
Drainage Board				
Personal Services – Part-Time Clerical For Office Help in the Surveyor’s Office.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	7	0
Following discussion, Eppley moved to approve the request, seconded by Little and approved by a 7-0 vote.				
Other Services & Charges – Professional Services To cover expected engineering fees for ethanol plants.	\$ 5,000.00	TABLED	7	0
The Council asked for more information on this request. Surveyor Cheri Slee was not present but the Commissioners who also serve as the Drainage Board discussed the anticipated costs in general. Nose questioned why the Surveyor was requesting an Additional Appropriation when there was a balance in the Professional Services line item of \$8320. Auditor Jane Ridgeway explained the line item was made up of an Original Budgeted amount of \$4000; and an Encumbrance of 2006 funds of \$4880. from a request submitted by Slee at the beginning of the new budget year. Her request stated it was for “Ongoing Wal-Mart project – remaining contract balance \$880. and Assistance with inventory of County regulated drains to be compliant with GASB 34 reporting estimated at \$4000”. To date only \$560 has been spent leaving the \$8320 balance.				

Following discussion, Eppley moved to approve the request. His motion died for lack of a second. Little moved to Table the request until Slee could give more information and documentation concerning the need for the additional funds. His motion was seconded by Markstahler and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Chairman Fuller asked the Auditor to revise the Additional Appropriation Request form so that all Department Heads explain any unspent balance in a budget line item along with detail explaining why they are seeking additional funding. He also reminded that the Council expects a Department Head or a member of their staff to be present with supporting information for any requests advertised.

COUNTY HEALTH FUND

Personal Services – Hospital Insurance	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	7	0
Personal Services – PERF	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	7	0

Requests are for appropriations overlooked or under budgeted in the 2007 budget.

Little reminded the Council of the oversight in the Budget submitted by the Health Department and moved to approve the requests as submitted now. His motion was seconded by Ridenour and passed by a 7-0 vote.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND

Capital Outlay – Bituminous Mixes	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	7	0
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Due to the price increase in Petroleum products used, as well as plant rental increases, our cost for repair material used to prepare the roads for chip & seal has increased substantially. This money also pays for the QPR Winter Patching Material.

Wabash County Highway Superintendent Phil Amones was present and explained that this line item was not used in last year’s budget but was a pre-existing budget line item. Following discussion, Eppley moved to approve the request as submitted, seconded by Kaltenmark and approved by a 7-0 vote.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Capital Outlay – Equipment	\$ 364.95	\$ 364.95	7	0
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Wabash County Prosecutor Bill Hartley submitted this request with the following reference: The Wabash County Drug Task Force has requested funding of \$364.95 to purchase electronic surveillance equipment that would be used in drug and other related criminal investigations. In order to protect the nature of the surveillance equipment, the Wabash County Drug Task Force has requested to keep that information confidential so as not to jeopardize any future investigations. Should the Council have any specific questions regarding the nature of this equipment, the Prosecutor’s office would be happy to answer the same in a private meeting setting.

Nose complimented Hartley on the detailed request and moved to approve it as submitted. His motion was seconded by Ridenour and passed on a 7-0 vote.

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND

Capital Outlay – Office Carpeting	\$ 1,944.00	\$ 1,944.00	7	0
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This is to replace carpet that was ruined in the hall way of the Health Department. The Carpet estimate was included along with minutes from the Health Board Quarterly meeting of April 17, 2007 stating “The nurses are currently getting carpeting estimates. They discussed the carpet with the Commissioners. The Commissioners said they do not have the money to replace it. Jane Skeans has checked with the state and can pay for this our of Local Health Maintenance monies. This will need an Additional Appropriation (from the Wabash County Council).

Little moved to approve the request and was seconded by Nose. A 7-0 vote approved the Additional Appropriation.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND

Personal Services – Director	\$ 44,882.42	\$ 44,882.42	7	0
Personal Services – Adm. Assistant	\$ 27,177.00	\$ 27,177.00	7	0
Personal Services – Field Officer	\$ 29,409.00	\$ 29,409.00	7	0
Personal Services – Case Manager	\$ 28,832.12	\$ 28,832.12	7	0
Personal Services – SS/FICA	\$ 12,593.87	\$ 12,593.87	7	0
Personal Services – PERF	\$ 13,559.15	\$ 13,559.15	7	0
Personal Services – Hospital Insurance	\$ 38,903.79	\$ 38,903.79	7	0
Personal Services – Part Time/Home Detention	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 18,750.00	7	0
Personal Services - Part Time/ Work Release	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	7	0
Supplies – Operating Supplies	\$ 2,031.39	\$ 2,031.39	7	0
Supplies – Office Supplies/Home Detention	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	7	0
Supplies – Food (Work Release)	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 7,475.00	7	0
Supplies – Gasoline & Oil	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	7	0
Supplies – Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	7	0
Supplies – Preventative Maintenance	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	7	0
Supplies – Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 5,418.27	\$ 5,418.27	7	0
Supplies – Wearing Apparel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	7	0
Supplies – Drug Testing Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Professional Contracts	\$ 13,250.00	\$ 13,250.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Cell Phone	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Pager	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Postage	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,150.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Printing	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Vehicle Insurance	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Equipment/Home Detention	\$ 60,225.00	\$ 60,225.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Education/Travel	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 2,590.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Education/ Travel/Home Detention	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 1,785.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Bank Charges	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Telephone	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	7	0
Other Services & Charges – Assessments	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	7	0

This is the 2007-2008 Budget for Community Corrections as submitted and approved by the Department of Corrections.

Director Jeff Hobson was present and discussed his new budget as well as the Grant guidelines and the two-year budgeting cycle. He stated that the Grant of \$210,000 would only fund part of his budget. The rest is generated from Project Income monies. He also gave a summary of his departments' program and numbers of participants in work release and electronic monitoring. The Council complimented Hobson on a "well run program" and requested a copy of his Annual Report when available. They also discussed the indirect costs provided by Wabash County Government estimated to be at about \$85,000. This Budget when approved as an Additional Appropriation in June will reflect a whole year for Community Corrections. Unspent appropriations at December 31, 2007 will be encumbered into the County's 2008 budget for the first half of the County's calendar year and the balance of the State's fiscal year. Following the discussion, Little moved to approve the appropriations as submitted. His motion was seconded by Eppley and approved by a 7-0 vote of the Council.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007 No. VI was Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 25th day of June, 2007 by the above recorded aye and nay votes. The Auditor was directed to present the above additional appropriations to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

Along with the passing of the Community Corrections Budget, the Form 144 Statement for Salaries and Wages Proposed to be Paid Officers and Employees for the Calendar Year 2007 was also approved on the same motion by Little and second by Eppley. This was also approved to Amend the 2007 Wabash County Salary Ordinance and Proposed Budget for 2008 to reflect the changes. Approved on a 7-0 vote.

Bill Bradley of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor Project was present and presented a report to the Council and Commissioners as well as a request on continued funding from Wabash County. The Commissioner plan to request \$3000 in their CEDIT Fund budget for 2008 to help to fund the project. They were reminded of the meetings, the continued support, communication, lobbying and awareness for finishing the project.

Todd Samuelson of Umbaugh & Associates presented a report and synopsis of the 2007 Legislative changes along with the possible impact on Wabash County and property tax structure. Samuelson explained the concept of the law changes in conjunction with the Circuit Breaker law and “controlled” Capital Projects. He also explained some of the guidelines for (A) Levy growth; (B) establishing some of the new Local Option Income Taxes to aid with Property Tax relief; and (C) Public Safety costs and Debt Service.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented the Financial Report for the period ended May 31, 2007 and updated the Council that due to Wabash County collecting and settling Spring Property Taxes on time she does not anticipate having to borrow any Temporary Loans from the Local Road and Street Fund yet this year, reviewed their County Council budget for 2008 and established any increases or changes to be presented during the 2008 Budget Hearings in August.

Ridenour then moved to adjourn, seconded by Kaltenmark and the meeting adjourned on a 7-0 vote. The next meeting will be held July 23, 2007 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room at the Wabash County Court House at 8:00 A.M.