

AUGUST 27, 2007

The Wabash County Council met in **Special Session** on Monday, August 27, 2007. Prayer was offered by Jim Kaltenmark. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with all members present: Dean Eppley, Bob Fuller, Jim Kaltenmark, Ted Little, Claude Markstahler, Gary Nose and Mike Ridenour. County Auditor Jane Ridgeway recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Others in attendance included the Wabash County Board of Commissioners, Wabash City Mayor Vanlandingham and other City officials, North Manchester Town officials, Todd Samuelson of Umbaugh & Associates, Angie Dvorak of the Association of Indiana Counties, and approximately 75 members of the public.

Chairman Fuller stated that the reason for the special session was to discuss House Enrolled Act 1478 which allows counties to adopt local income tax options in order to provide property tax relief. He introduced Todd Samuelson, Certified Public Accountant with Umbaugh & Associates who explained in detail the three tax options: Levy Growth Income Tax, Property Tax Relief Income Tax and Public Safety Income Tax. Samuelson stated that Council may choose to adopt one of the three options or a combination of the three income taxes. Angie Dvorak with the Association of Indiana Counties stated that the Governor of the State had extended the deadline for counties to pass the local option tax to December 31, 2007.

Chairman Fuller then asked for comments from the public in attendance. After much discussion and many questions and comments from council members and the public, Fuller thanked everyone for their attention and input. The County Council was thanked by the group in attendance for hosting the meeting and allowing the public to comment.

Council member Mike Ridenour made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Dean Eppley. The meeting adjourned on a vote of 7/0.