

April 5, 1999

Chairman, Ted Little, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the courthouse with Leon Ridenour absent. Paul Sites shared a prayer, and minutes of the 1/25 meeting were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Robert Whitesel, and passed. Heard a report on health insurance coverage changes for county employees. Due to high claims experience over the last two years, the cost has risen about 32.5%, and to cut expenses, Commissioners increased the deductible to 250 per person/ 750 per family. Rich and Gary Nose reported the Building Study Committee interviewed 3 architectural firms at their last meeting. One of the 3, proposed significantly lower costs, and hiring separate contractors, using local talent, while the other two recommend one general contractor, who sub-contracts. All recommend hiring a site manager, and one phased the project thru 2007. Funding options include grants, a bond and/or general fund monies. Paul moved to pay Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals members \$50. per day when in session, second by Bob, and passed. Gene moved approval to sign a Request to Extend Additional Service Credit form for Cynthia Jean Schuler for accrued Public Employees Retirement Fund benefits, second by Paul, and passed. The annual employer contribution rate will be adjusted to catch up the balance, or a lump sum payment will be required if funds available aren't sufficient. Paul agreed to replace Bob on the WEDCORP board, and Bob will represent the Council on the Museum Relocation Board.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE II

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROP	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL County Auditor				
112 Per.Ser. (deputy accrued retirement benefits) To cover accrued vacation and sick days benefits due retiring employee. Gary moved to approve the request, second by Bob, and passed.	\$ 5,900.	\$ 5,900.	6	0
119 Per.Ser. (one month new employee training) Eugene Schenkel moved to approve the request, second by Paul, and passed.	1,200.	1,200.	6	0
Lagro Township Assessor				
111 Per.Ser. (add'l approved wages) Additional approved by Council at budget time, based on their township assessor wage formula. Rich moved approval, second by Gene, and passed.	2,796.	2,796.	6	0
Paw Paw Township Assessor				
111 Per.Ser. (add'l for level 2 accreditation) Bob moved approval, second by Paul, and passed.	1,000.	1,000.	6	0
Circuit Court				
440 Cap.Outlay (copy machine for courts/clerk upstairs) Judge Vanderpool not available for discussion, Rich moved to disallow the request, second by Paul, and unanimously disallowed.	8,000.	0.	6	0
Co. Health Maintenance				
315 Other Ser.Chgs. (for StepAhead programs) Gene moved approval of the request discussed in January, second by Paul, and passed.	2,000.	2,000.	6	0
USER FEE				
Pre-Trial Diversion				
361 Other Ser.Chgs. (Prosecutor office maintenance) For repairs and a new roof for the Prosecutor office. Council still questions the validity of a lease agreement, and feel the request shouldn't be acted upon until the issue is settled. Paul moved to table the request, second by Rich, and tabled.	6,760.	0.	6	0
LOCAL ROAD & STREET				
5314 Other Ser.Chgs. (road safety study) Bernardin, Lochmueller & Assoc. did a study of the CR 1200 S and CR 450 W area to increase safety. Suggestions and price tag were too high. This pays for the study, only. Paul moved approval, second by Bob, and passed.	953.	953.	6	0
E-911				
413 Cap.Outlay (equipment update for cellular phones) Our system is one of the oldest in the state, it's not year 2000 compliant. Jeanne Wooley, GTE state coordinator for 911, says they can't guarantee service for Wabash after Dec. 1999. Cellular users are already seeing a \$.65 monthly fee on their bills, and Wabash Co. may receive their monthly share (an estimated \$1,700.) after the equipment update. Council wants information on leasing versus purchasing, and scheduled a special meeting for April 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the courthouse. Pending additional information, Gary moved to table the request, second by Gene, and tabled. Jeanne also told Gary that, at this time, reverse E-911 for an Emergency Management warning system doesn't look workable. With no further business, Gene moved to adjourn, second by Bob, and passed.	63,000.	0.	6	0

/s/ Ted Little /s/ Richard Pepple /s/ Robert Whitesel
/s/ Gary Nose /s/ Eugene Schenkel /s/ Paul Sites

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor