

MAY 23, 2005

The Wabash County Council met May 23th at 8:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court room of the Courthouse. Chairman Paul Sites called the meeting to order with all Council Members present.

Prayer was offered by Leon Ridenour. Minutes of the April 25th meeting were reviewed. Bergman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Little and approved 7-0.

The Council then addressed the following: Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2005-V as advertised and Transfer Resolution #5 as recorded below:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2005-V		Amount	Amount	Aye	Nay
		Requested	Approved		
COUNTY GENERAL					
County Commissioners					
174	Personal Services (Sheriff Pension Fund)	5,040.	5,040.	7	0
	Civil papers served, April,05:Superior & Circuit Court				
	Ridenour moved for approval as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed.				
441	Capital Outlay (Equipment)	1,750.	1,750.	7	0
	To purchase a crosscut paper shredder to be shared by the county offices in the courthouse and judicial building. Little moved for approval as requested, seconded by Nose.				
County Jail					
311	Other Services & Charges (Inmate Medical)	20,503.	0.	-	-
	To pay claims from the Indiana Women's Prison for safekeeping of a woman held in custody who was sent to the prison due to a medical condition from October 4, 2004 to March 28, 2005. Following review of the claims submitted by the prison, the board noted discrepancies in the billings and discussed withholding approval of the appropriation until corrections in the billings are made. Ridenour moved to table the request until corrections are received, seconded by Nose, and agreed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.				

COUNTY HEALTH		Amount	Amount	Aye	Nay
		Requested	Approved		
126	Personal Services (Part-time Staff)	1,000.	0.	7	0
	To pay for extra help needed for kindergarten roundup, mass clinics for flu and pneumonia also for a part time relief person if staff is sick. To be paid at a rate of \$10. per hour for services needed. Following discussion, Fuller moved to deny this appropriation request, seconded by Ridenour.				
214	Supplies (Environmental Health Care)	1,500.	1,500.	7	0
	For mosquito control as part of the West Nile Virus protection program. The ISDH will reimburse up to this amount for purchases dealing with mosquito control. Fuller moved to approve, seconded by Bergman.				

ENHANCED - 911		Amount	Amount	Aye	Nay
		Requested	Approved		
412	Capital Outlay (Equipment)	2,200.	2,200.	7	0
	To complete the communications equipment required when the EMA was moved to the courthouse. This is for radios and antennas for the RACES portion of EMA communications. Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Nose.				

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE		Amount	Amount	Aye	Nay
		Requested	Approved		
316	Other Services & Charges (Hep B Shots)	413.	413.	7	0
	To pay for Hep B vaccine purchased for Vernon Manor.				
319	Other Services & Charges (Meningitis)	4,430.	4,430.	7	0
	To pay Aventis Pasteur for meningitis shot purchases for Vernon Manor.				

Bergman moved for approval of both Co.Health requests, seconded by Fuller and passed.

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-V requested by county officials to meet the requirements of the various departments of county government as heretofore advertised. After the second reading and after giving careful consideration by all members present, and upon proper motion and second and by unanimous vote, the County Council made the recommendation as indicated on the various pages of the Additional Appropriation. The County Auditor was directed to present the Ordinance 2005-V Additional Appropriation to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

State Representative Bill Ruppel was present to inform the council of the impending letter to be issued to all counties by the State Department of Homeland Security regarding the balance of Homeland Security Grant Funds unspent to date. Wabash County is required to submit documentaion for all expenditures by submitting receipts or invoices to the State by June 10th or return the balance of \$155,948.53 for undocumented grant funds. Council members thanked Representative Ruppel for attending the meeting to explain the situation personally.

The council then addressed the following requested transfers:

TRANSFER ORDINANCE 2005 - #5		Amount	Amount	Aye	Nay
		Requested	Approved		
INCREASE:					
COUNTY GENERAL					
440	Capital Outlay				
	Office Equipment	\$ 100.	100.	7	0
COUNTY HEALTH					
312	Other Services & Charges				
	Environmental Health Care	400.	400.	7	0
DECREASE:					
COUNTY GENERAL					
211	Supplies				
	Office Supplies	100.	100.	7	0
COUNTY HEALTH					
362	Other Services & Charges				
	Repair Equipment & Maintenance	400.	400.	7	0

Both transfers were discussed at last month's meeting; Ridenour moved to approve both as requested, seconded by Eppley and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading

of the Transfer Resolution 2005 #5 requested by county officials to meet the requirements of the various departments of county government as heretofore advertised. After the second reading and after giving careful consideration by all members present, and upon proper motion and second and by unanimous vote, the County Council made the recommendation as indicated on the various pages of the Transfer Resolution. The County Auditor was directed to present the Transfer Resolution 2005 #5 to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

Dr. Jeffrey Pyle, President of the Wabash County Health Board was present to discuss along with County Health department employees the request for the county to establish a new employee position as Local Public Health Coordinator to be funded by a Homeland Security Grant. The council discussed the proposal and reviewed an Employee Agreement and the Grant application. Dr. Pyle outlined the Public Health Coordinator Duties: 1) Relationship with the Indiana State Department of Health, 2) Professional Development and Training, 3) Planning Activities, 4) Specific Local Emergency Preparations, and 5) Participation in Local Emergency Response.

Discussion followed with council asking: The effect this position would have on current staffing; Who the person would be responsible to; Whether or not a lot of these duties were not already being done and about overlapping responsibilities with Wabash County EMA; How many employees other counties have; How this position would fit into the current staffing which has one part-time position devoted to Homeland Security; The possibility of organizing with other counties for a shared coordinator to save money; Whether or not other counties our size need two full-time nurses; Whether or not the county would be willing to hire an employee for this position with local tax dollars; and How long does the council have to make a decision about the grant.

Following the discussion, Fuller made a motion to hire a part-time person for the position of Local Public Health Coordinator to average 20 hours a week per pay period, with the calculation for pay to be determined by the department; failing to get a second on the motion, Fuller amended his motion to state that "the Council should set the per hour pay for this position". This motion then was seconded by Little and passed on a 4 aye to 3 nay vote. (Voting aye: Fuller, Little, Eppley and Sites, voting nay: Nose, Ridenour and Bergman).

The Council then reviewed two Forms CF-1/PP (Compliance with Statement of Benefits Personal Property) for Dexter-Axle Company Tax Abatements: 1) for CNC Lathes and Chip conveyors and 2) for Re-engineering of magnet production equipment. Fuller moved to approve both abatements, seconded by Eppley and passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

Council reviewed the Financial Reports for April 30, 2005 and May 20, 2005 presented by the Auditor. They discussed the temporary loan from the Local Road and Street Fund to the County General Fund which has been made to cover operating expenses and requested that the interest be prorated on the counties investments to the Local Road & Street Fund for the amount of the loan if possible.

With no further business, Fuller moved to adjourn, seconded by Little and passed by a unanimous 7-0 vote. The next meeting will be June 27th, at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse.

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Paul D. Sites, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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Jane E. Ridgeway  
Wabash County Auditor