

JUNE 27, 2005

The Wabash County Council met June 27th 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. Ridenour moved to approve the minutes of the May 23rd meeting as written, seconded by Eppley and approved 7-0.

The Council then addressed the following: Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2005-VI as advertised and Transfer Resolution #6 as recorded below:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2005-VI

	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
COUNTY GENERAL				
Extension Office - County Agent				
440 Capital Outlay - Office Equipment	\$ 8035.40	\$ 8000.	7	0

To purchase a new Riso Duplicating Machine for the Extension office to use for preparing 4-H booklets. Following discussion with County Extension Director Nancy Radabaugh, Fuller moved for approval, seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

County Commissioners				
174 Personal Services (Sheriff Pension Fund)	4,356.	4356.	7	0

Civil papers served, May,05: Superior & Circuit Court
Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 7-0 vote.

USER FEE - PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

441 Capital Outlay - Office Equipment	399.	399.	7	0
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For purchase of a new printer for the criminal investigator from K-R Office Supply. Little moved for approval as requested, seconded by Eppley and passed by a 7-0 vote.

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE

316 Other Services & Charges (Hep B Shots)	127.	127.	7	0
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To pay Merck Human Health Center for shots given and paid for by patients. Little moved for approval as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 7-0 vote.

319 Other Services & Charges (Meningitis)	11,642.	11642.	6	1
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To pay Aventis Pasteur for meningitis shot given and collected from patients. Following discussion, Little moved to table this request, seconded by Fuller. When the health department office manager returned later with more accounting details, Little made a motion to "untable" the request, seconded Eppley. Following additional discussion, Little moved to approve the request, seconded by Eppley and passed by a 6 aye to 1 nay (Bergman) vote.

HEALTH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

331 Other Services & Charges (Printing)	1408.	0.	-	-
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This request for an additional appropriation had been changed to a transfer request following the Notice of Additional Appropriations, so was included in Transfer Resolution #6 (below).

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Administration				
361 Other Services & Charges (Building Repairs)	55,000.	55,000.	7	0

This request is for repairing the barn floor (\$35,000) before the large pedestrian traffic during the 4H Fair and for tuck-pointing the brick building front (\$20,000.). Following discussion, Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Maintenance & Repair

242 Supplies (Culverts, Tile & Pipe)	10,000.	10,000.	7	0
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For three culverts that were damaged by rain and quick melting this winter. Supervisor Rice stated he hoped for help from FEMA but did not qualify for any funds. Little moved to approve as requested, seconded by Eppley and passed by a 7-0 vote.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET

406 Capital Outlay (Chip & Seal)	100,000.	100,000.	7	0
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Request for additional funds due to increase in the cost of asphalt oil. Passed by a 7-0 on a motion by Ridenour, seconded by Fuller.

423 Capital Outlay (Generator)	5,000.	5,000.	7	0
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Request for funds for the purchase of a generator to be used by the Highway Department in connection with EMA as part of the emergency plan for Wabash County. This generator will supply power for phones and radios at the County Highway Dept in the event of a power outage. Part of the cost of the generator is to be paid from an EMA Homeland Security Grant. Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Little and passed on a 7-0 vote.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

315 Other Services & Charges (Bridge 505 Design)	93,000.	93,000.	7	0
423 Capital Outlay (Bridge 505 Construction)	100,000.	100,000.	7	0

This repair work (to rehabilitate the present structure) has been accepted as a Federal Aid project (80%/20%) and all preliminary planning is complete. When Design Engineering is completed the work can be let for contract which could be in 2006. Both requests were approved as advertised on a 7-0 vote following a motion by Ridenour, seconded by Eppley.

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-VI 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-VI Additional Appropriation to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 2005-V (AMENDED)

	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
COUNTY GENERAL				
County Jail				
311 Other Services & Charges (Inmate Medical)	\$ 20,503.	\$ 13,326.79	7	0

For safekeeping of female inmate at Indiana Women's Prison from October 4, 2004 to March 28, 2005. As requested in original Additional Appropriation No. 2005-V considered on May 23th, this request was tabled for corrections to the billing claims. The total invoiced amount is \$20,503.10 of which \$7176.31 has been reimbursed by the county jail's healthcare provider, leaving a balance of \$13,326.79. Following discussion, Fuller moved to approve an appropriation for the balance due, seconded by Bergman and passed by a 7-0 vote.

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2005-V (Amended) 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 (Amended) Additional Appropriation to the Department of

Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

The Council then addressed the following requested transfers:

TRANSFER ORDINANCE 2005 - #6

	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
INCREASE:				
HOMELAND SECURITY				
245 SUPPLIES - Uniforms	\$ 407.	407.	7	0
To purchase jackets to identify Health Dept personnel, per Dr. Gifford's request. Bergman moved to approve as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed on a 7-0 vote.				

HEALTH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

314 Other Services & Charges				
Professional Services	1000.	1000.	6	1
For EMTs needed for vaccine clinics such as kindergarten roundup, flu clinic, and school vaccine days.				
331 Other Services & Charges				
Printing / Promotional	1408.	1408.	6	1
For extra printing for handouts at the 4H fair promoting the Health Department services for the community. (Teddy Bear magnets, Scratch pads with vital records info, and Thermometers and refrigerator magnets.)				
332 Other Services & Charges				
Legal Ads	111.	111.	6	1
This is a one-time request for advertising for the Public Health Coordinator position.				

DECREASE:

HOMELAND SECURITY - HEALTH

314 Personal Services				
Conferences	518.	518.	6	1
HEALTH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT				
311 Other Services & Charges				
Nurturing Program	2408.	2408.	6	1

Following discussion, Bergman moved to approve all three Health Tobacco Settlement requests, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 6 aye to 1 nay (Little) vote.

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Transfer Resolution 2005 #6 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 #6 to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

County Auditor Kelly Schenkel discussed purchasing a GIS system from Cumulative Reappraisal Funds. She reported \$380,000 in the (2009 Reassessment) fund currently and stated by "Trending" has now been started with an agreement with an outside firm as approximately \$30,000. a year. She feels a Parcel GIS Layer Development system will take care of Mapping Service (12 meter) which will be sufficient for the county and will save \$80,000. This will also make Wabash County compatible for the 18-digit parcel numbering system required by the state. She has received two informal quotes and has discussed 3 year payment plans available. Following discussion, Little suggested that she may as well move ahead on specifications required in seeking to enter into an agreement for GIS. No objections were voiced.

Darrin Bates of DataPitStop presented an offer to the County Council and the Board of Commissioners to work with department heads in establishing a Wabash County website. Bates explained the various uses and applications available for a website and has offered Wabash County a special price to use it an example for other counties because his company is based close to Wabash County. Council recommended that details be discussed and the decision be turned over to the Commissioners, who would need to enter into such an agreement.

Thomas Polk of Wabash Electric Information Technology Systems presented his local company's qualifications and experience in offering IT consulting and evaluation of the various systems in use and considered for purchase. Nose commented that he feels there is definite need for such a "first point of contact" in reviewing computer system purchases and problems encountered with current systems. Little recommended that Polk also talk with the Board of Commissioners about options and costs involved to act as an IT advisor to the county.

Chairman Sites asked the council to consider changing the scheduled September 12th meeting for finalization of the 2006 budget as some members would not be able to be present at that time. It was agreed to change the September meeting date to Wednesday, September 7th a 8:00 A.M. to conduct regular council business and to adopt the finalized 2006 budget. Sites also thanked Bergman for the work he had done in helping with the Auditor's Departmental Budget Meeting held in June.

Sites presented a "check" issued to the Wabash County Council representing the value of the volunteer hours and efforts of the National Retired Teachers Association a division of AARP (\$335,907) here in the county.

Council reviewed the Financial Reports for May 30, 2005 and June 24, 2005 presented by the Auditor. She reported that \$368 in earned interest has been prorated to the Local Road & Street Fund for the temporary loan made to the County General Fund to date.

With no further business, Council unanimously voted to adjourn to the advertised Executive Session called to discuss BONDING ISSUES. The next regular meeting will be July 25th, at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse.

Paul D. Sites, Chairman

Paul M. Bergman

Dean Eppley

T.F. "Bob" Fuller

Ted A. Little

Gary S. Nose

Leon Ridenour

ATTEST: _____

Jane E. Ridgeway
Wabash County Auditor