

JULY 25, 2005

The Wabash County Council met July 25, 2005 at 8:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Paul Sites called the meeting to order with all Council members present. Prayer was offered by Leon Ridenour.

Minutes for the June 27th meeting were reviewed (with a clarification by Bergman that the "check" presented to the council from the Retired Teachers Association was an facsimile and not a real check). The minutes were approved on a motion by Little, seconded by Eppley and a 7 to 0 vote.

The council then addressed the following Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2005-VII as advertised in the Amended Form 144 Statement of Salaries and Wages Proposed to be Paid Officers and Employees for the Calendar year 2005, as recorded below.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2005-VII

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 Approved	AYE	NAY
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COUNTY GENERAL

Victim Assistance - Prosecuting Attorney

117 Personal Services-Victim Asst. Coordinators	\$ 1,422.78	\$ 1,422,78	7	0
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To grant raises of \$27.36 per payday for the period from 7/1/05 to 12/31/05 for each coordinator of the victim assistance program as per the Indiana Criminal Institute Board of Trustees. Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 7-0 vote.

County Commissioners

174 Personal Services-Sheriff's Pension Fund	\$ 7,140.00	\$ 7,140.00	7	0
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Civil papers served, June, 2005: Superior & Circuit Court. Ridenour moved for approval as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Circuit Court

440 Capital Outlay - Equipment	\$ 4,169.00	\$ 4,169.00	7	0
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Requested by Judge Robert McCallen III to replace the court recording system that is outdated with a purchase from Word Systems. Bergman moved to approve as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed 7-0.

Enhanced 911

440 Capital Outlay -Equipment	\$ 341.00	\$ 341.00	7	0
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Request to purchase a battery back up and charger for the EMA repeater at the Solid Waste District Office. On a motion by Ridenour, seconded by Eppley the appropriation was passed by a 7-0 vote.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

426 Capital Outlay -Pleasant # 49	\$ 60,000.00	\$60,000.00	7	0
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Request to appropriate the amount needed to replace the box culvert that has failed. Emergency repairs have been made until it can be replaced. Ridenour moved to approve, seconded by Eppley and passed 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

111 Personal Services -Director	\$ 555.24	\$ 555.24	5	2
112 Personal Services -Administrative Assistant	396.76	\$ 396.76	5	2

For a pay increase with the start of the new grant cycle (July 1, 05 – June 30, 06). Because the state and county fiscal years do not correspond, they are requesting an additional appropriation for the increase. Following discussion, Fuller moved for approval as requested, seconded by Eppley and passed by a 5 aye (Sites, Eppley, Fuller, Ridenour and Little) to 2 nay (Nose and Bergman) vote.

CLERK'S RECORD PERPETUATION

363 Other Services & Charges-Equipment Repair	\$ 367.50	\$ 367.50	7	0
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To pay for repair of a broken microfilm camera. Bergman moved to approve, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 7-0 vote.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND

180 Personal Services-Longevity	\$ 126.30	\$ 126.30	7	0
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Appropriation requested for longevity due to an employee whose first date of employment is 7/08/02 and her last date of employment was 6/30/05. This amount was not in the original 2005 Pre-Trial Diversion budget. Little moved to approve the request, seconded by Fuller and passed by a 7-0 vote.

HOMELAND SECURITY

146 Personal Services-Public Health Coordinator	\$ 10,539.47	\$ 10,539.47	- Tabled	-
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This is a request for the salary of a Public Health Coordinator to begin employment on August 1, 2005. This position is to be paid from Homeland Security Grant money. This amount is based on an Annual Salary of \$21,500 for the remaining five months of 2005 plus Social Security and PERF contributions. County Nurse Jane Skeans stated that the state will reimburse the county for the expenses of the new position. Council discussed the request questioning if this grant could indeed be used for salaries. and asked for the state's approval in writing. Also questioned was the request for PERF as the position approved in May was for a part-time position and would not be eligible for PERF. The Auditor was requested to read the minutes of the May 23rd meeting aloud for the record. She read: " *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)." Eppley made a motion to delay this request until the August 24th meeting, seconded by Nose and passed on a 7-0 vote.

The Chairman of the Council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-VII 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 Auditor was directed to present the above additional appropriations to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

The Council then addressed the following requested Amended Statement of Salaries and Wages Proposed to be Paid Officers and Employees Calendar Year 2005 (Form No. 144):

AMENDED
Salaries and Wages Ordinance
For County Employees

Whereas: Public Law No. 231 requires County Officials to fix salaries of County Officials and Employees for the year.

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana that the salaries and wages of County Officials and Employees and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2005 are as follows:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Position	Name	Rate of Bi-Weekly Salary	Total Annual Salary
01-11 Director	Jeff Hobson	\$ 1,692.40	\$ 43,486.82
01-12 Adm. Assistant	Kandy Barker	\$ 972.96	\$ 24,982.41
01-13 Field Officer	Rick Hahn	\$ 1,076.62	\$ 13,996.06

HOMELAND SECURITY – HEALTH

02-11 Public Health Coordinator	Keith Walters	\$ 826.92	\$ 9,096.12
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Fuller moved to approve the requests as amended (and retroactive to July 1, 2005) for Community Corrections employees and NOT for the Homeland Security request but to table it until August 24th. Eppley seconded the motion and it failed to pass by a vote of 3 aye (Fuller, Eppley and Sites) to 4 nay (Nose, Bergman, Little and Ridenour). Following discussion, Eppley moved to reconsider the motion, this motion was seconded by Fuller and passed by a 6 aye to 1 nay (Nose) vote. Then Council proceeded to vote on the original motion again. Chairman Sites asked the Auditor

to take a Roll Call vote with the following response: Ted Little: aye; Dean Eppley: aye; Bob Fuller: aye; Paul Sites: aye; Gary Nose: nay; Leon Ridenour: nay; and Paul Bergman: nay. Thus the motion "to approve the request as amended (and retroactive to July 1, 2005) for Community Corrections employees and NOT for the Homeland Security request but to table it until August 24" passed on a 4 aye, 3 nay vote. Signed and Dated this 25th day of July, 2005.

Wabash County Prosecutor Bill Hartley appeared before the council to request their consent for him to elect to become a full-time prosecuting attorney effective January 1, 2006. He explained the caseload had grown and he needs to devote his full professional time to the office. He has spoken with the commissioners about office space available in Memorial Hall and had discussed the necessary budget requests for such a move. Following discussion, Nose moved to approve the following CONSENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL Hartley presented, seconded by Fuller and approved by a 7 to 0 vote.

CONSENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Whereas, the Prosecuting Attorney of the 27th Judicial Circuit which includes

Wabash County, desires to elect to devote the Prosecuting Attorney's full professional time to the duties of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney effective

January 1, 2006; and

Whereas, the 27th Judicial Circuit is a judicial circuit of the sixth through ninth class; and

Whereas, a majority of the county council consents to the election of the Prosecuting Attorney to become a full-time Prosecuting Attorney;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That a majority of the county council consents to the election of the Prosecuting Attorney for the 27th Judicial Circuit to become a full-time Prosecuting Attorney Effective January 1, 2006;
2. That a copy of this consent be filed with the notice of election to full-time status with the Circuit Court of the 27th Judicial Circuit

and with the Auditor of the State, pursuant to I.C. 33-39-6-6.

Dated this 25th day of July 2005.

Signed by Paul Sites, President, Wabash County Council and

Attested by Jane Ridgeway, Secretary, Wabash County Council.

Councilman Fuller reported on the Sheriff's Pension Trust Annual Actuarial Valuation for January 1, 2005 and the Retirement Trust Supplement Benefit Trust. Fuller anticipates that the fund will slowly continue to grow if interest rates remain the same. He stated we will have more of an exact figure in August for budget consideration, but this will probably be the third year the county has had to pay more investment.

A claim from WEDCOR for a second payment in 2005 was discussed and tabled until August. Nose presented figures showing how Wabash County has spent their share of CEDIT funds for the past ten years.

With no other business, Fuller moved to adjourn, seconded by Eppley, so adjourned.