

September 11, 2000

Council Chairman, Robert Whitesel, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the August 21st and 22nd meetings were approved as written, moved by Paul Sites, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. Patty Grant and Sharon Beauchamp, representing the Community Foundation of Wabash County, told Council that Wabash Co. is one of 22 finalists for a Lilly Endowment grant for education. The grants, of up to 5 million each, would be used for Step Ahead of Wabash Co., early education training for parents, learning centers for resources, grants for after school care, summer remediation and non-traditional schools for those who don't complete traditional education. Leon moved support of the project thru Resolution 2000-IV, second by Ted Little, and passed. Commissioner, Brian Hauptert, reports there is \$120,000. in the judicial building budget for furnishings. Since the project is about 10 weeks behind schedule, offices may not be moved before August 2001. Brian plans to apply for Build Indiana funds next year, for help with Memorial Hall renovations.

2001 Budget: After talking with State Board of Tax Commissioners' representative, Jim Craft, Council chose to revise the tentative budget, in an effort to increase their operating balance. The Sheriff/Jail, Probation, Circuit and Superior Courts and Auditor offered reductions from their budgets. After review of each budget, Council reduced a total of \$524,956. from the proposed 2001 budget, without changing proposed wages. Leon moved to approve the entire 2001 budget, as amended, second by Gene, and passed. Leon moved to keep longevity benefits at 1/4 of 1% of current salary, times the number of years worked to a maximum of 20 years, second by Paul, and passed. Payments are made the first pay in December, beginning at the end of the third year of employment.

Pre-Trial Diversion account: Deputy Prosecutor, David Magley, represented Prosecutor, Al Plummer, in his request for County General funds to cover the deficit in this account, thru 2000. Wages and benefits are paid from this overdrawn account. The Auditor learned from the State Board of Accounts, that IC: 36-1-8-4 authorizes a loan, that must be repaid by year's end or by six months into the new year, at the very latest. Council would do a resolution allowing the loan, setting a repayment deadline, indicating an emergency situation exists, and there are sufficient funds available to complete the loan. Ted moved approval to loan \$16,119.94 from Co. General funds to the Pre-trial diversion fund, second by Gene, and passed. Council will do a resolution next meeting.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VII

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Prosecuting Attorney				
117 Personal Services (Victims Assist)	\$10,155.25	0.	7	0
212 Supplies	2,382.77	0.	7	0
325 Other Ser/Chgs	99.64	0.	7	0
326 " " "	352.00	0.	7	0
327 " " "	593.93	0.	7	0
332 " " "	265.56	0.	7	0
373 " " "	4,800.00	0.	7	0
442 Capital Outlay	1,503.98	0.	7	0

Council tabled these requests for the Victims Assistance program until Prosecutor, Al Plummer could attend their meeting and explain the requests.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE

316 Other Ser/Chgs (T.B. testing serum)	\$14,000.	14,000.	7	0
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Tobacco settlement funds came earlier then expected and need appropriated, so serum may be purchased and used by the Co. Health nurse. Paul moved to approve as requested, second by Gary Nose, and passed.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

3404 Capital Outlay (Lagro Twp Bridge # 10)	\$30,000.	0.	7	0
3405 " " (Chester Twp Bridge # 82)	30,000.	0.	7	0

Highway Superintendent, Larry Rice, withdrew the requests at this time. With no further business, Council adjourned.

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

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor