

November 13, 2000

Wabash County Council Chairman, Robert Whitesel, called the special meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. in the Auditor's office of the courthouse. With all members attending, Leon Ridenour shared a prayer. The special meeting was called to address the lawsuit filed by County Prosecutor, Alfred Plummer, naming Council members and the Auditor as defendants. The suit mandates increased wages for three investigators in the Prosecutor and IV-D offices, and an appropriation from county general funds to cover a shortfall in the Pre-trial diversion fund, rather than a loan approved by the council October 23, 2000. After discussion, Rich Pepple moved to defend the suit and engage Richard P. Fisher as Council attorney, second by Leon, and passed by all. The special meeting was called to engage an attorney, so he may respond to the suit in a timely manner. Mr. Fisher will consult with attorneys at Ice, Miller Donadio & Ryan on this matter. Bob, Rich and Ted Little will meet with Mr. Fisher 11/14 to discuss the Council formula used to set wages for county employees, and whether or not the Prosecutor has the authority to file this suit. Council directed the Auditor to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$7200. in their legal services account to cover defense of this suit. With no further business, Paul Sites moved to adjourn, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed

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

ATTEST: Carol Stefanatos, Auditor