

FEBRUARY 27, 2006

The Wabash County Council met in regular February 27, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Thurl "Bob" Fuller called the meeting to order with all Council members present.

Leon Ridneour offered prayer. Bergman moved to approve the minutes of the January 23rd meeting as written, seconded by Eppley and approved by a 7-0 vote.

The Council then addressed the following Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2006-II as advertised and recorded below.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2006 NO. II

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 Appropriated	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Auditor				
119 Personal Services – Part Time Clerical	7,500.00	7,500.00	7	0

This year I have a very aggressive schedule of tasks for my office to achieve. We have begun training and implementing the new FundWare Financial Software with the goal of going live with General Ledger, Payroll and Human Resources fields, Accounts Payable, Project Grants and Cash Receipts by April 1. May and June, 2006 will add Bank Reconciliation, Fixed Assets and Budget Processing. Also one of my goals is to have my staff "cross-trained" to avoid the problem of every function of the office relying totaling on only one person which has been a problem.

Of course all of the regular duties of the office must continue which is already a full schedule, as well as selecting and proceeding with the necessary updates which will involve Training and Implementing a new Tax Billing System which will need to be in place by Fall in order to roll-over the Assessed Values from the Assessor's Pro-Val System with the required 18-digit parcel numbers in order to be able to put out Tax Bills for 2006 pay 2007 on time and working on moving forward on G.I.S. implementation.

Many counties our size have larger staffs for the Auditor's office as well as a Commissioner's Secretary and or County Administrator to handle the many responsibilities of my office. I am asking for additional funds in Part-time Clerical for approximately 3 days or 18-20 hours a week of extra help. Some on my staff are already putting in many hours of overtime without pay.

Following discussion, Bergman made a motion to approve the Auditor's request, seconded by Little and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Prosecuting Attorney

115 Personal Services – Prosecutor’s Secretary	10,005.00	10,005.00	5	2
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The Prosecutor’s full time secretary starts February 20, 2006. There is \$7,174.00 in the IV-D Budget and \$7,174.00 in the Prosecutor’s Budget for the Prosecutor’s secretary. Her salary is to be the same as court personnel in the Wabash Circuit Court and Wabash Superior Court, which is \$26,355.00 approved for 2006, for a difference in the budget of \$12,007.00. Three and one-half pays have already been issued to employees doing this job up to February 20, 2006, so there would be a balance of 22 ½ pays left for 2006. We are asking for an increase of \$10,003.06 for the remainder of 2006 out of the Prosecutor’s Budget to cover her salary of \$26,355.00.

Following much discussion and the Prosecutor defending his request to increase his secretary’s position to be equal to the Court staff salaries, Little stated that the Court employees were raised because they had to face more security risks. The Council conceded that the move of the Prosecutor to the Judicial Center is a good move. Sites moved to approve the request for an additional salary increase of \$10,005.00. His motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 5 Aye, 2 Nay (Nose and Ridenour) vote.

Surveyor

119 Personal Services – Part Time Clerical	1,500.00	1,500.00	7	0
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Part time clerical help due to full time employee being off on sick leave from surgery.

Following discussion the Surveyor stated that she and her Assistant are doing the work of three and a half people who were previously employed in the Surveyor’s office. Little moved to approve the request for additional part time help, his motion was seconded by Eppley and approved by a 7-0 vote.

County Commissioners

174 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension	5,800.00	5,800.00	7	0
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For January, 2006 claims served in Superior and Circuit Courts.

Approved on a motion by Sites, seconded by Nose and a 7-0 vote.

310 Other Services and Charges – Professional Services	3,000.00	3,000.00	7	0
310 Other Services and Charges – Professional Services	7,800.00	3,225.00	7	0

Line Item # 001-29-03-10 was cut from \$7000.00 in the 2006 Budget to \$500. We signed two new contracts in 2005 that were to be paid from this account: Website Creation and Maintenance with DataPitStop for \$250. per month or \$ 3000. and IT Consulting with Wabash Electric Information Technologies for \$7800. per year. Therefore we are asking for an Additional Appropriation to cover the annual cost for these two contracts.

Following discussion and review of the IT contract signed on October 31, 2005; Bergman moved to approve \$3225 for the Wabash Electric IT consulting contract and \$3000. for DataPitStop, Inc. for the website developing and maintenance contract. His motion was seconded by Sites and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Probation

112 Personal Services – Electronic Home Detention	1,875.00	1,875.00	7	0
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To transfer from the Electronic Home Detention fund to County General – Probation Capital Outlay Fund to purchase a new laser printer for the Wabash County Probation Department. This new printer will replace our current printer which was purchased in 1996.

Sites moved to approve the request as submitted by the Probation Director, seconded by Eppley and approved by a 7-0 vote.

COUNTY HEALTH

120 Personal Services – Environmental Assistant	790.00	0	7	0
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This is per Dr. Pyle’s request to bring her (Sharon Pattee) up to date for this new position. She is no longer working as a clerk. Sharon has taken many training opportunities for this position. Dr. Pyle has suggested raising the fee of birth and death certificates to \$7.00 each this would be a \$2.00 raise which would cover the \$4000. increase. Certified Birth requests for 05 were 1351; Death certificates fro 05 were 1952 Totaling \$6686.00 in revenue. The Health Department recalculated the amount needed for their submitted increase in the Environmental Assistant’s salary to \$23,000. and are requesting an additional \$790.00 for the raise approved by the Health board and Council

Council discussed the prior approvals to increase the Environmental Assistant’s salary to \$23,000. Little stated that the original request at Budget time for the 2006 salary was \$22,210. not \$23,000 and the \$4000. additional salary granted last month brought the salary for the Environmental Assistant to \$22,210. Following discussion, Bergman moved to deny this additional salary increase, his motion was seconded by Ridenour, and passed by a 7-0 vote.

HEALTH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND

319 Other Services & Charges – Meningitis vaccine	6,951.00	6,951.00	7	0
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This is to pay for Meningitis vaccine given. The 2006 budget allowance was \$13,139.00, An invoice for vaccine for \$20,090.00 makes the appropriation \$6,951.00 short.

361 Other Services & Charges – Building Repair	525.00	525.00	7	0
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This request is to replace lights in the old Veterans Service office.

Bergman made a motion to approve both requests for additional appropriations in the Health Tobacco Settlement Fund. His motion was seconded by Eppley and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Council then considered the request for Transfers submitted by the Prosecutor as follows:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. # 2006-2

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 expense of said county government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2006 the following additional sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
INCREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL				
Prosecuting Attorney				
114 Personal Services (T Weaver)	\$ 667.93	\$ 667.93	7	0
116 Personal Services (T Burnsworth)	667.93	667.93	7	0
USER FEE FUND				
Pre-Trial Diversion				
116 Personal Services (V Williams)	667.93	667.93	7	0

SEC. 2. WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:

DECREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL				
Prosecuting Attorney				
115 Personal Services - Secretary	\$ 965.72	965.72	7	0
117 Personal Services – Victim Assist Advocacy	1,038.07	1,038.07	7	0

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 27th day of February, 2006. Bergman moved to approve the transfer request. His motion was seconded by Little and approved by 7 aye and 0 nay votes.

A transfer request (No. 3-2006) submitted by the Prosecutor to transfer funds from salary accounts for the changes in his staffing assignments was withdrawn by Prosecutor Bill Hartley following discussion by the council. No action was taken by the Council on this request.

The Council's appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Board was made for the year 2006. Nose moved to have Phil Mendenhall continue as the Council's appointed representative for another one year term. His motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7 to 0 vote of the Council.

Council and the Commissioners Hauptert and Templin discussed Contractual Agreement procedures and Templin stated that the Council wants a copy of contracts before they are signed. Nose and Sites stated that they felt the Council should see the agreements and that the Janitorial Contract for the

Judicial Center should be open for bids and that possibly some of the Computer and IT contracts could be consolidated at renewal and this should be considered at Budget time for the 2007 Budget.

The Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2006 was reviewed by the Council as well as a report of Encumbrances from December 31, 2005.

Council members were reminded of a LOHUT presentation to be presented to the county's taxing units on March 15th at 9:00 A.M. No other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bergman, seconded by Eppley and a 7-0 vote. The next meeting will be March 27, 2006. The council will meet on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.