

APRIL 24, 2006

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on April 24, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order with all Council members present.

Prayer was offered by Leon Ridenour. The minutes of the March 27th meeting were reviewed. Two clarifications were noted: 1) In reference to the committee formed to study the insurance issue it was the council's understanding that a three member committee (Bergman, Little and Haupert) was formed to meet with the Sheriff. The auditor was asked to amend the minutes to reflect this understanding. 2) Chairman Fuller stated that his vote should be recorded the same as all the other members and that for clarification, due to recording of the meetings, a roll call would be taken for all votes in the future. With these notations, Dean Eppley moved to approve the minutes. His motion was seconded by Paul Bergman and approved by a 7-0 vote.

The first order of business was to address the amended Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2006-III request for False Arrest Insurance in the amount of \$22,782.91 that was tabled at the last meeting. Following discussion this request for a payment that was paid based on the Commissioners' approval as an emergency appropriation for "tail-end" insurance for the jail liability insurance policy remained tabled at this time. In a related matter, a committee report was distributed to the council members and action was taken to disband the committee on a motion by Paul Sites, seconded by Eppley and a 7-0 vote. The Committee members, Ted Little, Paul Bergman and Commissioner Brian Haupert, were agreement. Eppley thanked the committee for their efforts.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2006-IV was then addressed as advertised and recorded below:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2006 No. IV

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
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COUNTY GENERAL

Prosecutor

351 Other Services & Charges - (Rent - Electric)	\$ 261.00	\$ 261.00	7	0
352 Other Services & Charges - (Rent – Gas)	653.70	653.70	7	0
353 Other Services & Charges - (Rent - Water)	19.17	19.17	7	0
354 Other Services & Charges – (Rent – Sewer)	31.38	31.38	7	0

Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D

351 Other Services & Charges - (Rent - Electric)	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00	7	0
352 Other Services & Charges - (Rent – Gas)	653.70	653.70	7	0
353 Other Services & Charges - (Rent - Water)	19.17	19.17	7	0
354 Other Services & Charges – (Rent – Sewer)	31.38	31.38	7	0

Per the terms of the Termination of Lease Agreement for the Prosecutor’s Office with Pillar Corporation dated September 28, 2006 , the County will be responsible for all repairs and utilities. These amounts are for the utilities for January and February. One half is to be paid from the Prosecutor’s General Fund accounts and the other half from the Prosecutor’s Title IV-D accounts. As there were no budgeted appropriations for utilities we (the Commissioners) are asking for an Additional Appropriation to cover the cost for these expenses. This will be the last of the expenses to fund the former part-time Prosecutor’s office.

Following discussion, Sites stated that “As a councilman, when we spend money we are spending the county’s money and he’s a resident of the county and a county employee.... in my opinion, when a person is a resident of the county and still a county employee maybe he should watch the county’s money a little better.” Ridenour stated that since we have a signed contract, that under the situation, I move that I think we have no choice but to pay it. Little “reluctantly” seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 vote.

Plan Commission

230 Supplies – (Repair & Maintenance Supplies)	200.00	\$ 200.00	7	0
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The zoning maps in the Plan Commission Office need to be preserved. Laminating them would protect and preserve them for future use. The cost is estimated at \$10.00 per map times 9 big maps and 3 smaller town maps, plus shipping and handling.

Following explanation by Planning Director Mike Howard, Little moved to approve the request, seconded by Eppley and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Superior Court

441 Capital Outlay – (Equipment)	197.50	Withdrawn
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Transcription equipment is requested in order for the Judge to dictate orders and minute entries for CCS. Currently, such entries are made with the Judge either typing himself or writing long hand. This equipment should greatly increase the speed and efficiency with which orders and CCS entries are disseminated.

Following discussion, Judge Chris Goff stated that he would like to withdraw this request as he does not think that it needed to be in the form of an Additional Appropriation but was a misunderstanding with his secretary. Judge Goff feels that he could pay this as a Transfer from a Travel appropriation that he does not think he will need, on this request, Bergman moved to approved as a transfer from the travel account, seconded by Ridenour and the transfer was approved by a 7-0 vote.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

441 Capital Outlay – (Building Repairs)	31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	7	0
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To cover the cost of replacing the roof and installing new overhead doors on the former old state highway building at the county highway department.

Commissioner Hauptert explained that this is for improvements for the old State Highway building to be used by the Highway and EMA. The highway will use the front end for storage. Highway Superintendent Larry Rice stated that the building was 122’x 52’. This building was formerly leased to Manchester Recycling. The Commissioners approved the lower bids. Following discussion and questions about why there were no “in-county” bids received. Bergman moved to approve the requests and it was seconded by Eppley and passed on a 7-0 vote.

HEALTH HOMELAND SECURITY

311 Other Services & Charges (Professional Services)	3,000.00	0	3	4
331 Other Services & Charges (Printing)	325..25	325.25	6	1

The \$3000. is to cover the Local Health Coordinator’s account until vouchers are received from the state and the \$325.25 is for 10,000 copies of the community Preparedness for Pandemic Flu pamphlets. They are to be placed in public access all over the county for public awareness.

Following discussion of the Local Health Coordinator funds requesting an Additional Appropriation request from account 146 and Transfer the appropriation to the account 156, Bergman moved to approve the requests and it was seconded by Little. On a roll call vote of the council there were three ayes (Bergman, Eppley and Little) and four nays (Ridenour, Nose, Sites and Fuller) the motion for the \$3000. request was denied.

For the printing request for \$325.25, Bergman moved for approval and Sites seconded the motion. The council voted six (6) aye votes to one (1) nay vote (Little)to approve the request.

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 24th day of April, 2006 by the recorded aye and nay vote. 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 Transfer Resolutions and acted as recorded below:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2006 # 7

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:				
ELECTION VOTING MACHINES				
153-01-04-41 Capital Outlay – Voting Machines	\$15,901.00	\$15,901.00	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 Election Board				
001-18-04-41 Capital Outlay – Voting Machines	\$15,901.00	\$15,901.00	7	0

An Additional Appropriation for additional new voting machines was approved March 27, 2006 for the County General Fund instead of the Election Voting Machine Fund (Fund #153). The grant monies were held in the Fund 153. We are requesting you appropriate the funds from this fund rather than County General.

This Transfer was approved on a motion by Eppley, seconded by Bergman and a 7-0 vote provided that the machines receive certification from the state.

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 24th day of April,
2006 by the recorded vote.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2006 # 8

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:				
LOCAL HEALTH COORDINATOR GRANT				

03-11-Other Services & Charges-Professional Services	\$3000.00	0	3	4
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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:				
HOMELAND SECURITY (HEALTH)				

03-11-Other Services & Charges-Professional Services	\$3000.00	0	3	4
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Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and denied on the 24th day of April, 2006, by the recorded aye and nay vote.

Following discussion of the Local Health Coordinator funds requesting an Additional Appropriation request from account 146 and Transfer the appropriation to the account 156, Bergman moved to approve the requests and it was seconded by Little. On a roll call vote of the council there were three ayes (Bergman, Eppley and Little) and four nays (Ridenour, Nose, Sites and Fuller) the motion for the \$3000. request was denied.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2006 # 9

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:				
LOCAL ROAD & STREET				
5417 - Old SR15 Construction, Phase II	\$451,021.98	\$451,021.98	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:				
LOCAL ROAD & STREET				
5313 – Old SR15 Engineering	\$144,260.98	\$144,260.98	7	0
5415 – Old SR15 Construction, Phase I	124,390.00	124,390.00	7	0
5419 – Old SR15 Construction, Phase III	182,371.00	182,371.00	7	0

These transfers are requested to finish out the present and last phase of the Old State Road 15 Projects. No additional appropriation was requested for the 5417 account, knowing that the 5313, 5415, and 5419 accounts were going to be positive, with the exceptions of a final audit. (There is money left in the account for the audit.)

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 24th day of April, 2006, by the recorded aye and nay vote.

Following discussion, Ridenour moved to approve these transfers from the Local Road & Street Fund, seconded by Eppley and a 7-0 vote.

Financial Reports for the periods ending March 31, 2006 and April 24, 2006 were reviewed.

Paul Sites stated that this would be his last meeting as a member of the Wabash County Council and offered his official resignation that was reluctantly accepted. Sites had earlier in the year announced that he would be resigning in the spring having sold his home in North Manchester with plans to move out of the county. Sites acknowledged some of the fine people he has had the honor to work with while on the council including Bob Whitesel, Joann Rauh, Rich Pepple, Gene Schenkel and each of the present council members. Sites also appreciated working with the County Commissioners and said that "Sometimes our jobs, though defined, are not so clearly defined" and he appreciated the way in which they worked through that. Sites remarked that "It takes lots of people to run this county. No one person runs this county alone.... Keep defining those 'gray areas', guys..... I have always prayed on my 20 minute drive to the meetings.....and it has been an honor and a privilege to represent the people in my district."

Chairman Fuller thanked Sites for being so helpful to him personally and stated he will still hear Paul next to him as discussions are held and decisions made. Fuller stated that Sites always showed that he strongly believed (even from the religious sense) in being a good servant and has served Wabash County very well. He then presented Sites with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by all of the members of the council, in recognition of his valuable contributions and appreciation for his years of serving on the Council.

Before adjourning the council discussed new legislation and how it may affect Wabash County, including the County Option Dog Tax, Major Moves, installment payments for property taxes and budget considerations including LOHUT, personnel policy changes and job descriptions.

No other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ridenour, seconded by Sites and a 7-0 vote. The next meeting will be May 22, 2006. The council will meet on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.