

JULY 24, 2006

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on July 24, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order with six Council members present and Leon Ridenour absent.

Prayer was offered by Paul Bergman. The minutes of the June 26th meeting were reviewed. Bergman moved to approve the minutes with a correction noted of a motion seconded "simultaneously" to be changed to "seconded by Markstahler". Eppley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote.

The first order of business was to consider the additional appropriation requests as advertised and presented in Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2006-VII.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2006 No. 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 Appropriated	AYE	NAY
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**COUNTY GENERAL
Paw Paw Township Assessor**

Other Services & Charges	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	6	0
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The 2006 Budget did not have any money approved for rental of a copy machine. Paw Paw Township should not be obligated to furnish a copy machine for the purpose of making copies of assessment forms. Assessing is a County funded matter. Please appropriate funds to pay the rent of a copy machine. Submitted by Kraig Ahlfeld, Paw Paw Township Assessor.

Following discussion, Little moved to approve the request, his motion was seconded by Eppley and approved by a 6-0 vote of the council members present.

County Commissioners

Personal Services – (Sheriff’s Pension Fund–June)	5,892.00	5,892.00	6	0
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This request is for the Sheriff’s Pension Fund is based on claims for process serving for Superior and Circuit Courts in June, 2006.

The Sheriff’s Pension fund additional appropriation was approved on a motion by Bergman, a second by Nose and a 6-0 vote.

Emergency Management

Other Services & Charges – Gas, Oil and Maintenance	550.00	550.00	6	0
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EMA sold a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria 4 dr in the Wabash County Property Surplus Auction as the Wabash County Sheriff transferred a 1999 Ford Crown Vic to EMA to replace the 1993 Ford. This money will be used to prepare this car for use by EMA. Repainting will be required and installation of radio and other

safety items. EMA volunteers will be giving their time to do sanding and paint prep work. Volunteers will also install emergency lighting and radio equipment.

Larry Manning represented the EMA for this request. Nose moved to approve the EMA request and his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Drainage Board

Capital Outlay – Equipment 11,995.00 10,933,00 6 0
Plotter for GIS. Requesting at this time due to rebate expiration date and special one time offer.

Following discussion, Little asked about a maintenance agreement for the plotter and the possibility of charging for copies as well as if the plotter could be used for ditch plans. Eppley moved to approve the request for the actual amount of the purchase (\$10,933.) His motion was seconded by Little and approved by a 6-0 vote.

LOCAL ROAD AND STREETS FUND

Capital Outlay – Town Street Restoration \$ 230,000.00 \$ 230,000.00 6 0
Bids to do this work have been received and “Oil” prices have caused the asphalt paving costs to almost double. The plan was to complete three* towns per year and there is not enough to do that. In fact, one town is more than this appropriation. Therefore, we are requesting the above amount.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, discussed that the bids were advertised and only one bid was received. The Laketon bid was much higher than expected. Following discussion, Eppley moved to approve the additional appropriation request, this motion was seconded by Bergman and passed on a 6-0 vote.

USER FEE FUNDS

Pre-Trial Division

Other Services & Charges – Seminars and Training \$ 1,740.00 \$ 1740.00 4 2
The Prosecutor’s Office would like to send Detective David Rich from the Indiana State Police to a homicide investigation course as presented by the Southern Police Institute in September of 2006. The documentation is attached for the council’s consideration.

Council discussed the request of Prosecutor Bill Hartley. Nose voiced concern that approval of this request would set a precedent of the County paying for training etc for other than county employees. Little stated he was not aware that the state would not pay for such training for one of their officers. He asked Sheriff Striker if he would approve this and Striker stated “yes” and that this was a special request. When questioned, Hartley stated that the State Police are responsible for some of the revenues receipted to the User Fee Fund through the tickets they write. Following the discussion Little moved to approve the request although he does concur with the concerns that this may be setting a precedent. Markstahler seconded the motion. The request was approved by a 4 aye (Little, Eppley, Fuller and Markstahler) and a 2 nay (Bergman and Nose) vote.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Capital Outlay – Interior Jail Renovation \$ 50,000.00 \$ 50,000.00 6 0

To cover the cost of remodeling/renovating the interior of the Jail. This will provide better use of available space. Project is approved as presented by the Board of Commissioners (7-3-06) for costs not to exceed \$50,000.

Excerpt* from Wabash County Commissioners' Minutes of July 3, 2006:

Sheriff Striker is in the process of acquiring final bids for remodeling work for the interior remodeling of the jail with electrical modifications. Once approved the project should take less than 30 days. The project will involve converting an enclosed* area—Exercise room. The total cost should be under \$50,000.00. An Additional Appropriation request for the project from the CCD fund will be made to the Council. This is not to exceed \$50,000.00. Templin motioned to approve. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Striker presented and explained four quotes for proposed remodeling of the interior of the jail in order to create space for 11 additional beds. During discussion additional possible jail renovation was also presented with suggestions of relocating existing office space in the jail to create space for more prisoners as a possible solution to the jail overcrowding problem. Funding options for such a project were discussed and it was decided to look further into the possibilities of such a plan. Following discussion, Bergman moved to approve the CCD request presented for up to \$50,000. This motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Capital Outlay – Courthouse Roof Project \$ 150,999.00 \$ 150,000.00 TABLED (6-0)

To cover the cost of replacing/repairing the Courthouse roof and fascia. This will be approximately one-half of the total projects as needed estimated for the Courthouse roof. The second half will be scheduled for 2007.

Commissioners Lester Templin and Brian Hauptert discussed needed repairs to the Courthouse with the Council and types of roofing materials being considered. They proposed to divide the project into two phases. Phase One to be a new roof to be done in 2006 and Phase Two to involve needed new guttering and fascia to be done in 2007. The Commissioners proposed to set aside the funds in the CCD fund for these projects at this time. They have conferred with an architect and plan to advertise for bids as required by law. Following discussion, the council concluded they had no dissention against the project but would like to have specific bids before approving the Additional Appropriation request. Little moved to table this request until more detailed information is available. His motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 6-0 vote. Council also concurred that they would be willing to call a special meeting if necessary when bids are received to move the project forward before bad weather this year.

The Council then addressed the Transfer Resolutions presented:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2006 # 15

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 Approved	AYE	NAY
INCREASE:					
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – WABASH CIRCUIT COURT					
0001-0035-03-431-013	Psychiatric Services	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	6	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 FUND – WABASH CIRCUIT COURT					
0001-0035-02-422-018	Law Books	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	6	0

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

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2006 # 16**

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 Approved	AYE	NAY
INCREASE:					
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – WABASH CIRCUIT COURT					
0001-0035-03-431-027	Public Defender –Adult	\$ 3000.00	\$3000.00	6	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 FUND – WABASH CIRCUIT COURT					
0001-0035-02-422-011	Tapes	\$ 32.17	32.17	6	0
0001-0035-02-422-017	Dictation Supplies	100.00	100.00	6	0
0001-0035-03-431-065	Leases & Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	6	0
0001-0035-02-422-018	Law Books	1,867.83	1,867.83	6	0

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

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2006 # 17**

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:

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INCREASE:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND – WABASH SUPERIOR COURT

0001-0036-03-431-065	Leases/Service Contracts	\$ 293.00	\$ 293.00	6	0
0001-0036-04-444-044	Other Equipment	364.80	364.80	6	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 FUND – WABASH SUPERIOR COURT

0001-0035-02-422-018	Law Books	\$ 657.80	\$ 657.80	6	0
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Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 24th day of July, 2006, by the recorded aye and nay vote.

Council reviewed the Transfers requested by the Circuit and Superior Court judges. Transfers #2006-15, 16 and 17 were approved by a 6-0 vote following a motion by Bergman that was seconded by Eppley. The Council then reviewed the following transfer requests submitted by the Health Department.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2006 # 18

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
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INCREASE:

COUNTY HEALTH FUND

0010-0000-04-443-041	Furniture & Equipment	\$ 286.00	\$ 286.00	6	0
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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:

COUNTY HEALTH FUND

0010-0000-02-422-027	Environmental Supplies	\$ 286.00	\$ 286.00	6	0
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Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 24th day of July, 2006, by the recorded aye and nay vote.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2006 # 19

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 Approved	AYE	NAY
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INCREASE:

COUNTY HEALTH FUND

0010-0000-01-412-018	Public Health Nurse	\$ 13,771.00	\$ 13,771.00	6	0
0010-0000-01-413-071	Social Security	1,032.83	1,032.83	6	0

0010-0000-01-413-072 PERF 895.12 895.12 6 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:

HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND

0113-0000-01-412-018 Public Health Nurse	\$ 13,771.00	\$ 13,771.00	6	0
0113-0000-01-413-071 Social Security	1,032.83	1,032.83	6	0
0113-0000-01-413-072 PERF	895.12	895.12	6	0

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

Following review of the County Health requests, Nose moved to approve both Transfer #18 and #19 as presented. His motion was seconded by Eppley and passed on a 6-0 vote of the council.

The Council appointed Gary Wood of LaFontaine to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to continue the term of Phil Mendenhall who has resigned due to ill health. This appointment was approved on a motion by Nose, second by Eppley and a 6-0 vote.

A letter from Douglas C. Lehman, City Attorney for the City of Wabash was presented asking for a Council nomination for the three member Wabash City Economic commission. Lehman stated that Bob Fuller has been a member of the Commission but his term had expired January 31, 2006 and asked the Council to nominate someone to serve from February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2010. Fuller confirmed that he is willing to serve another term and the Council voted 6-0 to re-appoint him following a motion to that effect by Eppley and a second by Markstahler.

Also presented was a Request to Purchase Prior Military Service PERF for the county's contribution to Jon Montague, an employee of the Sheriff's department, returning to the department following two years of active military duty. Bergman made a motion to extend the benefits during this period of active duty and his motion was seconded by Markstahler and approved by a 6-0 vote of the Council.

The Geographic Information System, G.I.S, Committee presented their findings, proposed funding and costs for implementing a G.I.S. system for Wabash County to the Council. The GIS Committee has been researching and gathering information since September of 2005. The Committee had advertised a request for qualifications and bids. After considering the bids received from Sidwell, Schneider, Manatron and WTI (Where Technology Happens), the GIS Committee recommended to the Board of Commissioners that Wabash County go with the Schneider Company system. The Commissioners approved this recommendation on July 17, 2006. Matt Moorman, committee chairman and Kelly Schenkel, County Assessor, represented the committee and explained the committee's research and decisions about G.I.S. for Wabash County. County

Auditor and committee member Jane Ridgeway explained the projected costs and proposed funding sources by the committee. Following the committee's presentation and discussion, Bergman moved for approval to proceed with implementing G.I.S. and his motion was seconded by Markstahler. The council approved this request by a 6-0 vote.

The June 30, 2006 Financial Report was reviewed. The Auditor noted that the General Fund balance of still reflects a \$500,000 Temporary loan from the Local Road and Street Fund as authorized in Resolution 2006-1 approved on March 27, 2006. This loan as required will be repaid to the LR&S fund prior to December 31, 2006.

No other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Eppley, seconded by Little and a 6-0 vote. The next regular meeting will be the August 22, 2006. The council will meet on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M for their regular monthly meeting and then hold Departmental Budget Hearings following the meeting and on August 23rd & 24th.

* Corrected by Council 8/22/2006.