

OCTOBER 23, 2006

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on October 23, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order with all seven Council members present. Prayer was offered by Leon Ridenour.

The minutes of the September 11 meeting were reviewed. Eppley moved to approve the minutes with one amendment and his motion was seconded by Little and approved by a 7-0 vote.

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

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2006 NO. X**

**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 0001				
<b>Auditor</b>				
<b>02-03-431-050 Other Services &amp; Charges- Computer Software T/S/M</b>	<b>4350.00</b>	<b>Tabled</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

For Additional Computer Consultant charges to revise the Kintera Fundware program to work with the Treasurer's office system and the Highway Department Computer program.

After discussion with Tim Lacy of Manatron and LuAnn Layman, Treasurer, Council decided to table the request until more information on balancing between the Auditors Office and the Treasurers Office could be presented. Little motioned the table. It was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 7-0 vote.

<b>02-03-431-050 Other Services &amp; Charges- Computer Software T/S/M</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
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This is Phase Two of the upgrades needed for the Courthouse computer systems. This is for new Tax Billing System software to replace the Manatron ATEK/VAX system in place since 1987. Most of the computer hardware purchased in the spring with Phase One upgrading the financials is already in place for this software. There are some more printers and scanners needed for the various three offices involved.

Bergman motioned to approve the request. It was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**Treasurer**

<b>03-03-431-050 Other Services &amp; Charges- Computer Software Maint/Train</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
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New software for fund accounting in Treasurer's Office.

Council discussed concern for the different offices not on the same system. Markstahler motioned to approve request. It was seconded by Bergman and

passed by a 6-1 vote. Chairman, Fuller, stated he feels this may be a premature action and thus voted nay.

**Sheriff**

**05-02-422-021 Supplies- Gasoline & Oil** **19,600.00**    **19,600.00**    **7**    **0**

Line item currently at a negative \$1637 plus a projected three (3) month shortage of funds (3 x \$6000=\$18,000) for a total of \$19,600.

Sheriff Striker stated paying retail price for gas was the primary reason for the request. Little moved to approve the request. It was seconded by Markstahler and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**County Commissioners**

**29-01-413-074 Personal Services- Sheriff's Pension Fund** **6,723.00**    **Tabled**    **7**    **0**

For processes served: 233 claims @ \$13.00 superior/ 251 claims @ circuit (\$3029 +\$3263 =\$6723)

Berman stated the amount was not advertised correctly. Ridenour made a motion to table request until the December meeting. It was seconded by Bergman and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**29-03-431-010 Other Services & Charges- Legal Consultant** **1,274.50**    **1,274.50**    **7**    **0**

For Legal Consultant advice for Ambulance Services Agreement. Invoice # 95948: 7/12/2006

The current bill was for attorney assistance to work through the contract regarding Dr. Dillman.

Council discussed the necessity for legal aide with some expertise in writing and reviewing contracts. Nose moved to approve request. It was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**County Jail**

**33-03-435-053 Other Services & Charges- Water** **3,250.00**    **3,250.00**    **7**    **0**

**33-03-435-054 Other Services & Charges- Sewage** **4,200.00**    **4,200.00**    **7**    **0**

WATER: Line item currently at a negative \$998 plus a projected three (3) month shortage of funds (3 x \$750 = \$2250) for a total of \$3,250.

SEWAGE: Projected three (3) month shortage of funds: 3 x \$1400= \$4,200.

Discussion ensued as to why water and sewage had increased. Striker stated there was no water running inside building. Water Company was contacted and they stated this was the correct amount. Little motioned to approve request for water and sewage. It was seconded by Markstahler and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**Wabash Circuit Court**

**35-01-412-035 Personal Services- Petit Jurors** **3,000.00**    **3,000.00**    **7**    **0**

To cover deficiency in account caused by jury trials. The last trial was held on September 5, 6 and 7, 2006. The cost for petit jurors totaled \$2,796.40. After the most recent appropriation of \$2,500.00, which was approved September 11, 2006, the balance in the account is now only \$323.59, which will not cover any further jury trials that might occur. Accordingly, this additional appropriation is needed for future costs of petit jurors which we anticipate at this time. Circuit Court has talked with the State, who anticipates that two criminal trials are likely to take place within the next month. The Circuit Court does not know at this time the status of any civil trials which are set for trial

Wabash County Judge McCallen informed the Council that the petit jurors funds are at a deficit and there are still jurors to be paid this year for trials yet

begun. Eppley motioned to approve request. It was seconded by Markstahler and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**Probation**

<b>37-03-439-091 Other Services &amp; Charges-Education</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>37-04-444-042 Capital Outlay- Office Equipment</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

This officer, on behalf of the Wabash County Probation Department, is respectfully requesting that \$2,300.00 is transferred from Adult Probation User fees various accounts to allow the Wabash County Probation Department to upgrade it's current accounting system. Of the requested funds, \$750.00 is to be transferred to Education and Training, to allow Probation Department staff to receive the appropriate training. \$550.00 will be transferred to Office Equipment. Of that \$550.00, \$261.00 will be used to purchase a receipt printer. The remaining, \$289.00 will be used for additional equipment that may be needed to install the new system.

Councilman Ridenour felt the request needed to be broken down differently. Kim Carey, Accounts Payable Deputy Auditor, stated it had been broken down by Funds; part in County General and part under Adult probation Services and was accurate. Bergman motioned to approve request. It was seconded by Ridenour and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY 0002**

**Administration**

<b>38-01-413-073 Personal Services- Hospital Insurance</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
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Increase in premium for health insurance has averaged approximately \$11,000.00 per month. We now have a balance for two (2) months payments and are asking for funds to cover the balance of the year.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, stated the request was due to insurance increase and a current employee choosing to carry the insurance.

Commissioner Templin stated the Fiscal year was April to April and is set by the Insurance Co. Templin also stated if changes do occur, we may not have that budgeted in the current year's budget. So, predicting these increase needs is not always possible. Eppley motioned to approve request. It was seconded by Markstahler and passed with a 7-0 vote.

**Maintenance & Repairs**

<b>39-02-422-041 Supplies- Other Supplies</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
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Maintenance supplies and First aid supplies have seen this account be reduced to almost zero. This request is to cover expenses until the end of the year.

Rice stated insurance has requested vests. Also Supplies fund is \$250.00 in the red and supply costs have gone up. Bergman motioned to approve request. It was seconded by Ridenour and passed with a 7-0 vote.

**General & Undistributed**

<b>40-02-422-021 Supplies- Gasoline &amp; Oil</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
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Fuel & Oil price increases have caused this amount to be inadequate for the balance of the year.

Ridenour motioned to approve. It was seconded by Little and passed with a 7-0 vote.

<b>40-02-422-041 Supplies- Other Supplies</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
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Uniform rental has increased. Plus we have started several new employees which is an unexpected cost. This along with other supplies normally covered by other negative accounts makes this account short for the balance of the year.

Eppley motioned to approve. It was seconded by Bergman and passed with a 7-0 vote.

COUNTY HEALTH 0010

**00-02-422-047 Supplies-Nurse Meds 500.00 500.00 7 0**  
Supplies accounts have been exhausted. The Public Health Nurse Department is in need of needles, alcohol wipes, band-aids, Tylenol, and more Tb vaccine from this account. As of September 25, nurses have collected \$1,619 in the County Health fund. I will include a print out of the County Health supply balance.

Council discussed with Kathy Carter-Lower, Health Department, if the shots were only for Wabash county residents. Kathy stated sometimes folks from other counties do get the shots. Bergman stated it is okay if they receive the shots as long as they pay for the shots. Ridenour motioned to approve request. It was seconded by Nose and passed with a 7-0 vote.

Council also discussed with Carter-Lower the advertised position for the Health Department. The position had salary changes over the year due to responsibilities added. Now the responsibilities had been reduced thus the salary was reduced to its original amount. Council felt no changes should be done at this time regarding the salary budgeted.

ADULT PROBATION SERVICES 0060

**00-03-436-074 Other Services & Charges-Maintenance 1,000.00 1,000.00 7 0**  
This officer, on behalf of the Wabash County Probation Department, is respectfully requesting that \$2,300 is transferred from Adult probation User fees various accounts to allow the Wabash County Probation Department to upgrade it's current accounting system. Of the requested funds, \$1,000.00 is to be used for Annual Software support.

Bergman motioned to approve. It was seconded by Ridenour and passed with a 7-0 vote.

COUNTY MISDEAMENANT FUND 0069

**00-03-436-060 Other Services & Charges- Building Repairs 25,072.00 25,072.00 7 0**  
Received \$25,072 from the State for the Misdemeanant Fund. Requesting all this money be applied to Building repairs.

Striker stated these monies come from the state for specific repairs to the jail. Money just needs to be appropriated so it can be used. Ridenour motioned to appropriate. It was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 7-0 vote.

RECORDERS PERPETUATION FUND 0098

**00-03-436-064 Other Services & Charges- Book Binding 2,765.00 2,765.00 7 0**  
Fourteen (14) books need covered and twelve (12) need repair and recovered.

Council discussed with Nancy Gribben, Recorder, different binderies to be used for the books that are starting to dry rot in the Records Office. Nose asked if Heckman Bindery of North Manchester could be used. Gribben said the books would have to be sent out of house with Heckman. Faulkner's Bindery, Inc., the company she would like to go with, comes to the Courthouse and does it here. Little motioned to approve Faulkner's Bindery, Inc. for the request. It was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 7-0 vote.

CUMUATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT 0124

**00-03-436-060 Other Services & Charges- Building Repairs 5,000.00 5,000.00 7 0**

For anticipated county property Building Repairs that may be needed for the remainder of the year due to cuts in the General Fund 2006 budget items.

Commissioner Templin stated funds from the CCD fund for a building repair projects had been depleted and this request is needed for estimated repair projects for the year. Bergman motioned to approve. It was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 7-0 vote.

**Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 23rd day of October, 2006 by the above recorded aye and nay votes. 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 Transfer Resolutions presented:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2006 # 22

**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
COUNTY GENERAL –SHERIFF, COUNTY JAIL				
0001-0005-01-412-015 – Sergeant	\$1749.08	\$1749.08	7	0
0001-0033-01-412-022 – Part time jail ofcr/dispatch	\$1216.70	\$1216.70	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-SHERIFF

0001-0005-01-412-020 - Overtime	\$2965.78	\$2965.78	7	0
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**Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2006, by the recorded aye and nay vote.**

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2006 # 23

**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
<b>INCREASE:</b>				

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

0124-0000-03-436-060 – Building Repairs	\$9756.28	\$9756.28	7	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:

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPEMENT

0124-0000-04-441-021 - Memorial Hall Renovation	\$4025.94	\$4025.94	7	0
0124-0000-04-444-045 - Old State Highway Bldg Repairs	\$5730.34	\$5730.34	7	0

**Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2006, by the recorded aye and nay vote.**

Fuller presented the Salary Ordinance for 2007. Six (6) of the seven (7) Council members had not received the Salary Ordinance. Little motioned to table any discussion for the December meeting so that all members can review. It was seconded by Bergman and passed with a 7-0 vote.

Striker informed Council that information is to be presented to the Commissioners today from an advisory board concerning the Central Dispatch issue. These facts are for the Commissioners to review and to determine how to proceed with the Central Dispatch idea.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash Co. Assessor, informed Council her server is about ready to crash. Schenkel stated she was unsure whether to fix her current system or completely replace it. The cost could be anywhere from \$300.00 to \$10,000.00. Council decided Schenkel needed to take this concern to the Commissioners.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported voting machines for the upcoming election from Microvote are currently being borrowed. The machines are all certified and have new hardware. Draper stated she is waiting on a quote to possibly purchase the machines. Draper also informed Council she is saving money by using current employees to maintenance machines rather than outsourcing mechanics.

Council discussed options on renovating or building new regarding the county Jail. Council decided to create a volunteer committee from the Council to look into options. Bob Fuller, Gary Nose, and Ted Little volunteered to move on being proactive on changes, renovations, and concerns facing our current Jail.

Council discussed the new phone system change. Little asked if any upgrades and costs need to occur before the system will work come January 1, 2007. Commissioner Templin stated it is ready to go at the present time. Templin

also stated upgrades may need to be done in the future and that would be at an hourly rate with Verizon.

No other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ridenour, seconded by Nose with a 7-0 vote. The next regular meeting will be December 4, 2006. The council will meet on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.