

## DECEMBER 18, 2006

The Wabash County Council met in regular Special session on December 18, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order with all six Council members present: Bob Fuller, Dean Eppley, Ted A. Little, Gary S. Nose, Paul Bergman, and Claude Markstahler. Leon Ridenour was absent.

The first order of business was to address the following Transfer Resolution NO. 2006#36:

### TRANSFER RESOLUTION NO. 2006 # 36

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
<b>INCREASE:</b>				
<b>COUNTY GENERAL</b>				
<b>Jail</b>				
0001-0033-01-413-086 – Prisoner Meals	\$ 963.78	\$963.78	6	0
0001-0033-01-413-086 – Prisoner Meals	\$4,039.87	\$4,039.87	6	0
0001-0033-01-413-086 – Prisoner Meals	\$4,499.43	\$4,499.43	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:

<b>DECREASE:</b>				
<b>COUNTY GENERAL</b>				
<b>Sheriff</b>				
0001-0005-03-432-023 - Other Operating Supplies	\$963.78	\$963.78	6	0
<b>Jail</b>				
0001-0033-03-435-053 - Water	\$4,039.87	\$4,039.87	6	0
0001-0033-03-435-054 - Sewage	\$4,499.43	\$4,499.43	6	0

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 18th day of Dec. 2006, by the recorded aye and nay vote.

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This request from the Sheriff for year-end budget appropriations is to move some appropriation balances due to Community Corrections paying towards the utility bills at the Jail.

Following discussion, the Council approved Transfer Resolution No. 2006#36 per the Sheriff's requests on a motion by Eppley, seconded by Markstahler and a 6-0 vote.

Also passed was a **Transfer of Funds Request** by Judge Robert McCallen to transfer the unexpended appropriation amount (approximately \$ 1154.03) for the Public Defender-Adult budget line item in his County General Fund – Circuit Court Budget back to the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund for the 2007 budget year. The Council had previously approved McCallen's requests to transfer \$11,000 from the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund to the County General Fund for anticipated claims for Public Defender – Adult (Pauper Attorney – Adult) expenditures. Following discussion, the Council approved for the Auditor to transfer up to \$1400.00 from the County General Fund back to the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund based on the year-end balance remaining in the budget line item as requested. This transfer was passed on a motion by Bergman, a second by Little and a 6-0 vote.

Council then re-visited the previously presented Salaries and Wage Ordinances for Wabash County employees. For part-time and hourly rated employees a pay range to be set at \$5.95-\$10.25 an hour was approved, which is a 3% increase in the maximum rate. Markstahler made the motion to approve the increase on the basis that this was the same percentage increase given for salaried employees and that said increase would not increase the budget appropriations as set for the 2007 budget. His motion was seconded by Little who stated that he felt the Council wanted to encourage department heads to use part-time help. This amendment to the salary ordinance was approved by a 5-1 vote. Nose voted nay.

Also amended in the Salary and Wages Ordinance were corrections to the Highway truck driver's wages as a new driver was added during the Budget hearings and not reflected in the original Ordinance and the changes to the Probation Officer and Day Reporting Instructor as presented and approved in Transfer Resolution 2006-#27 approved on December 4, 2006.

Council continued to discuss the amended Salaries and Wage Ordinance concerning the County Coordinator position duties. This position was approved by the Council in the 2007 budget as a full time position with up to a \$40,000.00 salary appropriation. Eppley made a motion to approve the presented Salary Ordinance as amended with Commissioner Les Templin continuing his term (for two more years) while assuming additional duties as defined in a position description for the County Coordinator. The Salary Ordinance amended Templin's Commissioner's salary to a total of \$40,000 and removed the separate County Coordinator appropriation. This motion was seconded by Little. Nose wanted to table this amendment due to "reservations about the money available for the 2007 budget and the fact that the County

Coordinator position had not been advertised with applications being received". Following much discussion Little stated that the Council had put \$40,000 in the budget for the position and this option has the opportunity to save the county \$17,000 while "bridging a gap" in establishing this new position. The chairman then called for a vote on the motion as previously made by Eppley and seconded by Little. Bergman, Nose, and Markstahler all voted Nay. Fuller stated that although he is in favor of the presented amended Salary Ordinance, due to the split of the Council he would vote nay. The Salaries and Wage Ordinance amendment was denied as presented with a 2-4 vote. (Eppley and Little voting aye, Bergman, Nose, Markstahler and Fuller voting nay.) Bergman then moved to approve the Salary and Wage Ordinance for 2007 with Templin's Commissioner salary the same as the other two at \$16,995 (and the County Coordinator position still in at up to \$40,000). His motion was seconded by Markstahler and approved on a 4-2 vote. (Bergman, Nose, Markstahler and Fuller voting aye and Eppley and Little voting nay.)

The Auditor asked the Council to review a letter from Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker concerning the Commissary Clerk wages for the year 2007. Striker stated that he had agreed to pay the salary of the Commissary Clerk at an hourly rate of \$11.25 per hour for the year 2007 from the Commissary funds and that any Social Security (employer share) wages will continue to be paid by the County (Commissioners' budget). The Council was in agreement with the letter.

No other business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Bergman seconded by Nose. The next meeting will be an organizational meeting with the newly elected Council to be held January 22, 2007, at 8:00 A.M., on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse in the former Circuit Court room.