

**JANUARY 25, 2010**

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2010 at the Wabash County Courthouse. Auditor Jane Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with all members present: Gary Nose, Jim Kaltenmark, Mike Ridenour, Ted Little, Claude Markstahler, Daryl Evans and Randy Curless. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

Ridgeway opened the nominations for County Council Chairman. Little made a motion to elect Ridenour as Chairman of the Wabash County Council; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark. Markstahler made a motion to nominate Randy Curless as Chairman; his motion was seconded by Ridenour. Evans made a motion to close the nominations; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed with a 7-0 vote. Ridgeway called for a show of hands for Ridenour as Chairman; 5 votes. Ridgeway called for a show of hands for Curless; 1 vote. Ridenour was elected Chairman of the Wabash County Council by a 5-1 vote.

Ridgeway turned the meeting over to County Council Chairman Ridenour. Ridenour opened the nominations for County Council Vice Chairman. Kaltenmark made a motion to elect Curless as Vice Chairman; his motion was seconded by Little. Markstahler moved to nominate Kaltenmark as Vice Chairman; his motion was seconded by Ridenour. Ridenour called for a show of hands for Kaltenmark; 5 votes. Ridenour called for a show of hands for Curless; 1 vote. Kaltenmark was elected as Vice Chairman of the Wabash County Council by a 5-1 vote. Prayer was offered by Mike Ridenour.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting. Markstahler made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 6-0 vote. Ridenour was absent from the December meeting.

Ridenour opened the floor for resident Cheryl Ulshafer who had requested time to express her concerns regarding jail issues. Ulshafer also voiced her concerns about the Sheriff's salary and perks that accompany that position. Ridenour stated he would like Ulshafer to contact him to arrange a time for them to meet with Sheriff Striker to discuss any further concerns.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation requests as advertised:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2010 NO. 1**

**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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**WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND**

**0022-0000-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund**

– City Ct. Claims served Jan – Nov, ’09	\$ 4,719	7	0
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This is for Wabash City Civil Process papers that were served by the Wabash County Sheriff’s Department; the Sheriff Pension Fund received \$13 for each civil process paper served. Wabash City Court has paid these fees monthly, but the money was not put into the Pension Fund.

Striker stated they are working to insure that the proper fees for serving Civil Process warrants from Superior Court, Circuit Court, City Court and the Sheriff’s Sales fees go into the Sheriff’s Pension Fund. Ridgeway stated the Clerk’s County Court costs do go into the Sheriff’s Pension Fund and that is where current additional appropriations are made. The Council did not budget any appropriations in the General Fund to be used for pension contributions and that is why an underfunding was discovered. Extra funds will be needed to meet obligations on the contributions. Ridgeway stated last year’s required contribution was approximately \$102,000 and this year it is set at \$154,894. Ridgeway requested a committee be formed to review how claims are calculated from the courts and to understand how to ensure obligations are being met. Ridgeway invited the Council to appoint a representative for this committee. Ridenour stated it would be good to have a Council and Commissioner Representative on this committee. Ridenour requested this be placed on the agenda for next month’s meeting. Markstahler made a motion to approve City Court Process Claims from January to November 2009 totaling \$4,719; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**0022-0000-05-451-001 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund**

– Claims served – November, 2009	\$ 3,994	\$ 3,994	7	0
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**207 Claims @ \$13 for Superior Court, 90 claims @\$13 for Circuit Court and Secretary’s Report**

Markstahler made a motion to approve request for claims served for November 2009 totaling \$3,994; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**0022-0000-05-451-001 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund**

– Claims served – December, 2009	\$ 5,148	\$ 5,148	7	0
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**207Claims @ \$13.00 for Superior Court, 165 Claims @13.00 for Circuit Court, 24 Claims for City Court and Secretary’s Report**

Markstahler made a motion to approve claims served for December 2009 totaling \$5,148; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND**

**0111-0000-03-439-102 Other Services & Charges–The Access**

– Access Reality	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	7	0
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0111-0000-03-439-103 Other Services & Charges–Manchester College				
- Prevention/Education	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-115 Other Services & Charges–Northfield High School				
- After Prom 2010	\$ 500	\$ 500	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-107 Other Services & Charges–Southwood High School				
-Peers Ed Peers	\$ 500	\$ 500	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-107Other Services & Charges–Southwood High School				
-After Prom 2010	\$ 500	\$ 500	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-113 Other Services & Charges-Wabash High School				
-Post Prom 2010	\$ 600	\$ 600	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-014 Other Services & Charges- Bowen Center				
- Low Income Treatment	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-112 Other Services & Charges–Hands of Hope –				
Victims Advocacy	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-103 Other Services & Charges–Manchester College				
- Student Treatment/Intervention	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-114 Other Services & Charges-Wabash Co. Drug Court				
-Testing Compliance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-103 Other Services & Charges-Manchester College				
- Breathalyzer Students	\$ 675	\$ 675	7	0
Other Services & Charges-North Manchester Police				
- Drug Field Test Kits	\$ 800	\$ 800	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-117 Other Services & Charges– North Manchester Police				
-Drug Enforcement Conference	\$ 800	\$ 800	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-123 Other Services & Charges– North Manchester Police				
-Alco sensor Purchase	\$ 2,820	\$ 2,820	7	0
0111-0000-03-439-124 Other Services & Charges– Wabash Co. Sheriff Dept				
- Overtime Enforcement	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	7	0

These are the 2010 Community Drug Free Grant Aaction Committee Recommendations.

Trisha Hanes, AAction Board Chairperson, stated monies for the grant are collected through the courts. A \$200 fee is added to each drug or alcohol related offense; 75% of the fee goes to the AAction Grant and 25% goes to the State. Grant requests are accepted from various organizations. The AAction Board chooses who receives grants and how much will be awarded. Monies are then allocated to the chosen groups to fund drug and alcohol free activities. Hanes stated requests are 95% standard from year to year except for The Access which does change its programs. Haines stated she had spoken with Commissioners about the idea of reaching the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade age group. Hanes stated they have sent out letters to schools informing them this option for a grant request is available. Haines stated the results of funding are evidence based; individuals complete a survey after the programs. Evans made a motion to approve the AAction grants as presented totaling \$23,895; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed with a 7-0 vote.

**PLAT BOOK COLLECTIONS FUND 0170**

0170-0000-05-451-001Other Services & Charges				
- Book Binding	\$2,800	\$2,800	7	0

As of December 31, 2009 we have deposited \$14,871 into the Auditor’s Plat Book Fund. I would like new casings put on twenty-three (23) of our older Plat and Transfer books and also the necessary repair/glue ten (10) of them. I have a quote from Faulkner’s Bindery of Tipton for \$100 a book for casings, \$65 for additional repair.

Markstahler made a motion to approve request for book binding in the Auditor’s Office totaling \$2,800; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed with a 7-0 vote.

The next order of business is to address Transfer Resolution No. 2010-1;

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
NO. 2010-1**

**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, 2010 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>DECREASE:</b>				
<b>CO GENERAL FUND</b>				
0001- 0029-05-451-007	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	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:**

<b>INCREASE:</b>				
<b>POLICE PENSION FUND</b>				
0022-0000-01-413-074	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	7	0

**This money is from Sheriff Sales in September, October and November of 2009 that was put into the General Fund when it should have been put into the Wabash County Police Pension Fund.**

Ridgeway stated she is working with the Sheriff and his staff, the City Court and Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper to best track receipt of funds that can be deposited into the Sheriff’s Pension Fund. Ridgeway stated the committee could understand and designate specific fees entitled to be used by the Pension fund and know exactly what the General Fund must contribute. Markstahler asked how fees are collected from the Sheriff Sales. Striker stated the Sheriff Sales are facilitated by Lieberman Technologies. For every home that is sold \$100 goes to the General Fund and \$100 to Lieberman – this \$200 cost is assessed to the bidder. Markstahler made a motion to approve transfer of September, October and November 2009 Sheriff Sale funds from General Fund to the Police Pension Fund; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 25th day of January, 2010, by the above aye and nay vote.**

**COUNCIL REVIEWED:**

- 2009 Financial Reports & Year-end Fund Balances
- Nose stated Treasurer Sharon Shaw presented a report comparing the percent of collected taxes from 2007 pay 2008; \$17,422,898.46 due, \$15,845,856.12 collected and 2008 pay 2009; \$16,745,167.60 due, \$15,032,744.77 collected. Shaw stated the percentage of collection was approximately 90% for both years. Of the 1.7 million outstanding delinquent amounts due, 8% has been collected.
- Ridenour stated the LOIT (Levy Freeze) Stabilization Fund is at 1.6 million dollars as of Dec 31, 2009. Ridgeway stated the certified distribution amounts were received last week but, Darren Bates of DataPitStop noticed that they did not reflect our changes in LOIT distribution percentages to 60/40 from 50/50. Ridgeway stated they immediately contacted the State Auditor's Office who is correcting the error. Ridgeway was also informed the reason the rate was not changed was due to the fact that the ordinance to lower the levy growth rate from .4% to .32% adopted September 8, 2009 by the Council, had been rejected by the Department of Revenue. According to State IC Code, we are prohibited from decreasing the levy growth rate. Ridgeway stated she had received no official notice of the denial and has requested an official document specifying why we were prohibited from lowering the rate. The State has informed Ridgeway that they are looking into the matter. Ridgeway stated the ability to change the levy growth rate may require a petition to the legislature. Nose stated this money is just sitting in an account when it should be working in the county in this difficult economy. Ridenour stated this money is set aside in case of a shortfall in the collection of property taxes. If we do not raise the levy growth replacement rate and our needs raise, which we know they will, this will underfund the property tax collection and we will use the monies in the Stabilization Fund. Ridgeway stated property tax collection will also be affected by the new circuit breakers that are in place. Ridgeway also stated for the past two years we had the HEA1001 money that gave property tax credits to Homesteads that kept us from needing to use the Stabilization Funds.
- Ridgeway then presented Departmental Requests for Encumbrances from the 2009 Budget:

**ENCUMBRANCES TO  
2010 WABASH COUNTY BUDGET**

**Encumbrances  
Requested**

12/31/2009

**Clerk of the  
Courts**

02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	327.23
<b>0001-0001</b>	<b>Total Clerk</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>327.23</b>

**Auditor**

02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	238.79
03 431 050	Computer SW Maintenance	\$	155.00
<b>0001-0002</b>	<b>Total Auditor</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>393.79</b>

**Treasurer**

03 432 023	Travel/Mileage	\$	204.64
<b>0001-0003</b>	<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>204.64</b>

**Sheriff**

02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	803.83
02 422 021	Gasoline & Oil	\$	5,251.15
02 422 025	Other Garage & Motors	\$	704.65
02 422 044	Uniforms	\$	767.45
03 432 024	Extradition Travel	\$	275.47
<b>0001-0005</b>	<b>Total Sheriff</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,802.55</b>

**Surveyor**

01 412 019	PT Clerical Hrly	\$	1,722.00
01 412 020	Overtime	\$	31.38
02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	495.71
02 422 000	Operating Supplies	\$	29.99
02 422 021	Gas Oil Supplies	\$	34.76
03 432 023	Travel/Mileage	\$	22.44
03 435 024	Telephone	\$	50.00
03 436 062	Equipment Repair	\$	345.00
03 436 064	Book Binding	\$	200.00
03 439 091	Dues, Conferences	\$	180.00
<b>0001-0006</b>	<b>Total Surveyor</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,111.28</b>

**Extension Office**

01 412 019	PT Clerical Hrly	\$	72.00
<b>0001-0020</b>	<b>Total Extension Office</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>72.00</b>

**Co Plan Commission**

01 412 013	Clerical Hourly	\$	282.19
02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	652.99
03 431 050	Computer IT support	\$	407.54
04 444 042	Office Equipment	\$	1,597.23
<b>0001-0022</b>	<b>Total Co Plan Commission</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,939.95</b>

**PTABOA Board of Appeals**

01 412 083	Board Members Per Diem	\$	225.00
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**0001-0023 Total PTABOA \$ 225.00**

**Drainage Board**

02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	211.38
03 431 000	Professional Services	\$	7,300.00
03 431 011	Contractual Attorney	\$	2,430.00
03 431 050	Software & Training	\$	1,000.00
03 433 031	Printing	\$	72.00
03 436 054	GIS Watershed/Drain Layer	\$	11,637.56
<b>0001-0024</b>	<b>Total Drainage Board</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,650.94</b>

**Weights & Measures**

03 432 023	Travel	\$	113.20
<b>0001-0026</b>	<b>Total Weights &amp; Measures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>113.20</b>

**GIS**

02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	715.56
02 421 020	Computer Software	\$	12,590.00
03 431 017	Software Installation	\$	1,200.00
03 431 018	IT Coordinator Support	\$	519.50
03 432 023	Travel/Mileage	\$	590.80
03 434 065	Maintenance	\$	1,156.00
03 439 011	Seminar/Workshops	\$	3,711.77
<b>0001 0027</b>	<b>Total GIS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,483.63</b>

**County Commissioners**

03 431 011	Comm Attorney	\$	1,396.00
03 433 033	Legal Ads	\$	85.68
03 439 051	Christmas Lighting	\$	1,652.55
03 439 062	Copier Maint	\$	123.95
03 439 097	Soldier Burial	\$	200.00
03 439 099	Wards/Ct & St Institutions	\$	15,872.00
<b>0001-0029</b>	<b>Total County Commissioners</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,330.18</b>

**Courthouse**

02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	70.49
02 422 016	Janitor Supplies	\$	329.26
03 436 060	Building Repair	\$	102.03
03 436 062	Equipment Repair	\$	103.60
03 436 067	Lawn Care	\$	12.23
<b>0001-0032</b>	<b>Total Courthouse</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>617.61</b>

**County Jail**

01 413 086	Meals For Prisoners	\$	5,686.52
02 422 000	Other Operating Supplies	\$	348.26
02 422 016	Janitorial Supplies	\$	520.67
02 422 035	Salt for Softner	\$	77.88
02 422 044	Uniforms	\$	281.82
<b>0001-0033</b>	<b>Total County Jail</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,915.15</b>

		<b>Circuit Court</b>		
02 421 011	General Office Supplies	\$	43.48	
03 431 065	Leases, Service Contracts	\$	250.00	
03 432 092	Crim Depos/Trans	\$	231.00	
<b>0001-0035</b>	<b>Total Circuit Court</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>524.48</b>	

		<b>Superior Court</b>		
01 412 035	Petit Jurors	\$	1,242.40	
03 439 096	Meals & Lodging	\$	185.51	
<b>0001-0036</b>	<b>Total Superior Court</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,427.91</b>	

		<b>Probation Dept</b>		
02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	195.30	
02 421 012	Printing	\$	35.00	
03 431 065	Service Contracts/Leases	\$	15.54	
03 435 052	Gas	\$	41.34	
<b>0001-0037</b>	<b>Total Probation Dept</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>287.18</b>	
<b>TOTAL 0001 COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>87,426.72</b>	

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND**

02 422 033	Calcium Chloride (Salt)	\$	9,925.25	
<b>0002-0039</b>	<b>Total Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,925.25</b>	
02 422 021	Gas Oil Lubricants	\$	18,108.81	
<b>0002-0040</b>	<b>Total General &amp; Undistributed</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,108.81</b>	
<b>TOTAL 0002 COUNTY HIGHWAY</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>28,034.06</b>	

**COUNTY HEALTH FUND**

02 421 012	Official Records	\$	157.19	
02 422 047	Nurse Medicines	\$	30.00	
03 431 010	Legal Services	\$	500.00	
03 431 065	Contract Services	\$	232.75	
03 432 023	Travel/Mileage	\$	53.16	
03 439 058	Environmental Health Care	\$	27.44	
03 439 059	Biohazard Disposal	\$	177.96	
03 439 091	Dues/Subscriptions	\$	50.00	
04 444 042	Office Machines	\$	425.81	
<b>TOTAL 0010 COUNTY HEALTH</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,654.31</b>	

**CUMULATIVE REAPPRAISAL FUND**

03 431 013	Land Contract	\$	21,452.37	
03 431 065	Copy Machine Lease	\$	130.79	
<b>TOTAL 0041 CUMULATIVE REAPPRAISAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>21,583.16</b>	

**JUVENILE PROBATION FUND**

02 422 000	Day Reporting Supplies	\$	1,628.32	
<b>TOTAL 0061 JUVENILE PROBATION</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,628.32</b>	



<b>RECORDERS PERPETUATION FUND</b>		
02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$ 340.00
<b>TOTAL 0098 RECORDERS PERPETUATION</b>		<b>\$ 340.00</b>

<b>HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND</b>		
03 439 113	Flu & Pneumonia Vaccines	\$ 320.00
03 439 114	Well Baby Clinic	\$ 155.00
<b>TOTAL 0113 HEALTH MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>\$ 475.00</b>

<b>WABASH COUNTY CREDIT FUND</b>		
\$		
03 439 117	No Manchester TIF District	\$ 24,687.50
\$		
03 439 123	Lafontaine TIF District	\$ 7,237.50
\$		
03 439 130	CR 800 North Project	\$ 3,395.95
<b>TOTAL 0121 WABASH CO CREDIT FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 35,320.95</b>

<b>CUM CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>		
03 431 012	Jail Study	\$ 2,680.77
03 436 060	Building Repairs	\$ 425.00
04 441 046	Courthouse Doors & Windows	\$ 69,268.83
04 441 053	Commissioners Meeting Room	\$ 96,729.03
<b>TOTAL 0124 CUM CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		<b>\$ 169,103.63</b>

<b>DRUG COURT FUND</b>		
03 431 035	Contractual Field Officer	\$ 435.00
<b>TOTAL 0158 DRUG COURT FUND</b>		<b>\$ 435.00</b>

<b>H1 N1 FUND</b>		
02 422 047	Supplies - Nursing Supplies	\$ 12,584.66
03 431 065	Contractual Services	\$ 5,407.50
03 432 023	Travel Expense	\$ 2,065.20
03 439 011	Education & Training	\$ 523.56
03 439 092	Educating Public	\$ 730.18
<b>TOTAL 0190 H1 N1 FUND</b>		<b>\$ 21,311.10</b>

Little made a motion to approve all the encumbrances; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed with a 7-0 vote. Ridgeway commended Department Heads for working within the budgets that were approved last year.

- Council Meetings/Member Listings/Website Information
- Sheriff's Commissary Reports -2009  
Ridgeway stated she will provide a semi-annual report to Council.
- Council Board Appointments for the 2010 year:

E-911	Markstahler
Community Corrections	Kaltenmark
Solid Waste	Curless
Animal Control	Kaltenmark
GIS	Ridenour
Emergency Mgt & LEPC	Nose
Plan Commission	Little
Sheriff's Pension Committee	Markstahler

- Appointment to Convention Visitors Bureau Commission  
 Little made a motion to appoint Evans as Council representative to the Convention Visitors Bureau Commission; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote.

There was no other business. Little made a motion to adjourn; his motion was seconded by Curless and the meeting adjourned with a 7-0 vote.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 22, 2010 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 5:00 P.M.

**The following individual attended the January 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:**

*\*If any names are spelled incorrectly, we apologize.*

Louella Krom  
 Bonnie Corn  
 Bob Land  
 Cheryl Ulshafer  
 Sheila Rhoades  
 Jack and Sandra Ferguson

\*Approved as written – February 22, 2010