

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2010 at the Wabash County Courthouse. Prayer was offered by Jim Kaltenmark. Chairman Mike Ridenour called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with six members present: Mike Ridenour, James Kaltenmark, Gary Nose, Ted Little, Daryl Evans and Randy Curlless. Claude Markstahler was not in attendance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the January 25th meeting. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed 6-0.

The Council then addressed the Additional Appropriation requests as advertised:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2010 NO II

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 FUND 0001

Emergency Management 0031

0001-0031-01-412-012 Personal Services

- Assistant EMA Director	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	6	0
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This request is to carry out duties assigned as the Director will be implementing the set up and operation of the Central Dispatch Department, March – December 2010. Salary paid from this account qualifies for a 50% reimbursement from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security subject to meeting the goals set for the reimbursement period; currently July 1- June 30 fiscal year.

Bob Brown stated Keith Walters currently volunteers 1,400 hours per year. He has been able to assist Brown in a number of important projects. Brown stated the plan is for this to be a permanent position. The Emergency Management Performance Grant has matched salaries since the 1980's and should continue to provide 50% reimbursement. Ridenour asked if there was a way to pay this position on an hourly basis to avoid the creation of a new position. Brown stated yes. The rate of compensation is up to the Council. Little stated this position is to assist Brown as he assumes the additional duties in the position of Central Dispatch Director. Little made a motion to approve the Assistant EMA Director salary totaling \$5,000 for the remainder of 2010; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed 6-0.

Central Dispatch 0038 (New)

0001-0038-02-421-011 Supplies – Office Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	6	0
0001-0038-03-422-044 Other Services & Charges				
– Uniforms	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	6	0
0001-0038-03-431-014 Other Services & Charges				
– IDACS/NCIC	\$ 7,665.00	\$ 7,665.00	6	0
0001-038-03-433-031 Other Services & Charges				
– Printing	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	6	0
0001-038-03-435-024 Other Services & Charges				
– Telephone	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	6	0
0001-0038-03-436-060 Other Services & Charges				
– Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	6	0
0001-038-03-439-022 Other Services & Charges				
– Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	6	0
0001-038-03-431-015 Other Services & Charges				
- Drug Tests	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	6	0
0001-0038-04-444-044 Capital Outlay				
– Office Equipment	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	6	0

This request is to set up the Central Dispatch Department. The amounts requested are not payable from the E-911 Funds. The amounts requested are for monthly expenses during the 2010 budget year. The Capital Outlay for Office Equipment is for a leased Printer/Copier/Scanner/Fax.

Brown stated many of these amounts are estimates of what will be needed, except for the IDEX-NCIC crime computer for law enforcement. Evans made a motion to approve the expenses for Central Dispatch totaling up to \$15,415; his motion was seconded by Little and passed with a 6-0 vote.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND 0003

0003-0000-03-439-057 Capital Outlay				
– Bridge #645 Design	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	6	0

This request is to re-appropriate funds for this phase of Bridge #645, the North Manchester covered bridge, project which is ongoing project from last year.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent, stated there was a balance of \$110,000 in this account last year from the previous year. When the State reviewed our 2010 budget last year, this was one of the items cut. This is a new appropriation due to the fact that last year’s appropriations were eliminated. The engineers are in the process of making the tracings and obtaining approval from the State Historical Society. Amones stated he is not sure if construction will start this year. Evans made a motion to approve the appropriation totaling \$75,000; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 6-0 vote. Little asked how the current salt supply was this year. Amones stated he has purchased 720 tons of a 1,600 ton bid that was accepted for the 2010 year. Amones stated we are in good shape.

WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND 0022

0022-0000-05-451-001 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension				
– Superior Claims served – January, 2010	\$ 3,341.00	\$ 3,341.00	6	0
0022-0000-05-451-001 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension				
– Circuit Claims served – January, 2010	\$ 2,431.00	\$ 2,431.00	6	0
0022-0000-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension				
– City Ct. Claims served January, 2010	\$ 429.00	\$ 429.00	6	0
0022-0000-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension				
– Out of State Claims served – January, 2010	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	6	0

This request is for January 2010; 257 claims at \$13 for Superior Court, 187 claims at \$13 for Circuit Court, 33 claims at \$13 for City Court and the Secretary’s Report.

Ridgeway stated a committee to examine the Sheriff’s Pension Plan funding: Sheriff Leroy Striker, Major Chief Deputy Steve Hicks, Sheriff’s Administrative Assistant Connie Rich, Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper, Merit Board member and former Councilman Bob Fuller, Commissioner Barry Eppley, Councilman Claude Markstahler and Auditor Ridgeway met to discuss the funding situation. The Sheriff can, by Indiana Code, request \$13 for every civil process served but the Clerk’s Office can only collect \$13 per filing. There can be many servings for one case (ten or twelve is not uncommon) but, there may be only one or two services required. The Clerk turns in all collections on the filings but her collections are lower than the actual amount claimed for service. Wabash City is required to pay only a percentage of their Court’s collections. The City charges only \$7 per filing. Striker stated he is working with the City Judge to adjust their fees. Striker stated he is also working with County Attorney Steve Downs on unclaimed bonds as another source of pension funding. Ridgeway also discussed that according to the recommended contribution for 2009 based on the actuarial report of McCready & Keene, Inc. last years’ contribution was \$35,613 short. The amount requested for this year has increased to a total of \$154,894. Investment loss, less interest, increase in benefits, eligibility age and an additional officer are part of the reasons the amount has jumped. Ridgeway also stated the actuarial fees are not included in the amount requested for payment to the pension fund. Actuarial fees were \$3,039 in 2006 and were \$8,312 in 2009. Ridgeway stated there are also bank fees totaling \$1,500 per quarter for the Trustee. Striker stated the increase in the fees is due to changes made by the actuarial group. Connie Rich provided a spreadsheet with a list of Merit Deputy’s salaries with PERF contributions contrasted to the pension fund. Nose stated the amount for the PERF would be a great deal less than the pension fund. Ridenour thanked the Committee for compiling data for Council to review. Little asked if there is a 2011 projection for the pension fund. Striker stated the projection for 2011 is a lower amount. Kaltenmark made a motion to approve Sheriff’s Pension Fund totaling \$6,261; seconded by Nose and passed by a 6-0 vote.

E-911 LANDLINE FUND 0054

0054-0000-01-412-017 Personal Services
 - Wages - Director \$10,765.00 \$10,765.00 5 1

This request is for the new department head compensation, FICA/Medicare: March-December 2010.

Commissioner Scott Givens stated Commissioners recommended that since Bob Brown had spent a great deal of time on the Central Dispatch process he could step into the part-time Dispatch Director position with ease. Wabash County is one of the only counties that have a part-time Dispatch Director. Brown will also be assisted by current E-911 Coordinator Sandy Beeks. Brown stated Sandy Beeks will supervise the dispatchers and will fill in the dispatcher positions during the day time hours as needed. Sheriff Leroy Striker stated there are ten (10) full time employees and thirty (30) hours of part-time per week – (3 shifts 24/7/365) with three (3) employees on duty at all times. Little stated it would be wise to keep as much of Brown’s salary paid through EMA because it is 50% reimbursed by the State. Ridenour stated this job will eventually need to be placed in the wage study process and reviewed at next year’s budget time. Nose stated these salaries seem excessive considering the state of the current economy. Commissioner Givens stated this will save monies long term. Kaltenmark made a motion to approve \$10,765 for the Central Dispatch Director for 2010; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed with a 5-1 vote. Nose opposed.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND 0124

0124-0000-04-444-042 Capital Outlay
 - Central Dispatch Furniture and Equipment \$30,000.00 \$30,000.00 6 0

This request is to purchase items not allowed by E-911Fund for set up of Central Dispatch Department.

Brown stated there is need for the following items: security cameras, auxiliary cooler, security key pad for the entry door, monitors for mapping and weather, electrical, carpet that needs replaced, three (3) chairs, file cabinets, desks, tables and chairs, intercom in the foyer, heavy duty glass, panic buttons for courthouse and courts, battery back-ups and lighting dimmers above the consoles. Commissioner Brian Hauptert stated there is also a lease agreement yet to be decided. Brown stated once dispatchers are working they do not leave the office and they put in a 40 hour week. Striker stated there will be a break room for the employees. Curless made a motion to approve the request for furniture and equipment totaling \$30,000; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 6-0 vote.

EMA - IDHS 2010 GRANT FUND 0137

0137-2010-03-431-065 Other Services & Charges				
- Training & Exercise	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	6	0

Wabash County EMA will be acting as the fiscal agent for this one time grant for Homeland Security District 3. As the Chairman for the District 3 Training and Exercise Committee, all expenditures are sent to the Wabash County EMA office. This is a reimbursement grant and the turnaround time from the State is supposed to be fifteen (15) working days from invoice submission.

This will take place in August or September and a grant agreement will be presented to Commissioners. Brown stated we can charge a 1% to 1.5% handling fee. Little made a motion to approve Wabash County as fiscal agent for District 3 for a total of \$40,000; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by a 6-0 vote.

EMA - IDHS 2010 GRANT FUND 0141

0141-2010-03-431-065 Other Services & Charges				
- Contractual Services - Administrative Coordinator	\$50,000.00	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	

District 3-IDHS Homeland Security contracts for an Administrative Coordinator that handle the district business with the District Planning Committee, the District Oversight Planning committee and all eleven counties in District 3. The counties in the district rotate the fiscal administration of the Coordinator expenses. This is a reimbursement grant from the IDHS.

Brown stated this was withdrawn due to a timing issue.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 22nd day of February, 2010 by the above aye and nay vote.

The next order of business was to address Transfer Resolutions No. 2010-02.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2010-02**

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
DECREASE:				
	E-911			
0054-0000-03-431 Professional Services	\$10,765.00	\$10,765.00	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:

INCREASE:

	E-911				
0054-0000-01-412-017 Dept Head Wages-Director	\$10,765.00	\$10,765.00	6	0	

This request is for Department Head wages and FICA/Medicare: March – December 2010.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 22nd day of February, 2010, by the above aye and nay vote.

Little made a motion to transfer \$10,765 from Professional Services to Dept Head Wages-Director; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 6-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address the amendments to the 2010 Salary Ordinance:

**AMENDMENT 2010 – I
2010 SALARIES AND WAGES ORDINANCE
WABASH COUNTY**

WHEREAS: Public Law No. 231 requires County Councils to fix salaries of County Officials and Employees for the year 2010:

SEC.1. Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that the salaries and wages of County Officials and Employees and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2010 are as follows:

<u>Fund/Acct. #</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>@ 26 pays</u>	<u>Annual</u>
COUNTY GENERAL					
0001-0031-01-412-012	Asst EMA Direct	K. Walters		\$192.31	\$5,000.00
E-911					
0054-0000-01-412-017	E-911 Director	R. Brown		\$414.04	\$10,765.00

**Amendment to Salary Ordinance approved with the 2010 Budget on December 7, 2009,
Amended as approved on the 22nd day of February, 2010.**

Curless made a motion to approve the Salary and Wage Amendment 2010-I as presented; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 6-0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- January, 2010 Auditor and Treasurer Financial Reports
- Claim for ICCA Dues for 2010 - \$140.00 *Council unanimously approved payment of Claim*
- Sheriff's Pension Fund Claims Report 2006-2009
- Wabash County Highway Annual Report for 2009
- LOIT Property Tax Levy Freeze Graphic

H.J. Umbaugh & Associates: Claims for LOIT/POET

Ridenour stated an additional appropriation for the LOIT claim will be on next months' agenda. Nose requested we ask for to be invoiced on a monthly basis if any further work is done with Umbaugh. Poet claims are being reviewed by Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO, Wabash County EDG.

Wabash Plan Commission – Permit Information

Little stated some counties are trying to consolidate mobile homes. Givens stated the planning commission wants to limit the amount of mobile homes allowed in the country; outside city limits.

Laketon Sewer advertised RFPs- moving forward on the sewer project

Notes:

- Ridenour stated he had received a detailed report from Christa Stroup on the employee communication within our county. The report indicated that there is room for improvement in Wabash County Government. Ridenour stated it may be good to spend time at the next Council meeting reviewing a few of the recommendations in Stoup's report.
- Auditor Ridgeway stated Diane Haupt contacted her regarding interest from Wabash County in sponsoring or promoting a presentation by Tim Berry, Auditor of State on the decline of Indiana State revenue. Ridgeway had sent information to the City of Wabash, the Town of North Manchester and Township Officials. North Manchester Town Council has expressed an interest. Council agreed they would be interested in a presentation as well.
- State called County Council Meeting will be held Saturday, June 26th in Indianapolis.
- Phil Dailey expressed a few concerns with county issues to the Council.

Little made a motion to adjourn the February 22, 2010 meeting; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed with a 6-0 vote.

The following individual attended the February 22nd Council meeting:

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

Sheila Rhoades

Phil Dailey

Bill Konyha

Larry Dockter

*Approved as written – March 22, 2010