

## MARCH 22, 2010

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, March 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 all members present: Mike Ridenour, James Kaltenmark, Gary Nose, Ted Little, Daryl Evans, Randy Curless and Claude Markstahler. 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 February 22, 2010 meeting. Curless made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 6-0 vote. Markstahler was not present at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Next the Council heard recommendations for the County Tax Abatement Committee presented by Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO of Wabash County Economic Development Group (EDG). Konyha stated the Novae Corporation, who recently purchased the former Dexter Axle property in North Manchester will be requesting a tax abatement in the near future. Konyha recommended the County Council create a Tax Abatement Committee to address this request and to have a plan in place for any future business interests. Konyha stated the City of Wabash has a Committee and steps in place that the county could parallel. The city deals with commercial, industrial and residential tax abatements. The residential is separate and would not be a part of this process for the county. Konyha stated "agricultural" would also be considered if there is a capital investment and jobs are created. The Committee would consist of two (2) Councilmen, one (1) Commissioner, County Attorney, Auditor, Planning Director, Chamber of Commerce President, and President of EDG as Chair. Konyha stated the Committee reviews the form submitted by the applicant (an SB1 – Statement of Benefits), an interview would be conducted, the committee would vote on eligibility, according to a pre-set point system and the Committee's recommendation would be presented to the Council. Konyha recommended Council adopt a resolution that would establish a Tax Abatement Committee. Curless made a motion to create a Tax Abatement Committee for commercial, industrial, and agricultural tax abatements; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 7-0 vote. Council unanimously approved Ridenour and Curless as Council representatives on the Committee. Commissioners Barry Eppley and Brian Hauptert unanimously appointed Commissioner Scott Givens as the Commissioners' representative on the Committee. The Committee will also include Auditor Jane Ridgeway, County Attorney Steve Downs, Planning Director Mike Howard, Chamber of Commerce President Kim Pinkerton and Konyha as Chair. Ridenour requested a resolution be presented at the next Council meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Council was asked to appoint a member to the Region III-A Board of Directors. Ridenour expressed interest in serving on the board. Curless made a motion to appoint Ridenour as the 2010 Council Representative on the Region III-A Board; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 6-0 vote.

The next order of business was to discuss the City-County Ambulance Agreement. Auditor Ridgeway presented the agreement that furnishes Wabash County with ambulance and rescue service. This agreement will run from 2010-2012 at the same 2% annual increase as the previous agreement: \$159,180 in 2010, \$162,360 in 2011 and \$165,600 in 2012. The agreement was approved by the Wabash City Board of Works on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and approved by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners at their meeting today, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Council requested a quarterly report at their next meeting. Ridgeway stated she would present the report. Kaltenmark made a motion to approve the City-County Ambulance agreement as presented; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 7-0 vote.

The council then addressed Additional Appropriation requests as advertised:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2010 NO III**

**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
<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND 0001</u></b>				
<b>WABASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 0029</b>				
0001-0029-01-412-073 Personal Services				
- Sheriff's Pension Fund - 2009	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 43,500.00	4	3
0001-0029-01-412-073 Personal Services				
- Sheriff's Pension Fund - 2010	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	tabled	

**To fund the recommended Wabash County contributions to the Wabash County Police Pension Fund, per the McCready and Keene, Inc. Actuarial Report. This appropriation is to be used if/when Civil Process Collections from the Clerk and the Sheriff, as well as Sheriff's Sales receipts, are inadequate.**

Auditor Ridgeway stated the recommended contribution amount for the 2009 Pension Fund was \$102,000 but, there was a \$35,000 shortfall. Ridenour stated the \$43,500 request is for the 2009 contribution shortfall and the actuarial and bank fees. Ridgeway stated the actuarial fees were \$3,000 in 2006 and \$8,300 in 2009. The bank fees have remained approximately \$6,000. Little stated he had contacted Elaine Beaty of McCready and Keene, Inc regarding the fact that the Pension Fund was said to be self funded but is not, as well as other questions on the Pension Fund. Little stated Beaty agreed to come to the April 26<sup>th</sup> Wabash County Council meeting to answer any questions that the Council may have on this subject. Little stated if any members have questions, he would be happy to send them to her for prior consideration. Striker stated that the Pension Fund technically has never been fully funded. It is only fully funded as far as there are sufficient funds collected

from the civil process and the Sheriff Sale fees. Striker stated the Sheriff's Sale fees are now deposited into the Pension Fund. The

amount will be noted in the report following the next Sheriff's Sale. Kaltenmark made a motion to approve the 2009 Sheriff's Pension Fund contribution shortfall totaling \$43,500; his motion was seconded by Evans and passed by a 4-3 vote. (Nose, Markstahler, and Little opposed). Commissioner Barry Eppley stated that the 2010 recommended contribution appropriation request had been \$150,000 but the Commissioners lowered the amount to \$60,000 and would ask to appropriate more funds as needed. Nose made a motion to table the 2010 Sheriff's Pension Fund contribution until after the discussion with Beaty at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by a 7-0 vote. Nose and Little extended an invitation to the Merit Board members to attend the April 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting also. Council asked who was on the Merit Board and how they are appointed. Striker stated there are five (5) members on the board for a four (4) year term; three (3) are chosen by the Sheriff and two (2) are chosen by the deputies. Three (3) are registered republicans and two (2) are registered democrats. The current members are Bob Fuller, Christina Lynn, Michael Brane, Terri Weaver, and Dr. Dean Gifford.

**WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL 0030**

0001-0030-03-431-000 Other Services & Charges  
 - Contractual Services - LOIT Consultants \$ 4,839.00 \$ 4,839.00 7 0  
 This request is to cover the consulting services from H. J. Umbaugh & Associates, 2007-2009, concerning the LOIT taxes.

Markstahler made a motion to approve the appropriation and payment to H. J. Umbaugh & Associates totaling \$4,839; his motion was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**SURVEYOR'S CORNERSTONE PERPETUATION FUND 0012**

0001-0012-03-431-011 Other Services & Charges  
 - Professional Services \$ 20,000.00 \$ 20,000.00 7 0  
 This request is to Dig, Reference, Set and GPS Section Corners on State Road 16.

Little made a motion to approve \$20,000 for Professional Services regarding section corners on SR 16; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND 0022**

0001-0029-01-413-074 Sheriff's Pension  
 - Civil Process Collections - February, 2010 \$ 1,274.00 \$ 1,274.00 7 0  
 0001-0029-01-413-074 Sheriff's Pension  
 - Out of State Process Served - February, 2010 \$ 120.00 \$ 120.00 7 0

This request is for the Civil Process Collections for the month of February 2010; Clerk's office civil process collections - \$1,274 and the Sheriff Department civil process collections - \$120.00.

Little made a motion to approve request totaling \$1,394; his motion was seconded by Markstahler and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**H1N1 INFLUENZA FUND 0190**

0190-2009-02-422-047 Supplies – Nurse Supplies	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00	7	0
0190-2009-03-431-065 Other Services & Charges				
– Contract Services	\$ 17,238.00	\$ 17,238.00	7	0
0190-2009-04-444-042 Capital Outlay – Equipment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	7	0

The Public Health Emergency Response Grant will be used for the H1N1 influenza virus clinic. The purpose of this funding is to assist the local Health Department as they vaccinate citizens. This is a part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase. There is \$42,380 that has not been allocated as of this date. Nurse supplies include band aids, contract services: vaccinators administering H1N vaccine, and data entry for CHIRP and Equipment: vaccine refrigerator with more refrigeration space less freezer.

Kaltenmark made a motion to approve request totaling \$27,460 as presented; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote.

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

The Council addressed Transfer Requests as follows:

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
NO. 2010-03**

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>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>				
0124-0000-04-441-076 Other Charges & Services				
-Courthouse Sidewalks	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	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:

**INCREASE:**

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>				
Other Charges & Services – Jail Study	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	7	0

Job Study invoices billed by H. J. Umbaugh & Associates for consulting work with the anticipated appropriation balance due to the estimated fees plus travel expenses, as stated in the agreement.

Little made a motion to approve transfer of \$10,500 from Courthouse Sidewalks to Jail Study; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION NO 4 & TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
NO. 2010-04

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; NOW, THEREFORE:

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>DECREASE:</b>				
<b>COMMUNITY TRANSITION FUND</b>				
0166-0000-00-101-000 Community Transitions-CASH	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	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:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>INCREASE:</b>				
<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND</b>				
0036-0000-04-446-043 Community Corrections-Vehicle Purchase	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	7	0

Our advisory Board approved the purchase of a new vehicle. The plan was to wait and purchase a vehicle but the Community Corrections 2002 vehicle was encountering numerous mechanical problems so, a 2008 Impala was purchased from Shepherd's Chevrolet & Cadillac in North Manchester for a total of \$16,467. It has 6,200 miles, a factory warranty, a certified extension and is E-85 fuel capable. To date, Shepherd's has not been paid.

Evans made a motion to approve the transfer of \$17,000 from CC Cash to CC Vehicle Purchase for the purchase of a 2008 Impala from Shepherd's Chevrolet & Cadillac; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by a 7-0 vote.

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
NO. 2010-05

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>WABASH COUNTY CREDIT FUND 0121</b>				
0121-0000-04-444-004 Capital Outlay – Minimum Security Facility	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	7	0

0121-0000-04-444-008 Capital Outlay – County Farm Structure  
 \$100,000.00      \$100,000.00      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:

**INCREASE:**

**WABASH COUNTY CREDIT FUND 0121**

0121-0000-03-439-125 Other Charges & Services – EDG Incentive Agreement  
 \$200,000.00      \$200,000.00      7      0

The Novae Corporation, the Sure-Trac Trailer Division, has purchased the former Dexter Axle building on SR 114 E in North Manchester. Commissioners approved a \$200,000 CREDIT grant to assist in the development of Novae in Wabash County. The Town of North Manchester also contributed a CREDIT grant totaling \$200,000 and the City of Wabash: \$10,000 in addition to the State’s grants made available.

Markstahler made a motion to approve the transfer of \$200,000 from Capital Outlay to EDG Incentive Agreement; 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2010, by the above aye and nay vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Additional Encumbrances Requests to the 2010 Wabash County Budget**

		Requested as of 12/31/2009	
<b>Treasurer</b>			
02 421 011	Office Supplies	\$	354.27
03 432 023	Travel/Mileage	\$	204.64
04 444 042	Office Equipment	\$	175.00
<b>0001-0003</b>	<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>733.91</b>
<b>Prosecutor</b>			
03 434 040	Professional Liability Ins	\$	1,065.00
<b>0001-0008</b>	<b>Total Prosecutor</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,065.00</b>

Evans made a motion to approve the additional encumbrances as presented; his motion was seconded by Markstahler and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**Review items:**

- **February, 2010 Auditor and Treasurer Financial Reports**

- **2010 Re-Appointment to Local Alcoholic Beverage Commission: Gary D. Wood:** Nose made a motion to appoint Gary D. Wood to the ABC; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Evans made a motion to adjourn the March 22, 2010 meeting; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed with a 7-0 vote.

**The following individual attended the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting:**

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

Bob Land  
Larry Dockter  
Sheila Rhoades  
Bill Konyha  
Kimberly Pinkerton

\*Approved as written – April 26, 2010