

OCTOBER 6, 2008

Wabash County Council met in special session on Monday, October 6, 2008 at the Wabash County Courthouse. Prayer was offered by Jim Kaltenmark. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present: Dean Eppley, Bob Fuller, Gary Nose, Jim Kaltenmark, Mike Ridenour, Ted Little, and Claude Markstahler. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

The minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Little; motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2008 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
		Jail			
Other Services & Charges					
Inmate Medical	0001-0033-03-439-023	36,310.00	\$ 0.00	7	0

Ridenour motioned to bring the Inmate Medical Additional Appropriation off the table. Eppley seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0. Ridenour made a motion to deny the appropriation. Nose seconded the motion. Eppley asked about the total amount for purpose of information are there additional charges beyond the \$36,000.00 Striker clarified that the entities are reviewing it and that the entities are requesting it be taken off until they get their business in line. Markstahler called for the question. Motion passed 7-0.

		Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
		Homeland Security 0146			
Supplies	146-0000-02-422-044	\$ 1,422.56	\$ 1,422.56	5	2
Uniforms	146-0000-03-433-031	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,250.00	5	2
Telephone	146-0000-03-435-024	\$ 159.99	\$ 159.99	5	2
Equipment	146-0000-04-444-044	\$ 5,688.96	\$ 5,688.96	5	2

Eppley motioned to pull the Health Department Additional Appropriation for the use of the Homeland Security Grant off the table. Little seconded; motion passed 7-0. Fuller asked if the department had given any regard coordination of multi-departments in this request. Ridenour has a concern

regarding the shirts. Many taxpayers are questioning this expenditure. Little stated that he discussed this with Dr. Pyle. The concept is that these shirts will be used in crisis situations and it will identify them as a health department official on site. Carter-Lowe that with the new grant that is being applied for 2008-2009 that they will confer with other county entities to identify what the money will be used. Carter-Lowe stated these shirts will be in a "To Go Box" so that they are ready to go when there is a crisis. They are considering having these "To Go Boxes" in several locations in the county. Kaltenmark stated that the number of shirts is not excessive amount if there are multiple locations. Kaltenmark stated that the Council should not be micro-managing departments. Carter-Lowe states she is now designated to monitor grants and that the department will work with other entities in the future. Ridenour requests that the department look at ways to reduce the budget with the next grant that they receive. Little made a motion to approve the \$11,521.51 Additional Appropriations request. Kaltenmark seconded; motion passed 5 -2. Nose & Fuller opposed.

Council continued work on the 2009 Budget - picking up where they left off on August 21st, (when they "pulled the plug"). Council felt they still needed to cut approximately \$630,000 from Department budget requests in the County General Fund to stay within the (Maximum levy allowed). By the end of the evening they feel they have come pretty close. Now that the preliminaries are done, Council asked Ridgeway to calculate and confirm the totals including benefits (Soc Sec & PERF etc.) for a final review and planned Budget Adoption at the next meeting on October 27th.

The Council has tried to give 2% across the board raises for all County Employees with a few exceptions. Council will wait on the Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele (Job Study Consultant) job study report - which will cover job classifications, formal evaluations and suggested pay grades. *

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 27th, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.

No other business, Ridenour made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eppley and the meeting closed with a 7-0 vote.

*Approved as amended on October 27, 2008.