

## WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL 2023 BUDGET HEARINGS

The Wabash County Council met on the second floor of the Courthouse in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, August 16, and Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. and on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. for the Wabash County 2023 budget hearings. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the hearings to order on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Council members present included Matthew Mize, Lorissa Sweet, Matt Dillon, Philip Dale, Sam Hann and Barbara Pearson.

Tuesday, Aug 16 & Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022 Hearings – At the beginning of the budget hearings County Auditor, Marcie Shepherd reported that the growth quotient for 2023 budgets is 5.0% with the estimated 2023 maximum levy at 6,055,867. She had calculated a figure of \$2,669,985 in cuts that needed to be made from the proposed levies and the proposed 2023 budgets of some or all of the tax-rated funds in order to be at the maximum levy allowed.

The 2023 proposed budgets were presented by the elected officials and the directors of the following departments: County Commissioners, County Prosecutor, Veterans Service Office, County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Sheriff, Purdue Extension, Circuit & Superior Courts, CASA Grant Program, Soil & Water Conservation, County Health Department, Central Dispatch, Weights & Measures, County Assessor, County Surveyor, Planning Department, County Recorder, County Auditor, Probation Department, County Highway, Emergency Management, and the County Coroner. The Salary & Wage Committee had recommended that all departments receive an across-the-board 3.5% increase for 2023. Some specific salary increases beyond the 3.5% increase had been requested by the Sheriff's Department, Health Dept., Circuit and Superior Courts. The hearings were recessed to be continued on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022.

Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022 Hearing – Solid Waste Management District presented their 2023 proposed budget.

Monday, September 12, 2022 Hearing – Discussions of a mathematical error was discussed and additional amount was added to the Commissioners budgets.


Council directed the Auditor's office to make the changes to the 2023 budgets and prepare Budget Form 4, the budget approval and signatures and Form 4b that includes the tax levy and tax rates for official approval at the final adoption hearing advertised and scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022.

The following individuals also attended the 2023 BUDGET HEARINGS:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, County Commissioners Jeff Dawes, Barry Eppley, Brian Hauptert, Luann Layman, Lori Draper, Cheri Slee, Kimberly Lundmark and Jim Dixon.


### WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

  
Kyle Bowman, Chairman

  
Matt Mize Vice-Chairman

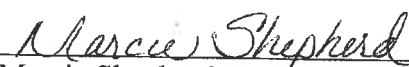
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Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor