

# WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 15, Wednesday, August 16, and Thursday August 17, 2023

Full council was present for the budget hearings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The 2024 proposed budgets were presented by the elected officials and department directors. The council recommended changes to the budgets.

Thursday, August 17, 2023 5:00pm Wabash County Council Meeting

The Wabash County Council met in session on Thursday, August 17, 2023 in the Commissioner's meeting room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Council members present: Bowman, Matthew Mize, Nick Kopkey, Matt Dillon, Philip Dale, and Gary Ridenour. Sam Hann was absent. Bowman opened with a word of prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by County Auditor Marcie Shepherd.

Chairman Bowman requested that those present silence their cell phones and stated that all public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items are permitted and encouraged.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 Council meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kopkey seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0-1 abstain (Mize) vote.

The 2024 Estimated Property Tax Caps Impact report and the estimated tax levy amounts for all taxing units were reviewed. Council recommended the taxing units to stay within the growth factor for the year and to adhere to the limits set by the DLGF.

## TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2023-85-02

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, 2023, the following 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:

INCREASE		Amount	Amount	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND		Requested	Approved		
<u>Purdue Extension:</u>					
Office Supplies	1000-21100-000-0020	\$3,623.00	\$3,623.00	6	0
<u>Coroner</u>					
Other Equipment	1000-40440-000-0007	\$ 3,524.00	\$3,524.00	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.

DECREASE		Amount	Amount	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND		Requested	Approved		
<u>Purdue Extension:</u>					
Part Time Secretary	1000-11906-000-0020	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	6	0
Summer Help	1000-11801-000-0020	\$1,623.00	\$1,623.00	6	0
<u>Coroner</u>					
Autopsy Supplies	1000-22410-000-0007	\$3,524.00	\$3,524.00	6	0

Geoffrey Schortgen, Purdue Extension Director, explained that they have a shortfall in the office supplies due to increased demand. Dale made a motion to approve the transfer. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Ken Brown, Wabash County Coroner, explained that the current desks and office furniture are not functional, leaving little room to work. Brown explained he went down to the current jail/sheriff's office and looked at the desks that will be available. None would fit in the space. Dillon made a motion to approve the transfer. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is September 18, 2023 @ 6:00pm.

Items for Review:


- Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for July 2023
- Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for July 2023
- Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation July & August 2023


**The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:**

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucro, Brian K. Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes, Tyler Guenin, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Ryan Baker, Kimberly Lundmark, Ken Brown, Cole Wyatt, Cheri Slee, Mindy Mayes, Jessi Huston, and Dave Nelson. Via Zoom: CAR

**WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

  
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Kyle Bowman, Chairman


  
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Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman

  
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Sam Hann

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Matt Dillon

  
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Nick Kopkey

  
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Philip Dale

  
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Gary Ridenour

Attest:   
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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor