

**JULY 27, 2009**

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2009 at the Wabash County Courthouse. Prayer was offered by Mike Ridenour. Chairman Ridenour called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with all members present: Gary Nose, Jim Kaltenmark, Mike Ridenour, Ted Little, Daryl Evans, Claude Markstahler and Randy Curless. 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 June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Evans made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Ridenour asked Todd Samuelson of Umbaugh & Associates, Inc. to provide an update on Local Option Income Tax (LOIT). Adoption can now be extended now through October. Extension of LOIT deadlines is now:

- Amendments prior to October 1 – effective October 1st
- Amendments from October 1 thru 15 – effective November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Amendments from October 16 thru 31 – effective December 1<sup>st</sup>

Ridenour recommended the Council hold off on the LOIT decision to allow additional data to be provided. Kaltenmark stated it is prudent to wait for additional information since there has been an extension of the decision deadlines. Darren Bates distributed the latest Property Tax and Circuit Breaker Projections for 2010. Ridenour thanked Samuelson and Bates for their time. Ridenour asked the Council Members to review the information for a decision later. Wabash County resident Bob Pattison asked that the public be notified of when the LOIT discussion will be addressed again.

The next order of business was to address requests as advertised for Additional Appropriations:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2009 NO VII**

**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>COUNTY GENERAL FUND 0001</b>				
<b>SHERIFF 0001-0005</b>				
0001-0005-04-444-044 Capital Outlay– Other Equipment			7	0
–Vehicle camera (AAction Grant)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000		

Sheriff Striker asked Council to appropriate this Drug Fee Community Aaction grant to be used for law enforcement by purchasing a vehicle camera.

Nose motioned to approve, Kaltenmark seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMISSIONERS 0001-0029**

<b>0001-0029-03-439-094 Other Services &amp; Charges</b>				
- City Ambulance (CEDIT Transfer)	\$ 156,600	\$ 156,000	7	0
<b>0001-0029-03-439-095 Other Services &amp; Charges</b>				
- County Ambulance (CEDIT Transfer)	\$ 127,500	\$ 127,500	7	0

Commissioners request to transfer Ambulance appropriations back to County General Fund in order to offset the 2009 Judicial Center Bond Payments and Interest from CEDIT Funds as per Bond Ordinance 2000-II. In addition, this request is to Transfer \$154,275 to CEDIT for Ambulance payments made to date (City: \$90,525 and County: \$63,750). Little motioned to approve, Kaltenmark seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**PROBATION 0001-0037**

<b>0001-0037-04-444-040 Capital Outlay – Computer Equipment</b>				
(Probation User Fee Transfer)	\$ 2,809	\$ 2,809	7	0

Trisha Hanes, Probation Office, respectfully requests that this Council approve the transfer of money from the Adult Probation User Fee account to facilitate the purchase of three (3) new computers for the Wabash County Probation Department. As this Council will recall, this officer appeared in front of the Council last year to advise that these three (3) computers were causing significant problems. At that time, this officer suggested a stop gap repair of adding memory and we were able to get another year of use from the aforementioned computers. However, currently, of the three (3) computers, two (2) are barely usable at this time while the third is minimally functional. This officer would submit that these computers are over eight (8) years old; they have served their purpose well. However, they are no longer able to function properly; thus, valuable work hours are being lost due to the speed, or lack thereof, of the computers, the need to “crash” the computer and re-boot and/or the inability of the computer to complete a function. Markstahler motioned to approve the request; Nose seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND 0022**

<b>00220000-01-413-074-Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund</b>				
- Claims served - June ‘09	\$ 4,901	\$ 4,901	7	0

Striker requested is for 245 claims at \$13.00 for Superior Court, 131 claims at \$13.00 for Circuit Court, and the Secretary’s Report.

Markstahler motioned to approve; Little seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND 0011**

<b>0011-0000-04-447-077 Capital Outlay</b>				
- CR 1400N PROJECT	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	5	2

Phil Amones, County Highway Department requests funds to be used to purchase R-O-W, pay for crop damage, and complete construction of a new section of road; this is located on County Road 1400 N, east of County Road 100 W. The existing road was constructed over a peat bog and had settled to the point that bypassing the area is the most cost effective way of correcting the problem.

After much discussion Markstahler motioned to approve; Kaltenmark seconded. Motion passed 5-2. Little and Evans dissented due to the cost of the land purchase. Council Members requested a copy of the Land Appraisal. Ridgeway will email a copy to members.

**WABASH COUNTY CEDIT FUND 0121**

0121-0000-03-439-120 Other Services & Charges – Judicial Bond Payment (General Fund Transfer)	\$ 305,000	\$ 305,000	7	0
0121-0000-03-439-220 Other Services & Charges – Interest on Bonds (General Fund Transfer)	\$ 49,805	\$ 49,805	7	0

County Commissioners request transfer of funds to pay the 2009 Judicial Center Bond Payments and Interest from CEDIT Funds as per Bond Ordinance 2000-II.

Ridenour asked Hauptert to clarify. Hauptert stated that this is fixing an issue that should not have occurred. Nose expressed concern that City is not paying toward the Judicial Center. Ridenour asked if it could be changed. Hauptert stated that he did not believe it could be changed due the way the Bond issue was set up. This Bond will be completed in 2011. Markstahler motioned to approve the transfer; Curless seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009 by the above aye and nay vote.

The next order of business was to address Transfer Requests:

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
NO. 2009-14**

**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, 2009 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>COUNTY GENERAL FUND – CO AGENT/EXTENSION</b>				
0001-0020-03-431-065 Service Contracts	\$ 288.58	\$ 288.58	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:**

**COUNTY GENERAL FUND – CO AGENT/EXTENSION**

0001-0020-02-421-011 Office Supplies	\$ 288.58	\$ 288.58	7	0
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This request is for invoices that were charged in error. This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, by the above aye and nay vote. Little motioned to approve; Curless seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
NO. 2009-15**

**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, 2009 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>COUNTY HEALTH FUND</b>				
0010-0000-02-422-028 Food & Drug Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	7	0
0010-0000-03-436-062 Equipment Repair	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	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:**

<b>INCREASE:</b>				
<b>COUNTY HEALTH FUND</b>				
0010-0000-04-444-042 Office Equipment	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00	7	0

**Kathryn Carter-Lower, County Health Department requests funds for a new computer. Lynn Dannacher, Environmental Food Sanitarian is in need of a new computer. Her computer is not compatible with the software for the new foods program. The computer also needs to have more memory and speed. This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, by the above aye and nay vote.**

Evans moved to approve the request as presented, Markstahler seconded and the resolution passed on a 7-0 vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Auditor presented the following Resolution to transfer remaining fund balances to the Rainy Day Fund as per new legislation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-2009-03**

**A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER REMAINING BALANCES OF  
THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S FUND AND  
THE CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES FUND FROM THE LEVY  
EXCESS FUND TO THE COUNTY RAINY DAY FUND.**

WHEREAS, Public Law 146-2008 repealed the county family and children's fund (IC 12-19-7 before its repeal); and the county children's psychiatric residential treatment services fund (IC 12-19-7.5 before its repeal); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 6-1.1-18.5-17 mandated the county transfer any excess balances from the county family and children's fund and the county children's psychiatric residential treatment services fund to the county levy excess fund; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 182-2009 allows counties to transfer said balances from the county levy excess fund to the county rainy day fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The remaining balance of the county family and children's fund now in the levy excess fund in the amount of \$140,871.54 is hereby transferred to the county rainy day fund.
2. The remaining balance of the county children's psychiatric residential treatment services fund now in the county levy excess fund in the amount of \$238,773.51 is hereby transferred to the county rainy day fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, determine that this Resolution be deemed effective this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

Curless motioned to approve the Resolution 85-2009-03; Little seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**LAKETON SEWER DISTRICT** – Rebecca Warmuth, Pleasant Township Trustee and Stan Bagley, Laketon, reported that they have been through training and are ready to hire a grant administrator. The grant writer will apply for a \$30,000 grant and there will be a local match of \$3,000. Ridenour clarified that the Council had appropriated \$5,000. Warmuth stated that \$1,000 has been used for the income survey that was required to determine that the district qualifies as a low income area. Ridenour asked Warmuth and Bagley to keep the Auditor updated on the progress, so that the Auditor can keep the Council informed.

**COUNCIL REVIEWED:**

June 30, 2009 Financial Reports – *Auditor & Treasurer*

Wabash Carnegie Library – Non-Binding Review of 2010 Budget

Ware Wimberly III, Director, presented the proposed budget of 3.59% increase. Ridenour asked Wimberly what the library's plan is for wage increases. Wimberly stated that an amount was budgeted to be based on evaluations in the 2.5 to 3.5% range. Ridenour stated that the Council has asked all elected officials and department heads to hold wage increases down. Ridenour stated that the County is not doing across the board wage increases, but basing any increases on a comparable job study. When asked about the amount of the tax rates for the library, Wimberly stated that the debt service will be retired next year.

Markstahler made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Evans and passed with a 7-0 vote.

Upcoming Council meetings to be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Wabash County Courthouse are as follows:

- Wednesday, July 29 at 5:00 P.M. - Civil Unit Budget Review of all County Taxing Unit proposed budgets

- Tuesday, August 11 at 5:00 P.M. – Special Session for the Jail Committee Recommendations
- Tuesday, August 18 at 4:00 P.M. – Departmental Budget Hearings
- Wednesday, August 19 at 4:00 P.M. – Departmental Budget Hearings
- Monday, August 20 at 5:00 P.M. – Regular Council Meeting

**The following individuals attended the July 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:**

*\*If any names are spelled incorrectly, or not included, we apologize.*

Sheila Rhoades  
Trisha Hanes  
Helen Elrod  
Dean Eppley  
Bob Patterson  
Leslie Patterson  
Paul Lewis  
Kathryn Carter-Lower  
Teresa Witkoske  
Todd Samuelson  
Darren Bates  
Jim Dixon

Approved as written – August 20, 2009