

AUGUST 25, 2009

Wabash County Council met for the 2010 Public Budget Hearing on August 25, 2009 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 five members present: Mike Ridenour, Gary Nose, Jim Kaltenmark, Daryl Evans, 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 following minutes:

1. Civil Unit Non-Binding Budget Review July 29, 2009. Evans made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by a 5-0 vote.
2. Joint Executive Session August 11, 2009. Nose made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 5-0 vote.
3. Departmental Budget Hearings and meeting August 18, 19, & 20, 2009 minutes. Ridenour stated there was one amendment: "State" growth quotient should be "County" growth quotient: (page 2/letter B - Council's verbal recommendations). Curless made a motion to approve with the one amendment; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed by a 5-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address Transfer Requests:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

NO. 2009-18

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
DECREASE:				
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS				
0046-0000-00-101-000 Project Income	\$71,280.07	\$71,280.07	5	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
INCREASE:				
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS				
0036-0000-00-101-000 Community Corrections Grant Fund	\$71,280.07	\$71,280.07	5	0

This request is to transfer balances to cover some additional expenses. In addition, transfer funds to Grant Fund per Grant for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Evans made a motion to approve Community Corrections transfer totaling \$71,280.07; his motion was seconded by Kaltenmark and passed with a 5-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 25th day of August, 2009, by the above aye and nay vote.

Report and Recommendations of CIVIL TAXING UNIT BUDGET REVIEWS **Comparative Statement of 2010 Proposed Budget and Tax Levies**

The Council reviewed the civil unit budget review process with the unit representatives present and confirmed that they are planning to make the following recommendations to all the Taxing Units for the 2010 Budgets:

- A. Suggested no salary or wage increases be requested due to the county's economic status.
- B. The whole unit's levy can increase not more than the county's growth quotient.
- C. Be aware that the DLGF may cut the presented 2010 budgets if they exceed the maximum levy allowed.

APPOINTMENT TO PTABOA BOARD

County Assessor Kelly Schenkel asked the Council to appoint Deputy Auditor Brenda Conner to the new Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA). The Wabash County Board of Commissioners created a three member board pursuant to the legislative changes in IC 6-1.1-28. The Commissioners appointed previous PTABOA board members Jon Rosen & Bob Lundquist. Conner would serve as the third member and the one with a Level II certification as required. Ridenour recommended that Conner be the Council's appointment, Curless seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 vote.

2010 WABASH COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

First Public Hearing for 2010 Budget

The Council reviewed the Wabash County Budgets submitted by the various departments and made some preliminary cuts and decisions. They are still waiting on the Certified Maximum Levy for 2010. The Council wants to have it before finalizing their approved budgets. The next meeting will be the Final Budget Hearing on September 8, 2009 at which time they expect to have more information for their decisions.

Review and Discussion:

The July 31, 2009 Financial Reports of the Auditor and Treasurer were reviewed.

Ridenour requested the Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) review and discussion be placed on the agenda for the September 8th Council meeting.

No other business, Kaltenmark made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Curless and passed with a 5-0 vote.