

October 19, 1998

Chairman, Ted Little, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Courthouse with all members present after Jim Smith's delayed arrival. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer. Jane Skeans, County Health Nurse, told Council members she is only charging for flu shots this year so she can buy more serum next year. She also noted another local doctor will no longer provide infant immunizations, so her business will pick up. If Jim, who asked Jane to attend this meeting has questions, he can contact Jane individually. Council will talk with possible appointees for the new Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) that replaces the Board of Review next year. They must make two appointments to the five member board that includes the Co. Assessor and two Commissioner appointments. They must select a lay person plus one level two certified assessor/appraiser. Richard Pepple would like Co. Treasurer, Ann Gillespie, to give an accounting of how county funds are managed and invested at the December meeting. He's upset the county has to pay service fees to banks, and would like alternatives explored. Gary Nose reported on the Building Study Committee's progress, and his concerns with the proposed plans and costs. Jim noted he has started his new job as Superintendent of Oak Hill Schools and intends to tender his Council resignation following the December meeting. Council congratulated Jim on his new job, thanked him for his dedication and contributions to the Council during his tenure, and noted he will be missed.

	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
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Additional Appropriations
Ordinance No. VIII

COUNTY GENERAL
Soil & Water Conservation District

113 Personal Services (secretary add'l wages)	96.	96.	7	0
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Funds depleted for accrued severance pay for prior secretary. Bob Whitesel moved to approve as requested, second by Rich, and passed.

County Highway (Administration)

1361 Other Ser/Charges (underground fuel tank removal)	7,000.	7,000.	7	0
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Compliance required by end of 1998. Two tanks to be removed (1 highway & 1 /Sheriff). The Sheriff will pay for removal of his tank at the highway department. Two will be left (1 unleaded gas & 1 diesel) with required monitoring equipment installed with these funds. Rich motioned approval as requested, second by Bob and passed.

Cumulative Bridge

3414 Capital Outlay Br. 41 Beldon	3,500.	3,500.	7	0
3426 " " Br. 506 Huntington St.	9,620.	9,620.	7	0

Both federally funded projects, the final audit shows money is due Butler, Fairman & Seufert for engineering services, says Bob Luce of Butler, ect. In the mean time it's been several years since completion, and funds weren't encumbered on these projects. Eugene Schenkel motioned to approve both accounts, second by Leon, and passed.

3410 Capital Outlay Old St.Rd.15 Multiplate	17,400.	17,400.	7	0
3411 " " Br. 65 700E Chester Twp	12,000.	12,000.	7	0
3412 " " 1300N Groninger Crk	5,500.	5,500.	7	0
3413 " " Br 46 Lagro Twp	8,900.	8,900.	7	0
3415 " " Br 51 Singer Rd.	13,500.	13,500.	7	0
3416 " " Br 100 200S	15,000.	15,000.	7	0
3417 " " Br 171 600E	8,500.	8,500.	7	0
3418 " " Br 25 1000N	7,000.	7,000.	7	0
3421 " " Br 114 Baumbauer Rd	8,000.	8,000.	7	0
3422 " " Br 94 Schmalzried Rd.	14,000.	14,000.	7	0
3423 " " Br 144 1050S	8,500.	8,500.	7	0
3424 " " Br 32 400W	9,500.	9,500.	7	0
3425 " " Br 161 500E	2,000.	2,000.	7	0
3427 " " Br 401 Lagro Corp.	3,160.	3,160.	7	0
3428 " " Br 170 1300N	2,700.	2,700.	7	0
3429 " " Br 103 Cooper Rd	3,800.	3,800.	7	0
3430 " " Br 102 Bailey Rd.	4,300.	4,300.	7	0
3431 " " Br 502 LaFontaine Ave.	1,500.	1,500.	7	0
3432 " " Br 15 650E	2,800.	2,800.	7	0
3433 " " Br 148 Old Slocum Tr	1,500.	1,500.	7	0
3434 " " Br 92 Old 24E	4,500.	4,500.	7	0
3435 " " Br 115 Baumbauer Rd	3,700.	3,700.	7	0
3436 " " Br 503 Water Works Rd	700.	700.	7	0

Funds to repair damages from July storms were incorrectly appropriated from the Highway General Fund last meeting. This corrects the appropriations to come from Cumulative Bridge. Eugene moved approval for all 23 accounts, second by Bob, and passed.

E-911

411 Capital Outlay (No. Man. police/fire equip update)	26,038.	26,038.	7	0
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Their new building is scheduled to open Dec. 6th, and police currently dispatch for themselves, Life Med and the fire department. Rich moved approval as requested, second by Gary, and passed. There was discussion about the ongoing monthly surcharge of \$.80, that was originally planned to be cut back after the contract was paid. Ted asked Commissioners to review future needs and try to estimate projected costs over the next few years.

County Corrections

361 Other Ser/Charges (remove underground fuel tanks)	8,718.	4,110.	7	0
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For 2 tanks removed and a new one installed with monitoring equipment. Tim looked into natural gas instead, and found with trade-in of his current generator, it could be done for about \$14,800. This would be his choice, since no tanks would be needed, and the 20+ year old generator would be replaced. Rich moved to approve \$4,110. for removal of tanks and possible necessary testing costs, second by Gary, and passed. Tim will get additional estimates for a natural gas generator to compare with the \$14,800.+ estimate he has now. 1999 Budget Items: CEDIT budget # 317 (WEDCOR) Council approved \$45,000. motioned by Gene, second by Jim and passed. WEDCOR Board members attended in support of Bill Bradley and his efforts. 35% of the inquiries come over the internet, and it needs upgraded. Bill spends 70% of his time marketing and 30% in administration. His goal is a 60-40 split in funding, public and private respectively. About 35% of Wabash Co. jobs are in the manufacturing sector, and with unemployment at about 3%, the greatest need of local industry is skilled workers. He's involved with workforce development and getting additional skilled training for some. Education should be forever ongoing. Pre-trial diversion # 361 roof repairs for prosecutor office. Council tabled their decision until Mr. Plummer produces the agreement indicating the county agreed to pay for building maintenance. With no further business, Leon moved to adjourn, second by Gene, and passed.

/s/ Ted Little	/s/ Leon Ridenour	/s/ Richard Pepple	/s/ James Smith
/s/ Gary Nose	/s/ Robert Whitesel	/s/ Eugene Schenkel	

Attest: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor