

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, December 13, 2021 in the Commissioner's meeting room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present: Bowman, Matthew Mize, Sam Hann, Matt Dillon, and Philip Dale. Barbara Pearson was present via Zoom, Lorissa Sweet was absent. Bowman opened with a word of prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the 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 October 18, 2021 Council meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Keith Gillenwater, Grow Wabash County CEO, presented a resolution to approve the offer to purchase of 39.69 acres of the ARC Light Business Park. Gillenwater said the bid they received from Midwest Poultry Services LP met all the criteria and came in for more than the asking price. Dillon made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-21 allowing the sale of the ARC Light Business Park by the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$800,000. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Geoff Schortgen, County Extension Director, gave a year-end update. The fair this summer had a good turnout. The Ag, School, and Adult Education programs are doing well. If anyone in the community would need continuing education credits, they can contact him and he can help.

Cole Wyatt, Highway Superintendent, presented a salary adjustment for 2022. Wyatt explained due to the market, competition for CDL drivers has increased. In order to retain and attract qualified individuals, he feels it is necessary to adjust our level of pay. Only a slight increase from the approved 2022 Budget is requested to fund the increase. Wyatt said he did get a favorable recommendation from the PAC. Dale made a motion to approve the 2022 revised pay request with the understanding a Salary Ordinance amendment will be needed. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Trisha Hanes, Interim Chief Probation Officer, presented the 2022 Family Recovery Court Grant Award for \$91,519. Hanes explained they had not received the award before the 2022 Salary Ordinance was done and requested permission to pay the salary included in the grant. Megan Eakright receives a stipend of \$5,000 as the coordinator. Dillon made a motion to approve the pay based on the grant; Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. Bowman made a note to say if the grant stops then the pay will have to be reviewed; it would not automatically be put into the general fund to be paid. An amendment to the 2022 Salary Ordinance will be needed.

Next order of business was an amendment to the 2021 Salary Ordinance.

AMENDMENT #2021-85-02 TO THE 2021 SALARIES AND WAGES ORDINANCE

Whereas: Public Law No. 231 requires County Councils to fix salaries of County Officials and Employees for the year.

SEC.1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana that the salaries and wages of County Officials and Employees and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Fund and Title of Position & Employee Classification</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
COUNTY GENERAL	
1000.11500.000.0008 Secretary/Office Manager	\$1,010.00
1000.11304.000.0009 Investigator I	\$1,010.00
1000.11809.000.0020 High School Intern	\$2,600.00
8897.59205.000.0000 Child Support Officer Trainee	\$5,501.24

Shepherd stated that after budget hearings last year, changes to the salaries of two deputies within the Prosecutors office were modified and a salary amendment would need to be completed.

Prosecuting Attorney IV-D wanted to start a trainee before the retiring person was gone. Schortgen stated they needed to do the amendment for the high school intern because the funds are by a donation and we don't know how much, or if we will get the donation until after a new year begins.

Dillon made a motion to approve the amendment. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

ORDINANCE #2021-85-09

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, 2021, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>HIGHWAY #1176</u>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
Liability Insurance				
1176-30420-000-0038	\$35,785.00	\$35,785.00	6	0

Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt requested increase in liability insurance due to an increase in rates. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Hann seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

	<u>ADULT USER FEE #2100</u>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay				
Computer Equipment				
2100-40400-000-0000	\$14,877.00	\$14,877.00	0	0 - Withdrawn by Hanes

	<u>LECE- LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION #4202</u>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
Education & Training				
4202-30110-000-0000	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	6	0

	<u>SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY #4204</u>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
Other Supplies				
4204-24102-000-0000	\$300.00	\$300.00	6	0

Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin requested additional money for conferences, and a camera to use for the sex offender registry. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Hann seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

	<u>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT #8961</u>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
Econ Dev Programs				
8961-31610-000-0000	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	0	0 - Tabled for more information.

Commissioner Barry Eppley requested appropriation for use of the ARPA funds for Waypoint. Eppley explained the commissioners would like to match the City of Wabash funds to support the new women's shelter. Pearson asked if we had the ARPA plan completed. Eppley said no, they are still working on the plan. Pearson said she thinks this is a worthy cause but feels the council and commissioners need to have a joint committee to get a plan for the ARPA funds before any funds are appropriated.

Dale made a motion to table the appropriation until more information is provided and a plan is completed. Pearson seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
PROSECUTOR				
Personal Services				
Secretary				
1000-11500-000-0008	\$1,010.00	\$1,010.00	6	0

During the 2021 budget meetings, the salary was changed after the submitting of the budget. This is the adjustment to meet the salary.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

	<u>CORONER</u>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
Autopsies				
1000-30120-000-0007	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	6	0

Kenneth Brown, Wabash County Coroner explained due to unforeseen number of autopsies needed, an additional amount is required.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Hann seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
#2021-85-06**

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, 2021, 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:

<u>COUNTY HEALTH #1159</u>	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
#1159-17300-000 Group Health	\$ 3,347.00	\$ 3,347.00	6	0

Explanation provided: Insurance went up past what was budgeted.

<u>COUNTY HIGHWAY #1176</u>	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
#1176-23400-000-0039 Driver Payroll	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	6	0

Explanation provided: Superintendent failed to include paid time off for hourly employees in this account.

<u>GENERAL FUND #1000</u>				
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
COUNTYHOUSE COMPLEX- 0032	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-21600-000 Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	6	0

Explanation provided: The cost of Janitorial supplies has increased.

<u>INCREASE:</u>				
PLAN COMMISSION-22	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-21100-000 Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$250.00	6	0

Explanation provided: To purchase needed office supplies

<u>INCREASE:</u>				
PURDUE EXTENSION-20	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-21100-000 Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00	6	0
#1000-30203-000 Marketing	\$500.00	\$500.00	6	0

Explanation provided: To purchase needed office supplies and expand marketing

<u>INCREASE:</u>				
CORONER- 0007	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-30120-0000 Autopsies	\$6,125.00	\$6,125.00	6	0

Explanation by Coroner Ken Brown: the high volume of postmortem examinations required more funds to cover autopsies needed.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed with a 6-0 vote.

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.

<u>COUNTY HEALTH #1159</u>	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
#1159-31130-000 Vaccine	\$3,347.00	\$3,347.00	6	0

<u>COUNTY HIGHWAY #1176</u>	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
#1176-11115-000-0039 Driver Payroll	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	6	0

<u>GENERAL FUND #1000</u>				
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
COUNTYHOUSE COMPLEX- 0032	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-30220-000 Postage & Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	6	0

DECREASE:

PLAN COMMISSION-0022	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-30440-000 Recording Fees	\$250.00	\$250.00	6	0

DECREASE:

PURDUE EXTENSION-0020	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-11906-000 Part Time Secretary	\$500.00	\$500.00	6	0
#1000-11801-000 Summer Help	\$500.00	\$500.00	6	0

DECREASE:

CORONER- 0007	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-11700-0000 Part Time	\$600.00	\$600.00	6	0
#1000-21100-0000 Office Supplies	\$450.00	\$450.00	6	0
#1000-22400-0000 Bio Supplies Bags	\$375.00	\$375.00	6	0
#1000-22405-0000 Bio Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	6	0
#1000-22410-0000 Autopsy Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	6	0
#1000-24400-0000 Uniforms & Equip	\$700.00	\$700.00	6	0

Dillon made a motion to approve the requests. Dale seconded the motion; it passed with a 6-0 vote.

Shepherd reviewed the 1782 Notices for Budget Year 2022 in the notes of the report. A \$0 budget was adopted for the Local Road & Street fund. An additional appropriation would be needed in 2022 to spend out of this fund. Total budget was under max levy by \$731.00.

Council reviewed:

October\November 2021 – Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports
September\October\November 2021 – Solid Waste Management District Income Statements

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The organizational meeting of the Wabash County Council is Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:


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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, County Commissioners Jeff Dawes and Brian Hauptert, Bob Krouse, Shem Petern, Jim Dixon, and Tenille Zartman. Via ZOOM: Dan Krouse, Rob Burgess.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL


 Kyle Bowman, Chairman
 
 Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman
 
 Sam Hann


 Matt Dillon
 
 Lorissa Sweet
 
 Philip Dale


 Barbara Pearson

Attest: 
 Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor