

April 2, 2001

Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Joann Rauh absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer and minutes of the 1/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Ted Little, and passed. Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman, reported \$28,948.36 was returned to 8 local departments thru the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for snow emergency expenses last December. After discussion, Eugene Schenkel moved to continue to exclude a CAGIT funds distribution to the Solid Waste District in 2001/2002, second by Ted, and passed. Paul Sites says meetings are still continuing, to resolve the ambulance service crisis for the area north of St. Rd. 16. Good bookkeeping records haven't been forthcoming from the current vendor. The group is researching the possibility of assessing funds thru telephone bills. Animal Control Board members, Flo Dahlstrom, Virginia Reahard, Vicki Williams, Harvey Omstead and city assistant police chief Jeff Whitmer, told the board, wages for the department are too low to keep employees, and they're asking \$9.00 per hour for a full time assistant and \$8.00 per hour for part time clerical help at 20 hours a week. Council reminded Reahard she was free to set the hourly wages within her 2001 budget, which was only \$324. less than requested. Dhalstrom says two full time employees aren't enough to keep up with everything. Originally the job was animal control (stray pick-ups), but now health and humane issues are added and book work has increased. While the county pays wages, everything else comes from funds generated thru pick-ups and adoptions, along with generous donations from people who appreciate the shelter's value. Flo says their only other funding option is to ask incorporated areas, the largest users, to contribute funds for the project. Whitmer says the city has a condensed population, and people are quick to call if a large dog is loose around children. City police aren't trained to handle vicious animals, and the service must continue. Ted thinks owners, whose animals stray, should have to pay on an increasing scale each time they reclaim the animal, while Commissioner, Darle Dawes, says there should be an enforced \$100. fine for people who don't pay their dog tax. With no further business, Paul moved to adjourn, second by Gene, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE II, 2001

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
County Highway Administration				
1361 Other Services/Charges (building repairs) Building wall damaged by time and vehicles bumping it. Larry Rice has estimates to fix 100 ft. with cement block on the lower portion, frame the top and include 10 double pane crank out windows. Updated lighting may be needed later. Rich moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed. Ted commented he had several complaints about the purchase of a Yukon for the supervisor vehicle, from encumbered 2000 funds. In future, Council would like to know about planned vehicle purchases prior to the purchase. Larry responded the encumbered funds came from money saved in purchasing new trucks for the county fleet, and as supervisor, he feels it's his duty to make decisions pertinent to the department, knowing not all the public will agree with his decisions.	\$15,000.	\$15,000.	6	0
County Corrections				
366 Other Services/Charges (jail HVAC work) Needed to update temperature control air compressor, as air movement throughout the complex must meet specified standards. Also install a combustion air duct into the water heater to vent outside air, inside. More work needed, but this is the most crucial. Co. Corrections funds come from the state for housing inmates locally, rather than sending them to the DOC, and nets about \$25,000. annually. Paul moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed. Sheriff Roberts says the law has changed regarding use of Commissary Funds, and he is required to get Council approval prior to any purchase. The money comes from inmate purchases in the jail commissary. Roberts asked Council to approve a 19 point written guideline he presented, which would allow him to make specific purchases, not to exceed \$250. without getting Council approval each time. Gene moved to approve the Commissary Expenditure Guidelines for 2001 and 2002, second by Ted, and passed. Sheriff Roberts announced Major Dallas Winchester had died this morning following a two month battle with lung cancer.	7068.	7068.	6	0
Wabash County Solid Waste Management				
114 Personal Services (pt.time clerical) Adding an administrative assistant at \$12,000. per year. Gary questioned approving \$12.00 per hour for this position, when county clerical employees are paid considerably less. Rich moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed. Gene moved to approve Salaries form 144, second by Rich, and passed.	12,000.	12,000.	6	0

TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2001-I

County General Sheriff				
Increase: 116 Personal Services (deputy)	\$26,892.	\$26,892.	6	0
Decrease: 118 Personal Services (operator)	26,892.	26,892.	6	0
Deputy needed more than the additional dispatcher approved in the 2001 budget. Rich moved approval to transfer as requested, second by Gene, and passed.				
Coroner				
Increase: 211 Supplies (office supplies)	200.	200.	6	0
221 Supplies (photo supplies)	200.	200.	6	0
324 Other Services/Charges (phone)	500.	500.	6	0
Decrease: 441 Capital Outlay (computer hardware)	900.	900.	6	0
Paper and ink for printer (211), film purchases and development costs (221) and pager and cell phone expenses (324). Paul moved to approve as requested, second by Ted, and passed				
Prosecutor				
Increase: 441 Capital Outlay (phone system)	1500.	1500.	6	0
Decrease: 311 Other Services/Charges (lie detector)	500.	500.	6	0
442 Capital Outlay (victim assist computer)	1000.	1000.	6	0
Needed to replace antiquated phone system, that no longer has replacement parts. This partially pays the prosecutor portion of the \$6,319.28 system. Gene moved to approve as requested, second by Rich, and passed.				
PRE TRIAL DIVERSION				
Increase: 441 Capital Outlay (phone system)	1500.	1500.	0	6
Decrease: 324 Other Services/Charges (phone)	1500.	1500.	0	6
Deputy Prosecutor, David Magley, said the new system is installed, the same one mentioned in the Prosecutor transfer. Council noted the State Board of Accounts has advised paying only wages and benefits from the Pre-trial diversion fund, until the balance is no longer in deficit, so the request for transfer was denied.				

/s/ Gary Nose                                   /s/ Leon Ridenour                                   /s/ Richard Pepple  
/s/ Ted Little                                   /s/ Eugene Schenkel                                   /s/ Paul Sites

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor