

May 28, 2002

Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Ted Little absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 4/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Paul Sites, and passed. Rich moved to proceed with Ted's plan for each department to complete monthly expense estimates in addition to their annual budgets, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. Ted will meet with department heads to explain his plan. Soil & Water District director, Barry Eppley, told Council their program coordinator is leaving the end of June. They will advertise for a replacement with a college degree, and hope Council will keep that in mind at budget time. Soil and Water District will likely supplement the wages, with approval of Co. Council. Patty Grant and Mike Stone updated Council on the three year Community Alliance to Promote Education (CAPE) program, commenced in 2001. Part of a five million dollar grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation, they plan to bring attention to adult illiteracy, via mail. They say statistics show 12% of Wabash Co. adults are illiterate, they can't read books, directions or termination notices, while 42% have trouble with reasoning, problem solving and simple math. Included in these figures are non native languages and developmentally handicapped. CAPE has hired a trainer to teach adults to be teachers, and established the "Learning Center" geared towards adults. The initial major goal is to work with children in the kindergarten thru third grade level, and they also prepare young children to enter school. Paul asked if funds are directed to job re-training, and suggested any unused funds could go to WEDCOR for this purpose. Stone says CAPE isn't into technical training, but the "Learning Center" helps adults work toward a GED. Stone says all 9 programs will be evaluated for success, by a third party, at the end of the program. Grant hopes the Lilly endowment will be extended beyond 2003. Commissioner, Brian Haupt, told Council. about \$180,000. of the construction loan for the Judicial Center should be unexpended, and suggests it could be used to upgrade the upper floors of Memorial Hall for the Probation department and possibly the Prosecutor's office. The heating/cooling system would have to be extended, and nothing has been done to the building for a long time. Gary suggests moving the Prosecutor to the third floor of the courthouse. Paul wants to see cost estimates, and Gary wants figures for the bare necessities, with no commitment before the final bills are paid on the Judicial Center. Brian thinks the building will be completed by mid June. After addressing the additional appropriation requests, Rich moved to adjourn, second by Paul, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE V

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
Adult Probation				
441 Capital Outlay (purchase used van)	\$ 20,000.	\$ 20,000.	6	0
Current 1997 Pontiac has 92,000 miles, and needs \$900. in repairs. Probation needs a van due to number of juveniles it transports. Payment will come from Adult user fees with about \$74,000. in the account, not county general funds. Rich moved to approve up to \$20,000. for a new vehicle, second by Joann Rauh, and passed.				
User Fees/Pre-Trial Diversion				
116 Personal Services	4,802.50	4,802.50	6	0
171 Social Security	302.25	302.25	6	0
173 Health Insurance	1,955.50	1,955.50	6	0
Second quarter budget for this department. There's about \$18,000. uncommitted in the account. Rich moved to approve as requested, second by Paul, and passed.				

/s/ Gary Nose /s/ Leon Ridenour /s/ Richard Pepple /s/ Eugene Schenkel
/s/ Paul Sites /s/ M. Joann Rauh /s/ Ted Little ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor