

July 29, 2002

Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Joann Rauh and Ted Little absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 6/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Leon, second by Richard Pepple, and passed. Bowen Center representatives, Kurt Carlson, Jay Baumgardner, Dean Eppley and Frank Rider, asked Council to meet state requirements for funding their program. Council kept the 2002 budget at 2001 figures, meaning Bowen share remained at \$118,881. rather than their requested \$121,216.00. Bowen wants Council to commit to paying the additional \$2,335.00. Council directed the Auditor to advertise for the additional appropriation for their Dec. meeting. Council discussed inventory tax alternatives provided thru recent legislation. By ordinance, Council could rescind the tax before it's phased out in 2006, at the same time increasing the tax rate for CEDIT. Council will meet at 12:30 P.M. on August 19th to pursue the matter further. Sheriff, Tim Roberts, reports he's in need of two new vehicles, one to replace the car totaled when Deputy Barry Hicks was struck, and the second to replace one that just lost an engine with over 200,000 miles on it. He plans to use the insurance settlement plus the balance in his new vehicle account along with Commissary funds to buy one car. He proposes using Co. Corrections funds to buy the second car. Since he needs two cars now, Council may delete one car from his 2003 budget request. Probation chief, Tina Edwards, advised Council she will have three budgetary requests at their next meeting. She's asking for an additional \$6,198. from Co. General funds for the office manager position, as the account was depleted when her 15 year employee left, having accrued 62 days of vacation and sick leave. She's also asking \$9,387. be appropriated from Adult Probation to bring her three employees with 0-4 year's experience up to the state mandated wage for them. She will also ask that \$18,000. be appropriated into her Electronic Home Detention account to cover costs for the rest of 2002. After addressing additional appropriation and wage requests, Leon moved to adjourn, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE VII

AMOUNT AMOUNT AYE NAY
REQUESTED APPROVED

County General
Project IV-D

112 Personal Services (state funded overtime) \$ 1280. \$ 1280. 5 0
113 Personal Services (state funded overtime) 1280. 1280. 5 0

The state is providing money for overtime for IV-D investigators throughout the state to meet federally mandated requirements, which must be completed in September. Rich moved to approve both requests, second by Paul Sites, and passed.

COUNTY HEALTH

184 Personal Services (refund added back to fund) 229. 229. 5 0
324 Other Services/Charges (internet services) 450. 450. 5 0

\$229. refunded by the state needs appropriated into the account for future use. State is requiring all Health departments to have internet access for quick communication. They need a dedicated phone line and funds for internet service. Rich moved to approve both requests, second by Leon, and passed.

USER FEE: PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

116 Personal Services (wages/benefits) 370. 370. 5 0

A new employee needs one week training with the outgoing secretary, and there's sufficient funds in the Diversion account. Paul moved to approve the request, second by Leon, and passed.

CEDIT

394 Other Services/Charges (city ambulance) 50,000. 0. 4 1
395 Other Services/Charges (Life-Med) 50,000. 0. 4 1

At this time there is a signed contract with Wabash City, but none with Life-Med. Since at the last meeting Council voted to approve the additional funding for this year only, if there were contracts with both services, Rich moved to table the request until that requirement was met, second by Gene, and passed with Paul voting nay. The Town of North Manchester and Life-Med are still negotiating on a 6 year contract, but an audit by Umbaugh and Associates has slowed the process. Council consensus is to only sign one year agreements with each service, rather than long term contracts.

AMENDED WAGES AND SALARIES

IV-D

112 Personal Services (overtime thru Sept.) 12.16/hr 12.16/hr 3 2
113 Personal Services (overtime thru Sept.) 12.16/hr 12.16/hr 3 2

CIRCUIT COURT

126 Personal Services (pt.time security) 12.00/hr 12.00/hr 3 2

Security Chief, Jon McDonald, says he can't get trained personnel, with arrest powers, to work part time for less than \$12.00/hr. He suggests 3 full time security employees would eliminate overtime and the need for part time help. With just two security officers he can't provide any security for the courthouse. Sheriff Roberts says he doesn't have enough personnel to supply help now, but he has requested an additional transport officer for next year, and if Council approves, that person could help when court is in session. Paul moved to approve both IV-D and Circuit Court wage requests, second by Rich, and passed, with Gary and Leon voting nay.

s/s Gary Nose s/s Leon Ridenour s/s Paul Sites s/s Richard Pepple
s/s Eugene Schenkel ATTEST: Carol Stefanatos, Auditor