

Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 9/9 and 9/19 meetings were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. Council discussed finances and learned the County General fund balance is \$241,334.58. The county borrowed \$625,000. from Local Road and Street, and it will be repaid by the end of the year. The Auditor met with the Dept. of Local Government Finance on 10/10, and they approved an excess levy of \$238,127.00. Written approval should arrive shortly. Council will review information about eliminating the inventory tax at their 12/2 meeting. They want a breakdown of inventory taxes collected and distributed by township, and a breakdown of projected CEDIT taxes for each receiving unit from WEDCOR director, Chris Martin. Sheriff, Tim Roberts, and Merit Board members, Chris Palmer and Bob Fuller asked Council to amend the pension plan to increase payments to widows of active employees and dependant children up to 18 years of age. Since the plan's inception in 1972, widowed spouses have received \$250. per month, and each dependant child gets \$30. per month. The board would like the monthly payments increased to \$500. for widows and \$100. per child 18 years and under. These benefits cease if the widowed party marries. Those currently receiving benefits would receive the increase, and Tim would like this changed during his tenure. Pension funds are generated by civil process fees, which brought in \$64,956. in 2001. Rich moved to approve the increase, second by Gene, and passed by all. Gary signed the pension plan amendment. Commissioner, Lester Templin reported the E-911 Advisory Board met in October, and voted to supplement the wages of two radio dispatch employees each, for the Town of North Manchester, City of Wabash, and county dispatchers at the Sheriff department, at \$30,000. each, per year. In addition, 911 funds will pay \$30,000. for the 911 coordinator. Council had moved wages for the coordinator and dispatchers at the jail, into the 911 fund for 2003, with plans to increase the monthly access fee per line from \$.80 to \$2.00. Leon questioned if the amount increased should be changed since 4 of those benefitted aren't county employees. Joann Rauh moved to approve Amended Ordinance 1990-II increasing the monthly fee to \$2.00, second by Ted Little, and passed with Gary and Leon voting nay. Some Council members think the Prosecutor's office should be relocated before the new year, suggesting the third floor of the courthouse. Ted thinks it's a priority, Joann and Commissioner, Brian Hauptert, think moving Probation is more urgent. Les notes vacating the Probation building would save money. Council suggested a new contract for Prosecutor space on a month to month basis. Commissioners assume fees would increase with a new contract, and support continuing with the current contract for another year. Brian reminds the Memorial Hall heating system has been condemned by the state, and has been removed. The new Courthouse/Judicial building HVAC system will be connected to Memorial Hall, an unexpected expense. Ted again suggested selling a portion of the Co. Farm, and using the income for capital improvements. Paul Sites wants a report on how many tax exempt properties in the county exceed 15 acres, as exempt ground exceeding 15 acres may be taxed. Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel will check. After addressing additional appropriation and transfer requests, Paul moved to adjourn, second by Joann, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2002 - X

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
County General				
Clerk				
393 Other Services/Charges (bank charges)	\$ 7,000.	0.	5	2
Clerk, Lori Draper, is waiting for a response from Wells Fargo Bank about these new charges. Rich moved to table the request until Lori has an answer from Wells Fargo, second by Ted, and tabled with Gary and Leon voting nay.				
Prosecuting Attorney				
322 Other Services/Charges (postage)	444.	0.	0	7
Prosecutor, Alfred Plummer, says his office spends about \$600. a month for postage. Council asked him to transfer from another account within his budget, as it looks like he has excess money in some accounts. Alfred says he plans to transfer money for two needed computers, but checked with his office and said he would transfer funds, so Council denied the request.				
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE				
3401 Capital Outlay (Roann covered bridge)	31,000.	31,000.	0	7
Henry Becker, with the Roann Covered Bridge Association, told Council his group is working to raise funds to paint the bridge, and asked them to deny the additional request. Painted twice since 1992, the association thanks the county for their offer of help, but want to take care of the job themselves. Commissioners had advertised, and accepted a bid from Limberlost Construction, but no contract has been signed. Leon moved to deny the request, second by Ted, and passed by all. Ted thanked the association for taking responsibility for the project.				
HEALTH				
315 Other Services/Charges (Nurturing program)	10,000.	10,000.	5	2
The program works with high risk families, using cigarette tax monies. Programs are to address tobacco use in an effort to curb smoking.				
318 Other Services/Charges (Big Bro/Big Sis)	5,000.	5,000.	5	2
For same uses as above. Since no one was present from the Health Department, Joann moved to table the request, until Council had more information second by Rich and passed. Co. Nurse, Jane Skeans, arrived and explained the requests. Ted moved to take the request off the table, second by Paul, and passed with Leon voting nay. Joann moved to approve both requests, second by Gene, and passed, with Gary and Leon voting nay.				
LOCAL ROAD & STREET				
423 Other Services/Charges (road grader)	160,000.	160,000.	7	0
Two in service are 1970 and 1978 models, with only the 1978 model running. The account has a balance of about \$3,000,000.00 Rich moved to approve the request, second by Gene, and passed.				
COUNTY CORRECTIONS				
362 Other Services/Charges (jail water heater)	4,987.	4,987.	7	0
An emergency situation, the new unit is already installed. It's the second new 250 gallon unit this year, with the first bought with Commissary funds. Joann moved to approve the request, second by Paul, and passed.				
CEDIT				
395 Other Services/Charges (ambulance service)	50,000.	50,000.	7	0
Increased county supplement for Life Med ambulance services in the northern part of the county thru 2002. The county has a signed contract. Ted moved to approve the request, second by Rich, and passed.				
TRANSFER RESOLUTION # 4				
COUNTY GENERAL				
Recorder				
Increase:				
211 Supplies (record books)	\$ 1,200.	\$ 1,200.	7	0
Decrease:				
310 Other Services/Charges	300.	300.	7	0
360 Other Services/Charges	500.	500.	7	0
361 Other Services/Charges	400.	400.	7	0
Recorder, Donna Friedersdorf, says due to significant cuts in her 2003 budget, she has ordered three books that will be needed next year. The new Recorder will need name stamps. She would also like to stock up on some regularly used supplies. Joann moved to approve the request, second by Ted, and passed.				
PROJECT IV-D INCENTIVE 2				
Increase:				
441 Capital Outlay (return unused funds)	1,212.	1,212.	7	0
Decrease:				
441 Capital Outlay	1,212.	1,212.	7	0
In March, \$3,042. was moved from Incentive fund # 2 to buy computers for the child support division, to be reimbursed by the state. Computers didn't cost that much and the Prosecutor wants the balance returned to the incentive fund. Paul moved to approve the transfer, second by Rich, and passed.				
Chester Township Assessor				
Increase:				
211 Supplies	26.23	26.23	7	0
Decrease:				
331 Other Services/Charges	26.23	26.23	7	0
Account 211 is over spent, so transfer will get it back in the black. Rich moved approval, second by Joann, and passed.				

Increase:	Emergency Management				
222 Supplies	(fuel, maintenance)	200.	200.	7	0
244 Supplies	(equipment)	200.	200.	7	0
Decrease:					
182 Personal Services		400.	400.	7	0

Director, Bob Brown, says account 222 will be empty by the end of November, and he needs two radio batteries from account 244. Joann moved approval, second by Leon, and passed.

Increase:	Circuit Court				
440 Capital Outlay	(courtroom lights)	1,000.	1,000.	5	2
Decrease:					
136 Personal Services		1,000.	1,000.	5	2

Judge Vanderpool says lighting not adequate in courtroom, new light has been installed. Gary questioned the need, and wondered why Superior Court didn't have the same problem. Ted moved to approve the transfer, second by Gene, and passed, with Gary and Leon voting nay.

Increase:	Superior Court				
211 Supplies		1,000.	1,000.	6	1
Decrease:					
317 Other Services/Charges		1,000.	1,000.	6	1

Judge Sposeep says transfer is needed to buy supplies used on a daily basis. Joann moved to approve the request, second by Gene, and passed, with Gary voting nay.

/s/ Gary Nose	/s/ Leon Ridenour	/s/ Richard Pepple	/s/ Joann Rauh
/s/ Ted Little	/s/ Eugene Schenkel	/s/ Paul Sites	ATTEST: _____
			Wabash Co. Auditor