

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Wabash County Courthouse. Prayer was offered by Jim Kaltenmark. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with these members present: Dean Eppley, Bob Fuller, Gary Nose, Jim Kaltenmark, Mike Ridenour, and Claude Markstahler. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Council Member, Ted Little arrived after the meeting began.

Fuller stated the first thing on the agenda is to review the tabled Additional Appropriation request for Inmate Medical expenses from the Sheriff's budget. Eppley motioned to move the request off the table for discussion. Ridenour seconded; motion approved 7-0. Fuller recognized Senator "Doc" Dillon and Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff. Sheriff Striker recognized Tim Brent, Executive Director of the Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center; Chris Roberson, Pharmacy Operations Director of the Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center; and Michelle Rice, Patient Advocate of the Indiana Hemophilia Association. A discussion occurred regarding the additional appropriation for approximately \$36,000.00 in bills from the Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center. These bills came in the inmate's name, not the county. Striker stated that the bills need to be reviewed because of possible duplication. There was much discussion regarding the county's responsibility to pay medical expenses of inmates. Steve Downs, Commissioners' Attorney was recognized during the inmate medical expenses discussion. Downs agreed with Striker that the county was responsible for getting medical care for the inmates, but who was responsible for the financial side of the care depended on whether it was a pre-existing condition or care that was required due to something that happened while incarcerated. Downs stated that the medical provider should be put on notice that this is a pre-existing condition and the financial burden is on the inmate not the county. Striker asked that the additional appropriation be tabled until next month when we can have more information. Eppley made a motion to table the Additional Appropriation. Little seconded; motion TO TABLE passed 4-3 with Nose, Markstahler & Fuller opposed.

The minutes of the August 19, 20 & 21, 2008 were reviewed. Ridenour made a motion to approve as written. The motion was seconded by Eppley; motion was approved by a 6-0 vote (Markstahler had stepped out of the room).

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriations as advertised for Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2008 NO. IX:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2008 NO. IX**

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 expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
CUMALATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT				
0124-0000-04-441-047 Jail Roof Repair	\$ 45,000.00	45,000.00	7	0
0124-0000-04-441-046 Courthouse Doors & Windows	\$150,000.00	150,000.00	7	0
0124-0000-04-441-052 Courthouse Heating & Cooling	\$ 3,530.00	3,530.00	7	0

Commissioners are requesting funds for Emergency Projects for repair and replacement on County Buildings. Eppley made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriations. Kaltenmark seconded; motion passed 7-0.

HEALTH HOMELAND SECURITY 0146				
0146-0000-04-111-044 Other Equipment	\$ 11,626.85	0.00	2	5
0146-0000-03-433-031 Uniforms/Badges	1,738.21	0.00	2	5
0146-0000-03-435-024 Telephone	359.94	0.00	2	5

Lori Foust, Public Health Nurse requested funds to purchase other equipment, Radio Shack – nurse computer and 2 monitors, Central Office Products – networked copy machine, Hopkins – nurse equipment, Centennial Wireless – wireless card and service, Wabash Engraving – uniforms. There are total grant funds of \$13,725.00 that need to be used to close out Grant Agreement. Ridgeway pointed out that there was a revised packet that was given to Council Members this morning. Scott Givens, Commissioners states to take the shirts and the generator out of the request and that would leave approximately \$ 4,100.00 to be returned. Dr. Jeff Pyle, County Health Department Board informed the Council Members that the grant money was “intended to support the local health department for preparedness”. The original grant allocation was for \$ 13,725.00. The department has already spent \$779.98 for a computer and \$1,158.00 for an alarm system on the vaccination refrigerator. The available funds balance would be \$ 11,787.02. Pyle states that the invoices need to be dated by August 9, 2008 and the invoices need to be submitted to the State by October 8, 2008. Eppley made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$ 9,138.07. Ridenour seconded the motion. Pyle and Kaltenmark both led discussions regarding the need for systems to be put into place so that this does not happen again. Fuller stated he thought the local entities need to work together and be organized. Motion did not pass 2-5. (Little, Fuller, Markstahler, Kaltenmark & Ridenour opposed). Little made a motion TO TABLE the request and asked for the Health Department to come back with specific details, more clearly defined, on spending the grant money for the next Council meeting. Ridenour seconded; motion passes 7-0.

EMA – PSIC – HOMELAND SECURITY				
0159-0000-003-444-041 Communications	\$129,842.00	\$ 129,842.00	7	0

EMA Director Bob Brown requested funds to purchase 700/800 MHz radio communications for Public Safety entities throughout Wabash County. Specifically: Wabash County Sheriff (Mobile, Base, Handheld Radios), North Manchester Police (Handheld Radios), LaFontaine (Handheld Radio) Wabash Fire EMS (Handheld Radios) and Wabash County EMA (Mobile and Handheld radios). These monies will be reimbursed by a grant. Little made a motion to approve the request. Nose seconded; motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-15**

**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, 2008 the following additional 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:

	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF				
0001-0005-01-412-077 - Personal Services:				
False Arrest Insurance	\$ 20,524.62	\$ 20,542.62	7	0
0001-0005-01-412-021 – Personal Services:				
Reserves	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00	7	0

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:

INCREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF				
0001-0005-02-422-021 - Supplies:				
Gasoline & Oil	\$ 20,524.62	\$ 20,524.62	7	0
0001-0005-02-422-021 – Supplies:				
Gasoline & Oil	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00	7	0

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 8th day of September, 2008, by the above aye and nay vote.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff, requests transfer of funds due to increased fuel costs. Little made a motion to approve the transfer funds from Supplies to Personal Services. Ridenour seconded; motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-16**

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – TREASURER				
0001-0003-03-431-050 - Other Services & Charges:				
Computer Software/Maintenance & Training	\$ 926.00	\$ 926.00	7	0

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:

INCREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – TREASURER				
0001-0003-02-421-012 - Supplies:				
Tax Statements	\$ 926.00	\$ 926.00	7	0

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LuAnn Layman, Treasurer, requested transfer of funds to cover tax statements expense that cost more than projected. Ridenour made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Little seconded; motion passed 7-0.

Layman reported that 93% of Spring Taxes and 12% of Fall Taxes have been collected. Ridenour stated that he was disheartened with the Comparison Statement. It did not reflect the impact of the County Council's Local Option Income Tax. Ridgeway stated that she has contacted the Manatron MVP Tax programmers to address this issue in the future.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-17**

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – CLERK OF THE COURTS				
0001-0001-01-412-019 – Wages - Clerical Hourly	\$ 11,230.00	\$ 11,230.00	7	0

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:

INCREASE:				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND – CLERK OF THE COURTS				
0001-0001-01-412-012 – Wages - Deputy Clerk	\$ 11,230.00	\$ 11,230.00	7	0

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 8th day of September, 2008, by the above aye and nay vote.

Lori Draper, Clerk of Courts asked for transfer of funds to cover an employee who was living out of county and could not be a deputy. Employee has now moved back to county. Eppley made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Little seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Darren Bates of Data PitStop, Inc. presented information about "Budget/Circuit Breaker Calculator Program" which will help identify the circuit breakers for coming years. HEA 1001 created Circuit Breaker limits as to how much taxes can be increased by varying percentages on property classes. PTRC money will not be returned from the state next year. 2 years from now there will be no State Credits. Council was informed of the data available at this time to analyze with this new program and the benefits to being able to adjust the distribution of LOIT credits to avoid losses of revenue. Bates stated that with the current information Wabash County does not need the program for the 2009 budget year but would recommend budgeting to purchase it in 2009 to be helpful with projections for the 2010 year and thereafter.

Fuller led a discussion regarding the 2009 Budget. Little handed out his calculations on the amended 16-line statement for the General Fund and the amounts of cuts that he feels need to be made to stay within the maximum growth levy allowed. Ridgeway handed out a spreadsheet with the Total Dollars Needed to Fund Salary Percentage Increases at various levels discussed at the August hearings. Ridenour suggested the Council postpone its decision to allow time to understand the changes due to the LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) and PTRC (Property Tax Replacement Credit). Ridenour pointed out that the Budget deadline was extended until December 1st this year. There was some light resistance to the idea of postponing the budget decisions. Fuller stated he would rather proceed cautiously so that items were not cut that didn't need to be. Ridgeway reminded the Council that she would need time to re-advertise the Budget meeting for final adoption if it was not adopted today as previously advertised.

In other business Council reviewed:
Noble Township Trustee Letter Re: Budget Review
Bowen Center Annual Report of Services Rendered

Chairman Fuller called a Special Council Meeting to be held Monday, October 6, 2008 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M. The first item on the agenda will be the Health Department Additional Appropriations with the remainder of the time will be spent on the budget.

No other business, Eppley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Little and the meeting closed with a 6-0 vote (Markstahler had already left).