

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Thursday, August 22, 2024 in the Commissioner’s meeting room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Council members present: Bowman, Matthew Mize, , Matt Dillon, Sam Hann, Philip Dale, and Gary Ridenour. Nick Kopkey arrived for the Budget Hearings. Bowman opened with a word of prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by County Auditor Marcie Shepherd.

Tuesday, August 13 and Wednesday, August 14, 2024 - Full council was present for the Budget Hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday. The 2025 proposed budgets were presented by the elected officials and department directors. The council recommended changes to the budgets.

Thursday, August 22, 2024 5:00pm Wabash County Council Meeting

First order of business was a review and approval of the minutes from the July 15, 2024 meeting. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0-2-1 Dillon, Hann abstained, Kopkey absent.

Chairman Kyle Bowman presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 22nd day of August 2024, a review of the estimated property tax levy limits and estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for each taxing district. Auditor Shepherd distributed copies of the 2025 Estimated Property Tax Caps Impact report and the 2025 Estimated Maximum Levy Reports to the Council for review and/or recommendation. She also submitted a comparison of 2025 levies and tax caps to last year.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #2024-85-06

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, 2024 the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

LOCAL ROAD & STREET #1169

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
On Call Engineering 1169.30642.000.0000	\$30,000	\$30,000	6	0

Cole Wyatt, Wabash Highway Superintendent, requested funds to allow for a larger scope of work that required a consultant to develop, to apply for more CCMG funds. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

HEALTH #1159

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personal Services				
Group Health Insurance 1159.17300.000.0000	\$29,000	\$29,000	6	0

Rich Mofield, Wabash County Health Director explained that the previous registrar didn’t have insurance. The new registrar has insurance and so does the new employee, these changes should fund the remainder of 2024. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

CO. SALES DISCLOSURE #1131

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay				
Office Furniture 1131.50100.0000	\$12,984	\$12,984	6	0

Auditor Shepherd, for the Assessor requested the funds to purchase Three (3) new stand up desks. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

COMMISSARY # 4949

		Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personal Services					
Group Health	4949.17300.000.0000	\$12,500	\$12,500	6	0
PERF	4949.17200.000.0000	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,850	6	0

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff requested benefits that were not in the budget. Baker will fund this account from his Commissary account. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote. Sheriff Baker withdrew his request for the Firearms fund.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
#2024-85-06**

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, 2024, the following 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:

INCREASE		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND					
Circuit Court					
Pauper Council	1000.30311.000.0035	\$247,061.46	\$247,061.46	6	0
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Supplies & Equipment					
Supplies	1170.21102.000.0000	\$44.44	\$44.44	5	1

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.

DECREASE		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND					
Circuit Court					
P/D JD/JS	1000.11425.000.0035	\$ 43,719.02	\$ 43,719.02	6	0
P/D CHINS	1000.11426.000.0035	\$100,737.88	\$100,737.88	6	0
P/D ADULT CRIMINAL	1000.11427.000.0035	\$ 92,188.56	\$ 92,188.56	6	0
P/D MANAGING	1000.11428.000.0035	\$ 10,416.00	\$ 10,416.00	6	0
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Other Services & Charges					
Bond Payment	1170.30340.000.0000	\$44.44	\$44.44	5	1

GENERAL FUND: Auditor Shepherd, reported this amount was budgeted to allow the Public Defender to get insurance. It is final now that the PD's will be paid from a contract account line and the insurance company has made an addendum to allow insurance coverage on them. Dale made a motion to approve the transfer. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Auditor Shepherd, explained the bill for the Waltz township radios had a freight charge and needed this to cover the cost. Dillon made a motion to approve. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-1 (Mize) vote.

With no other business to come before the Council, Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 16, 2024 @ 6:00pm.

Chairman Bowman then reopened the Budget Hearings, Council reviewed the budgets and made changes. Hann made a motion to approve the budget with the changes. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Bowman directed the Auditor's office to make the Council changes to the 2025 proposed budgets and prepare Budget Form 4, the ordinance and Form 4b that includes the tax levy and tax rates for official approval at the final adoption hearing advertised and scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024.

With no other business to come before the Council for budgets, Kopkey made a motion to adjourn the budget hearings.


Items for Review: Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for July 2024
Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for May/June/July 2024
Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation July 2024

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

**If any names are spelled incorrectly, we apologize.*

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Barry J. Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes, Barry Eppley, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, David Terflinger, Kimberly Lundmark, Cheryl Evenson, Cole Wyatt, Tyler Guenin and Cheryl Ross. Via Zoom: Rich Mofield.


WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL



Kyle Bowman, Chairman



Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman



Sam Hann



Matt Dillon



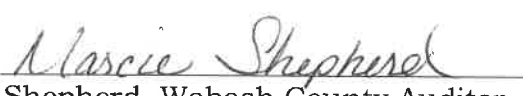
Nick Kopkey



Philip Dale



Gary Ridenour

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor