

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, March 21, 2022 in the Commissioner's meeting room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present: Bowman, Matthew Mize, Lorissa Sweet, Matt Dillon, Philip Dale and Sam Hann. Barbara Pearson was present via Zoom. 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.

Chairman Bowman requested that those present silence their cell phones and stated that all public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items are permitted and encouraged.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022 meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court Reporter, requested permission to apply for the Emergency Court Interpreter Grant through the Indiana Supreme Court. The court just finished a jury trial that required interpreting services exceeding \$11,000. This used all the grant funds awarded in 2022 as well as the carryover from 2021. They have another jury trial requiring interpreting services coming up and no funds are left to cover the costs. Hann made a motion to approve application of the grant. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, requested funds to purchase a 2022 Dodge Durango. Baker explained that one of the Ford Explorers has blown an engine. The 2017 Explorer has 130,000 miles and is set to be retired the beginning of next year; it will cost \$7,500 to replace the engine. Baker said that John Jones had one 2022 Durango for \$39,590 left and would hold it for him. Mize made a motion to do an additional appropriation in April for \$39,590 to purchase the 2022 Durango. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Next on the agenda were the requests for additional appropriations.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2022-85-02

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, 2022 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:

GENERAL FUND #1000				
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Purdue Extension High School Intern 1000.11809.000.0020	\$1,000	\$1,000	7	0

Geoff Schortgen explained that a generous donor gave \$1,000 to have a paid high school intern. Dillion made a motion to approve. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

HIGHWAY #1176				
Personal Services				
Supervisor Payroll 1176.112.000.0038	\$2,000	\$2,000	7	0

Auditor Shepherd explained that the supervisor's salary was adjusted with council approval after the budget was submitted and approved; this would just fund the line item. Sweet made a motion to approve. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Bowman reported that the ARPA Committee met to go over the plan needed to appropriate the funds. Hann went over the proposal to give \$50,000 in funds to Community Foundation of Wabash. He said that Community Foundation would take care of awarding the funds by grant application. The required criteria for the grant will be a nonprofit working with food security, senior care, child care, and workforce training. The Community Foundation has talked about matching the award. One

member of Council would be on the award committee. Mize said he would like to see a higher amount donated--closer to \$100,000 to make a difference. Pearson said she feels that this is not in line with what the government should be responsible for. Mize made a motion to allocate \$75,000 of the ARPA funds to be used in this manner. Hann seconded the motion; it failed by a roll call of Dale, Dillon, Sweet, Pearson voted NAY, Bowman, Hann & Mize voted AYE. Dillon then made a motion to allocate \$50,000 to Community Foundation for non-profit grant purposes. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a roll call vote of 6-1 Mize NAY.

Items for Review:

Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports – February 2022

Solid Waste Management District Income Statements – December 2021, January and February 2022

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Wabash County Council is Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Chief Probation Officer Brian Swihart, Luella Krom, Travis Hendricks, Commissioners Barry Eppley, Jeff Dawes, and Brian Hauptert. Via ZOOM: Rob Burgess.

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Kyle Bowman, Chairman



Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman



Sam Hann



Matt Dillon




Lorissa Sweet



Philip Dale

Barbara Pearson

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor