

## **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Six council members were present: Bowman, Barbara Pearson, Philip Dale, Matt Mize, Randy Curless and Matt Dillon. Council member Lorissa Sweet was absent. Bowman led in a word of prayer and in the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor's office.

The first order of business was to review the minutes from the February 17, 2020 Council meeting. Dale made the motion to approve the minutes. Curless seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote. Matt Dillon abstained.

The next order of business was to address Resolution 2020-85-04

### **BEFORE THE WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **RESOLUTION # 2020-85-**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING (a) THE TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE ARC LIGHT BUSINESS PARK TO THE WABASH COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND (b) APPROVING THE SALE OF LOT 4 IN THE PARK**

The Board of Commissioners of Wabash County ("Board") believes that the real estate commonly known as the Arc Light Business Park ("Park") as shown on A plat prepared by John H. Stephens, RLS, dated February 17, 2020, is an area needing redevelopment, as defined in I.C. 36-7-1-3, and that such area may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, and/or governmental purposes.

The Board believes that the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") is best situated to redevelop the Park under the powers granted it by I.C. 36-7-14-12.2, and that transfer of title to Park to the Commission for redevelopment will be to the benefit of the public health and welfare, and in the best interests of the County and its citizens.

Under I.C. 36-1-11-8, the Board may transfer title the Park to the Commission upon terms and conditions agreed upon by the Board and the Commission as evidenced by adoption of substantially identical resolutions by each entity.

The Board and the Commission have adopted substantially identical resolutions wherein the Board will transfer title to the Park to the Commission on the following terms and conditions: (a) the Commission shall develop a plan to redevelop the Park for commercial, industrial, and/or governmental purposes on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Board and in the best interests of the County and its citizens, and (b) upon sale of the parcels in the Park, net sale proceeds shall be deposited with the County Auditor who shall segregate the funds for future use by the Commission for development of the Park and/or to support additional County economic development projects.

On February 26, 2020, the Commission adopted the Arc Light Business Park Development Plan ("Plan"), a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A."

The County Council is satisfied with the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Board and the Commission and believes that the transfer of title to the Park by the Board to the Commission should be authorized.

Subject to the approval of the County Council, the Commission has the power under I.C. 36-7-14-22.5 to sell lots in the Park following the procedures set forth in I.C. 36-7-14-22, and the Council believes that sale of the lots following the procedures set forth in I.C. 36-7-14-22 should be approved.

#### **IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

1. Transfer of title to the Park by the Board to the Commission is authorized.
2. Sale of lots following the procedures set forth in I.C. 36-7-14-22 is approved.

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Each Council member was asked to give their opinions of the resolution. After all opinions were heard Mize made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-85-04. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Council requested they be notified of all the scheduled meetings of the Redevelopment Commission.

The next order of business was to address the additional appropriations requests.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**  
**ORDINANCE 2020-02**

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 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:

**COUNTY GENERAL RECORDER - #1000**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Services & Charges #1000-30910-000-0004	\$7.00	\$7.00	6	0

Explanation from Auditor Shepherd the budgeted amount for Recorder dues is a percentage of the Recorders pay, since the Recorder received an amount over the 2.5% the dues amount needed to be increased. The only other account numbers within the Recorder budget are for salaries so a transfer was not possible.

Dillon made the motion to approve the request. Pearson seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

**COUNTY GENERAL - SHERIFF - #1000**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Personal Services #1000-11614-000-0005	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	6	0

Explanation from Auditor Shepherd during the budget hearings Council approved giving each merit deputy an additional increase. The line item for the deputies was increased. The new SRO officers are on a different line item, that line item was not increased. The additional corrects the error.

Dillon made the motion to approve the request. Curless seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

**ACTION FUNDS - #1148**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Supplies #1148-21102-000-0000 Wabash County Sheriff Department - Supplies	\$5,625.00	\$5,625.00	6	0
Other Services & Charges	<b>\$23,875.00</b>	<b>\$23,875.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
#1148-31030-000-0000 Manchester University – Peer Educators			\$1,875.00	
#1148-31030-000-0000 Manchester University – Awareness Prevention			\$3,000.00	
#1148-31071-000-0000 Southwood High School – After Prom			\$1,000.00	
#1148-31070-000-0000 Southwood High School – PEP			\$1,500.00	
#1148-31160-000-0000 Wabash County Tobacco Free			\$2,625.00	
#1148-31210-000-0000 Hands of Hope			\$1,875.00	
#1148-30141-000-0000 Otis Bowen Center – Substance Abuse Treatment			\$3,375.00	
#1148-31191-000-0000 Wabash County Drug Court – Testing Compliance			\$3,000.00	
#1148-30443-000-0000 North Manchester Police – Equipment			\$5,625.00	

Explanation from Trisha Hanes, Assistance Chief Probation Officer presented the approved amounts from the Aaction fund Committee.

Dillon made the motion to approve the request. Curless seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation Officer requested to create a problem-solving court coordinator. This person would be a current probation officer who would reduce some of their workload and pick up additional work as the coordinator. An extra stipend of \$3,000 for the first year and \$5,000 for the second year and after for the position. The stipend would be coming from a grant. Should the

grant go away the stipend would be paid by user fee funds. Dillon made the motion to approve the creation of the position and the stipend. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Shepherd stated she had been contacted by State Board of Accounts, a federal and non-federal audit for 2019 is scheduled to begin at the end of the month. However, with the Covid-19 this could be changed to a different time.

State Board of Accounts also sent out a memo that the cost of federal audits would be increasing to \$95.00 an hour or \$712.50 per day, effective immediately.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The following individuals also attended the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, County Commissioners Brian Haupert, Jeff Dawes and Barry Eppley, County Coordinator Jim Dils, Attorney Steve Downs, Grow Wabash County CEO Keith Gillenwater and Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt.