

## **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, May 18, 2020. This meeting was a joint meeting in-person/zoom. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with four council members present: Bowman, Matt Dillon, Lorissa Sweet and Randy Curless. Phil Dale, Matt Mize, and Barbara Pearson all participated via zoom. 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 April 20, 2020 Council meeting. Dillon made the motion to approve the minutes. Curless seconded the motion. Votes were taken by roll call and the motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Jason Cussen, Bowen Center Director, gave a brief update on the Bowen Center. Cussen stated that some offices have opened up this week and more staff are returning to work. Staff have been reaching out to clients by telephone and this has been working amazingly well.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriations requests. All votes were taken by roll call.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS** **ORDINANCE 2020-04**

**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:**

	<b>HIGHWAY - #1176</b>			
	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Personal Services	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	7	0
Hazmat Pay #1176-11121-000-0039				

Explanation from Superintendent Cole Wyatt: On February 17, 2020, Council approved a stipend for up to four employees that obtain a hazmat endorsement on their license. Currently six employees obtained the endorsement (at the same time). Council approved the 6 people @ 800 per year, max of \$4,800. Council requested the number of employees (that receive the stipend) be reduced to 4 when someone leaves or retires.

Dale made the motion to approve the request. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE - #1135**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Other Services & Charges	\$37,650.00	\$37,650.00	7	0
Bridge 104 #1135-30587-000-0000				
Bridge 110 #1135-30573-000-0000	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	7	0

Explanation from Superintendent Cole Wyatt: The fund was not budgeted correctly and these two bridge projects were omitted.

Dillon made the motion to approve the request. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

**SOLID WASTE ADMIN FEE - #1194**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$195.00	\$195.00	7	0
Office Furniture #1194-40425-000-0000				

Explanation from Auditor Marcie Shepherd: Amount was needed to purchase a coat rack and was approved in by the Board of Finance on 1/28/2019.

Dale made the motion to approve the personal services as requested. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address the transfer request.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2020-01**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to transfer appropriations from one major budget classification to another within the same fund;  
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, 2020 the following sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the appropriated accounts herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:**

**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:**

		<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Transferred</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>					
<b>COUNTY GENERAL</b>					
<b>ELECTION BOARD</b>					
Election Supplies	1000-21300-000-0018	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	7	0
Printing	1000-30310-000-0018	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	7	0

**DECREASE**

Precinct Board Mem	1000-11602-000-018	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	7	0
Computer Supplies	1000-22000-000-018	\$200.00	\$200.00	7	0

Dillon made the motion to approve the transfers. Curless seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

**INCREASE****CIRCUIT COURT**

Security Supplies	1000-22600-000-0035	\$839.87	\$839.87	7	0
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**DECREASE**

Security Officer	1000-12500-000-0035	\$839.87	\$839.87	7	0
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Dillon made the motion to approve the transfers. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

**INCREASE****COMMISSIONERS**

COVID – 19	1000-20219-000-0029	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	7	0
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**DECREASE**

Wards CT/ST	1000-30992-000-0029	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	7	0
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Dillon made the motion to approve the transfers. Curless seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Sweet questioned how the collecting of property taxes was going, with the courthouse being closed to the public. Shepherd responded that currently 58% of the property taxes have been collected.

Discussions were held on the May distributions to the taxing units. Shepherd stated the May distribution will take place as usual; it may be a smaller amount than what the taxing units are expecting due to the Governor waiving the penalties if the spring property tax payments are not received by May 10. The penalties will now be applied if the spring property taxes are not received by July 10, 2020.

Commissioners stated that social distancing measures are in place in the courthouse, and they plan on opening up to the public after Memorial Day.

The jail project is still in process, more slowly than anticipated due to meetings being held through Zoom. In the near future, paperwork will be presented to the USDA for potential funding.

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, June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The following individuals also attended the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

*In Person: Commissioners Brian Haupert, Jeff Dawes, and Barry Eppley, and Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt.*

*Via Zoom: Christa Stroup, and Jason Cussen*