

## **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, April 18, 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. Mize 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 March 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.

### **County Tax Abatements:**

Alan Marquardt of Custom Cartons Inc. presented his request via Zoom for tax abatement. Marquardt said they are working on meeting the expectation of the abatement. Custom Cartons is currently looking for 4 to 5 more employees. Marquardt will stop into the auditor's office to sign his CF-1 before the due date of May 15, 2022. Dale made a motion to approve the tax abatement once it is completed. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Bob Hettmansperger of Advanced Ag Resources presented his request for tax abatement. Hettmansperger said he did not have his CF-1 but his attorney was working on it and would e-mail the paperwork to Shepherd. Dillon made a motion for conditional approval of the tax abatement pending the CF-1 being received and signed by the May 15, 2022 deadline. Sweet seconded the vote; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Sam Krouse of Midwest Poultry Services presented his request for tax abatements. MPS has submitted the correct paperwork and met all expectations of the abatement. Dale made a motion to approve both real and personal property tax abatements for MPS. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Donna Huneryager and Rick Fisher for Vision Properties LLP & Lens Source Optical Laboratory presented a request for tax abatements. Huneryager did not have the CF-1 for the personal property request as she was mistaken on who to send it to. Huneryager said she would e-mail the CF-1 for personal property to the auditor in the next couple days. Fisher reported they are meeting the expectations for the tax abatement and are employing close to 160 people at the lab. Dillon made a motion to approve both tax abatements if the CF-1 is completed and received before the May 15, 2022 deadline. Dale 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:**

	<b>SOLID WASTE ADMIN FEES #1194</b>			
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>Supplies</b>				
Supplies/Equipment				
1194.2102.000.0000	\$ 560	\$560	7	0

Shepherd for Treasurer LuAnn Layman said she would like to purchase a typewriter. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

<b>PROBATION USER FEES #2100</b>				
	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>Personal Services</b>				
Probation Officer				
2100.12003.000.0000	\$20,965	\$20,965	7	0
PT Field Officer				
2100.16000.000.0000	\$20,000	\$20,000	7	0
FICA/SS/Medicare				
2100.17100.000.0000	\$ 4,837	\$ 4,837	7	0
PERF				
2100.17200.000.0000	\$11,629	\$11,629	7	0
Group Health				
2100.17300.000.0000	\$10,956	\$10,956	7	0

Chief Probation Officer Brian Swihart explained during the 2022 budget hearings Council moved the expenses of a probation officer into this fund and moved line items. This will fund all the changes. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

<b>HIGHWAY #1176</b>				
<b>Other Services &amp; Charges</b>				
Building Repairs				
1176.30600.000.0038	\$14,450	\$14,450	7	0
<b>HIGHWAY #1173</b>				
<b>Other Services &amp; Charges</b>				
Repair of Roads				
1173.30123.000.0000	\$61,600	\$61,600	7	0

Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt explained he needed funds for asbestos remediation and emergency repair to Old SR15, due to bank erosion on Treaty Creek. Dale made a motion to approve the requests. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY #1170</b>				
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Motor Vehicle				
1170.40430.000.0000	\$46,211	\$46,211	7	0

Sheriff Ryan Baker requested funds to purchase a new vehicle to replace one in the fleet with a blown engine and to cover lease payments due this year. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

<b>WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT</b>				
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Outdoor Improvements				
6441	\$100,285	\$100,285	7	0

Jen Rankin, Executive Director, requested funds via Zoom to resurface the north and south lots along with initial paving of the lane to the dock through the district. This request has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

<b>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA)</b>				
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Bridge/Culvert Infrastructure	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	7	0
Grossnickle Drain	\$100,000	\$100,000	7	0
Laketon Storm Sewer	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	7	0
Community Foundation	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	7	0

These were the projects that the council had approved to come from the ARPA during the February meeting. Hann made a motion to approve the appropriation. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

#### Items for Review:

Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports – March 2022

Solid Waste Management District Income Statements – March 2022

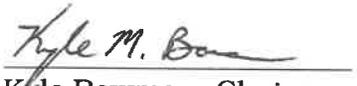
With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Wabash County Council is Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

**The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:**

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Kimberly Lundmark, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin, Dan Krouse, Jim Dixon, Commissioners Barry Eppley, Jeff Dawes, and Brian Hauptert. Via Zoom: Rob Burgess.

**WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

  
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Kyle Bowman, Chairman

  
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Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman

  
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Sam Hann

  
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Matt Dillon

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Lorissa Sweet

  
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Philip Dale

  
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Barbara Pearson

Attest:   
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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor