

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, September 19, 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, Lorissa Sweet, Barbara Pearson, Matt Dillon, Philip Dale and Matthew Mize. Sam Hann was absent. 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 review minutes of the 2023 Budget hearings. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes and Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Next was a review and approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Shelly Baucco, for CASA, reported the receipt of the Federal VOCA grant. The two-year reimbursement grant is for \$157,645.60. CASA submitted a budget of \$70,919.00 for the first year. Dillon made a motion to approve the grant. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, presented his Community Engagement Policy for council approval. Baker explained this was in response to the SBOA audit questions. Dale made a motion to approve the policy. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote. Baker requested that Bowman sign the letter for extra pay during the trial. This was approved earlier in the year during the first trial, and when asked Baker said the overtime was not included in his budget.

Next on the agenda were the requests for additional appropriations.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #2022-85-06

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, 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		
	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Gasoline - Sheriff			
1000.22100.000.0005	\$49,400	6	0
Food for Prisoners - Jail			
1000.28600.000.0033	\$24,000	6	0

County Sheriff Ryan Baker explained he did not anticipate the gas prices to be so high when he submitted the budget. Same with the food; he had cut his request for this year's budget but food prices have gone way up. Pearson asked what the policy is for take-home cars and could we trace the mileage to be sure it is not being abused. Tyler Guenin is to follow up on this. Dale made a motion to approve the request. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

	PSAP #1235		
	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Group Health Insurance			
1235.17300.000.0000	\$37,000	6	0

Sandy Beeks, Director of Central Dispatch, said she had not budgeted enough to cover the costs. Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Adoption of the 2023 Budgets

Mize asked if the council should go ahead and give the Courts the raises they've demanded. Mize reminded the council that the county attorney has said if the courts sue that the county may have to pay the attorney fees, so perhaps it would be cheaper to just give the amounts demanded. The difference in pay compared to other counties is not much; we pay the employee 3% of perf and require fewer work hours, thus making the pay almost the same.

Dillon, Pearson, Sweet, Dale and Bowman would like to wait for the mandate from the courts on principal, saying it is not right for the Judges to mandate some wages be higher than others in the county as it feels like the court is bullying the council into giving them special treatment which is not fair to the other departments that do not have the caveat. Council has given an unprecedented 8% increase and feels that should be enough.

Hauptert said the demand has happened in the past. Dawes said he finds it absurd the position the council has been put in and does not agree with it.

Bowman asked if there were any other comments or questions on the budget. Hearing none, he reviewed the rates as listed below. Bowman said as he understands it the rate is .537 per \$100 of the assessed value on a property.

Dillon made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget as presented. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2022-85-08

Be it ordained/resolved by the Wabash County Council that for the expenses of WABASH COUNTY for the year ending December 31, 2023 the sums herein specified 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. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of WABASH COUNTY, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Wabash County Council.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Wabash County Council	County Council	09/19/2022

Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0005	CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$80,000	\$0	0.0000
0061	RAINY DAY	\$36,000	\$0	0.0000
0101	GENERAL	\$12,908,064	\$6,964,280	0.4874
0124	2015 REASSESSMENT	\$184,820	\$132,031	0.0092
0702	HIGHWAY	\$4,447,189	\$0	0.0000
0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0790	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	\$935,000	\$318,628	0.0223
0801	HEALTH	\$480,688	\$314,822	0.0220
1157	PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS POINT - OPERATING	\$1,407,886	\$0	0.0000
2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$550,000	\$468,654	0.0328
2411	ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CREDIT	\$870,000	\$0	0.0000
		\$21,899,647	\$8,198,415	0.5737

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Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)		
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget
9500	HR # 1 Surveyor's Cornerstone Perpetuation(1202)	\$24,000
9501	HR #2 - Clerks Record's Perpetuation (1119)	\$34,450
9502	HR #3 - Recorder's Perpetuation (1189)	\$74,915
9503	HR #4 - Pre-trial Diversion (2501)	\$91,578
9504	HR #5 Security Protection (1160)	\$3,400
9505	HR #6 -Covered Bridges (1134)	\$4,500
9506	HR #7 -Drug Court (2511)	\$13,000
9507	HR #8 - Alcohol & Drug (2510)	\$90,670
9508	HR #9 - Clerk's IV D Incentive (8899)	\$16,674
9509	HR #10 - Emergency Right to Know (1152)	\$6,000
9510	HR #11 - LOIT Special Distribution (1229)	\$100,000
9511	HR #12 - Local Health Trust (1206)	\$19,494
9512	HR #13 - Auditor Plat Book (1181)	\$18,150
9513	HR #14 - Adult Probation User Fee (2100)	\$247,708
9514	HR #15 - Juvenile Probation User Fee (2150)	\$3,000
9515	HR #16 - County Misdemeanor (1175)	\$24,368
9516	HR #17 - Sex Offender (4204)	\$1,000
9517	HR #18 - County Elected Official Training (1217)	\$4,000
9518	HR #19 - Sheriff Pension (1193)	\$18,000
9519	HR #20 - CASA (1212)	\$185,052
9520	HR #21 - Solid Waste Admin Fee (1194)	\$1,800
9521	HR #22-Commissary Payroll (4949)	\$20,454
9522	HR #23 - Statewide 911 (1222)	\$889,750
9523	HR #24- EMA Volunteer Support (4951)	\$4,500
9524	HR #25 - Recorder's Enhanced Access (1154)	\$9,465
9525	HR #26 -Local Health Maintenance (1168)	\$33,139
9526	HR #27 - SPHI - Strengthening Public Health (8850)	\$14,000
9527	HR #28 - LIT Public Safety (1170)	\$407,451
9530	HR #31- CASA Donation Fund (4112)	\$2,150
9533	HR #34 Auditor Ineligible Deduction (1216)	\$2,000
9534	HR #35- Accident Report (1101)	\$1,000
9535	HR #36 Firearms Fund (1156)	\$18,000
9539	HR #40- Unsafe Premises (1207)	\$27,500
9540	HR #41-21.027 American Rescue Plan	\$1,900,000
		\$4,291,178

Next is the adoption of the 2023 Solid Waste Budget

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2022-85-09

Be it ordained/resolved by the Wabash County Council that for the expenses of WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT for the year ending December 31, 2023 the sums herein specified 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. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

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8210	SPECIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$728,604	\$0	0.0000
		\$728,604	\$0	0.0000

Dillon made a motion to approve the 2023 Solid Waste budget. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Items for Review:

- Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports – August 2022
- Solid Waste Management District Income Statements – July 2022

Review information on Work Release. Bowman had sent out an email with information on work release. Mize said more financial information is needed to be able to make an informed decision on building a new building and the others agreed.

Council has requested the following:

1. Full Estimated Budget
2. Estimate of how much revenue it will bring
3. Cash flow – profit and loss statement
4. The number of new employees needed
5. If the grant covers the new positions needed to run a new facility; If not, how much will be requested from the county to fund the program
6. The number of current prisoners that would qualify to be in the program
7. The number of successful graduates the program has had in the last 5 years and also the last 10 years
8. The number of the successful graduates that have been back in the program

Dale wants to know if we are putting a lot of the county’s resources toward a small number of the population. We need to be able to pay the bills and be fiscally responsible to the county as a whole, not just a few. Bowman said that the judges would like to meet and talk over the different options for a work release center. He will request the information so they can have it ready at the meeting.

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, October 17 at 6pm.

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin, Geoff Schortgen, Cheri Slee, LuAnn Layman, Jim Dixon, Commissioners Barry Eppley, Jeff Dawes, and Brian Haupert. Via Zoom: Rob Burgess.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL



Kyle Bowman, Chairman



Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman



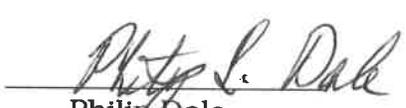
Sam Hann



Matt Dillon



Lorissa Sweet



Philip Dale

Barbara Pearson

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor