

# WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, September 18, 2023 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, Nick Kopkey, Sam Hann, Philip Dale, and Gary Ridenour. Matt Dillon was absent. 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.

First order of business was a review and approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2023 meeting. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-0-1 vote; Hann abstained.

## Adoption of the 2024 Budgets

Bowman asked if there were any questions on the 2024 budgets. Dale made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-07 Wabash County 2024 Budget as presented. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-1 (Kopkey) vote.

### ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2023-85-07

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Wabash County Council** that for the expenses of **WABASH COUNTY** for the year ending December 31, **2024** 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	09/18/2023

Funds					
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate	
0005	CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$80,000	\$0	0.0000	
0061	RAINY DAY	\$60,000	\$0	0.0000	
0101	GENERAL	\$14,840,400	\$5,488,885	0.4068	
0124	2015 REASSESSMENT	\$163,320	\$210,958	0.0156	
0702	HIGHWAY	\$4,514,751	\$0	0.0000	
0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$0	\$0	0.0000	
0790	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	\$1,555,000	\$354,031	0.0223	
0801	HEALTH	\$494,330	\$238,703	0.0177	
1157	PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS POINT - OPERATING	\$1,416,972	\$0	0.0000	
2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$550,000	\$528,665	0.0333	
2411	ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT	\$956,500	\$0	0.0000	
		<b>\$24,631,273</b>	<b>\$6,821,242</b>	<b>0.4957</b>	

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)	\$24,900
9502	HR #3 - Recorder's Perpetuation (1189)	\$84,233
9503	HR #4 - Pre-trial Diversion (2501)	\$92,750
9504	HR #5 Security Protection (1160)	\$3,400
9505	HR #6 -Covered Bridges (1134)	\$4,500
9506	HR #7 -Drug Court (2511)	\$13,950
9507	HR #8 - Alcohol & Drug (2510)	\$92,151
9508	HR #9 - Clerk's IV D Incentive (8899)	\$17,101
9509	HR #10 - Emergency Right to Know (1152)	\$7,500

9511	HR #12 - Local Health Trust (1206)	\$19,494
9512	HR #13 - Auditor Plat Book (1181)	\$18,854
9513	HR #14 - Adult Probation User Fee (2100)	\$306,688
9514	HR #15 - Juvenile Probation User Fee (2150)	\$3,050
9515	HR #16 - County Misdemeanant (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)	\$14,500
9519	HR #20 - CASA (1212)	\$86,897
9520	HR #21 - Solid Waste Admin Fee (1194)	\$9,800
9521	HR #22-Commissary Payroll (4949)	\$42,559
9522	HR #23 - Statewide 911 (1222)	\$949,750
9523	HR #24- EMA Volunteer Support (4951)	\$5,200
9524	HR #25 - Recorder's Enhanced Access (1154)	\$16,365
9525	HR #26 -Local Health Maintenance (1168)	\$33,139
9526	HR #27 - SPHI - Strengthening Public Health (8850)	\$10,000
9527	HR #28 - LIT Public Safety (1170)	\$661,822
9528	HR #29 - Adult Probation Admin Fee (2000)	\$12,100
9530	HR #31- CASA Donation Fund (4112)	\$7,500
9533	HR #34 Auditor Ineligible Deduction (1216)	\$11,000
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	\$233,836
9542	HR #43 - Opioid Restricted (1237)	\$0
9543	HR #44 Opioid Unrestricted (1238)	\$0
9544	HR # 45 - Local Public Health Services	\$449,152
		<b>\$3,332,059</b>

Next is the adoption of the 2024 Solid Waste Budget. Hann made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-08 Wabash County Solid Waste budget. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2023-85-08

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, 2024 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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Funds					
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate	
8210	SPECIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$754,615	\$0	0.0000	
		<b>\$754,615</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	

Before the Wabash County Council is the appointment of Jerry Honeycutt to the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District Board. The term of the appointment is for the remainder of Gary Burnau's term. Hann made a motion to approve the appointment. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**  
**ORDINANCE #2023-85-07**

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, 2023 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:

**COUNTY HEALTH #1159**

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>Deputy Register/Office Manager</b>				
1159.11302.000.0000	\$1,367	\$1,367	6	0

Dr Roe, Health Officer, reported the need to appropriate funds to pay for two weeks of training for Diane Engel who replaced recently-retired Kathryn Carter-Lower. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

**OPIOID FUND #1238**

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>Professional Services</b>				
1238.30000.00000.0000	\$24,000	\$0	6	0

Otis Bowen submitted a request to begin a substance use group for inmates in the jail. After some discussion the request died from lack of a motion.

**ARPA #8961**

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>Professional Services</b>				
8961.30600.00000.0000	\$180,000	\$180,000	5	1

Auditor Shepherd explained that due to two change orders for additional work needed, not enough funds were appropriated the first time. Dale made a motion to approve the appropriation. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-1 (Bowman) vote.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION**  
**#2023-85-03**

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, 2023, the following sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

INCREASE		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
<u>Coroner:</u>					
On Call	1000-11420-000-0007	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	6	0

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.

DECREASE		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
<u>Coroner</u>					
Operating Supplies	1000-20000-000-0007	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	6	0

Auditor Shepherd, for the Wabash County Coroner, explained that due to a medical leave more funds are needed in the on-call line. Kopkey made a motion to approve the transfer. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Steve Downs reported the need for the Council to give direction to the Commissioners to be able to proceed with a TPO membrane at the cost of up to \$2 million or steel roof at the cost of up to \$3 million on the new jail. The cost of the new roof will take us over the Bond funds. After some discussion Dale made a motion to move forward by getting a more concrete cost and come back for an additional appropriation. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is October 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm.

Items for Review:

- Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for August 2023
- Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for July, August & Sept 2023
- Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation September 2023

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

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Jeff D. Dawes, Tyler Guenin, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Louella Krom, Jim Dixon, Cheryl Evenson, LuAnn Layman, and Dave Nelson. Via Zoom: Don Jervis and Karsten Kersey.

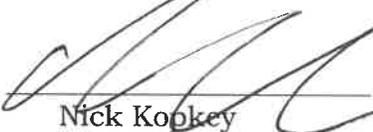
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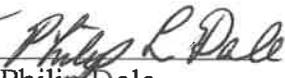
  
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Kyle Bowman, Chairman

  
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Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman

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Sam Hann

  
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Matt Dillon

  
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Nick Kookey

  
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Philip Dale

  
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Gary Ridenour

Attest:   
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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor