

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, July 15, 2024 in the Commissioner’s meeting room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Vice-Chairman Matthew Mize, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present: Matthew Mize, Philip Dale, Gary Ridenour and Kyle Bowman who was via Zoom. Matt Dillon, Sam Hann and Nick Kopkey were 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.

First order of business was a review and approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2024 meeting. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Cheryl Evenson, Wabash County Clerk presented a request to apply for the 2024 HAVA Election Security Grant. Evenson would like to use this reimbursement grant to replace 11 Poll Pads with encoders, printers and cases. The council said to proceed with the application, but with the exception of replacing 13. This would allow if one goes down another can easily be replaced.

Ken Brown, County Coroner requested to add the position of Chief Deputy. This position would have a set schedule allowing the Coroner time to schedule out of town appointments and vacations. Bowman asked the cost, Brown said he was looking to pay \$5,000 a year salary for 1 week per month to be on call. Ridenour made a motion to approve the position. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-1 (Dale) roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2024-85-05

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, 2024 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:

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY #1176

		Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personal Services					
Workman’s Comp	1176.17600.000.0000	\$27,691	\$27,691	4	0
Other Services & Charges					
Liability Insurance	1176.30420.000.0000	\$68,482	\$68,482	4	0

Coe Wyatt, Wabash Highway Superintendent, requested to cover the increases that happened after the new budgets were submitted. Dave Terflinger asked if we can get new quotes on our insurance. Auditor Shepherd said they would work on it. Hauptert said the cost was based on our history and the Highway had some claims in the last year. Dale made a motion to approve the request. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET #1169

		Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges					
Right of Way Spraying	1169.30644.000.0000	\$32,200	\$32,200	4	0

Cole Wyatt, Wabash Highway Superintendent, requested to cover the mowing that was added after the budget last year. Ridenour made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

GENERAL FUND - #1000

		Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personal Services					
Petit Jurors	1000.13500.000.0035	\$8,000	\$8,000	4	0
Part-time Security	1000.11903.000.0035	\$8,000	\$8,000	4	0

Auditor Shepherd, for the Circuit Court requested an additional appropriation to cover Petit Jurors and Part-time Security. Ridenour made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

ARPA # 8961

		Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personal Services					
Salaries	Muti	\$858,931.86	\$858,931.86	4	0

Auditor Shepherd, requested the ARPA grant be used to fund Salaries to used the funds before the deadline at the end of the year. Dale made a motion to approve the request. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
#2024-85-05**

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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, 2024, 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	Amount	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND		Requested	Approved		
Courthouse Complex					
Office Cleaning	1000.30610.000.0032	\$20,000	\$20,000	4	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	Amount	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND		Requested	Approved		
Custodian	1000.11617.000.0032	\$20,000	\$20,000	4	0

Auditor Shepherd, requested the funds be transfer to the line cleaning is being paid from as the Commissioners have not hired a Custodian. Dale made a motion to approve the transfer. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

INCREASE		Amount	Amount	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND		Requested	Approved		
Circuit Court					
Pauper Council	1000.30311.000.0035	tabled			

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DECREASE		Amount	Amount	AYE	NAY
GENERAL FUND		Requested	Approved		
Circuit Court					
P/D JD/JS	Multi Line	tabled			

Auditor Shepherd, reported this amount was budgeted to allow the Public Defender to get insurance. We are still working on getting the insurance coverage so they are paid from contracts until the process is done. Ridenour made a motion to table the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

With no other business to come before the Council, Vice Chairman Mize adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is for Budget hearings on August 13 @ 1:00pm & August 14 @ 1:00pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 22, 2024 @ 5:00pm.

Items for Review: Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for June 2024
Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for May 2024
Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation June 2024

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Barry J. Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes, Barry Eppley, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Louella Krom, Jim Dixon, David Terflinger, Mark Frantz, and Cheryl Ross. Via Zoom: Kyle Bowman, Rich Mofield.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL



Kyle Bowman, Chairman



Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman



Sam Hann



Matt Dillon

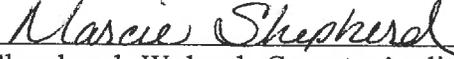
Nick Kopkey



Philip Dale



Gary Ridenour

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor