

Wabash County Council Chairman, Ted Little, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Auditor's office, with Eugene Schenkel late, and not voting on any items. Leon Ridenour gave the prayer, and minutes from the 10/8 regular meeting and the 10/26 and 11/10 special meetings were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Paul Sites, and carried. Council members agreed to retain the same board appointments for 2000 that they held in 1999. Ted noted that due to a job change, he would like to be replaced as chairman in 2000. Council set their meeting schedule for 2000: 1/24, 4/3, 6/5, 7/10 all at 8:00 a.m., 8/21 & 8/22 beginning at 2:00 for budget hearings, and 9/11, 10/23 and 12/4 at 8:00 a.m. In reference to the justice building project, presently on hold, Council members reiterated how very disturbed they were to learn the county is spending more from our general fund than we're collecting. Commissioner, Darle Dawes, updated on the Urbana Drainage project. The remonstrance period has passed, and a majority of property owners voted in favor of proceeding. Bids have been let, equipment is being moved in and a \$350,000. loan thru Wabash Co. Farm Bureau Credit Union has been signed. Previously approved CEDIT funds will repay the 6.4% loan. A resident, Nancy Whitmer, asked if information given her by the State Board of Health and the IN Dept. of Environmental Management, was correct. Allegedly, any existing lines found to contain sewage won't be hooked up to the new system. Her question wasn't answered. Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice noted his budget will be impacted by the project, as road work will be tied into the project. He'll need additional funds. Beth Miller, coordinator of the local Working Against Substance Abuse (WASA) group, and several recipient representatives, presented their grant requests for 2000. Requests didn't exceed the available grant money, so the WASA board approved all requests. Beth added \$2,500. to her budget for possible special projects for some groups who missed the application deadline. Formerly known as the Local Coordinating Council, money for the grant comes from a specific fine levied by judges, and the money is divided into fourths, for education, treatment, prevention and justice. Rich noted the state compliments our local unit on its marketing and visibility but there's no mention of results. Beth said it's hard to document the programs' success. Council will vote on the requests in January.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE VIII

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Sheriff				
174 Personal Services (fund pension plan)	\$ 10,565.	\$ 10,565.	6	0
<p>\$12.00 of the filing fee from civil papers served, is to be designated for the pension. Paul moved to direct the Auditor to start an account for the pension funds, rather than it going into the County General Fund, second by Rich, and passed. Paul then moved to approve the \$10,565. request, second by Rich, and passed by all.</p>				
County Commissioners				
322 Other Services/Charges (postage meter funds)	10,000.	10,000.	6	0
399 Other Services/Charges (wards of courts)	150,000.	150,000.	6	0
<p>Council would like Commissioners to budget these high, so we don't run out of funds by the end of the year. Council directed the Auditor to keep them updated on fund balances throughout the year. Leon moved to approve both requests, second by Paul, and carried.</p>				
Adult Probation				
361 Other Services/Charges (computer maintenance)	7,288.	7,288.	6	0
<p>Graphic Sciences estimated repair costs for "98" were \$6,500, and figures aren't final for "99". Funds would come from Adult User Fees for 2000, but if an agreement is used thereafter, Tina Edwards, Probation Chief, would make it a line item in her budget. Gary Nose would like the funds to permanently come from User Fees. Tina will monitor repairs next year, and compare actual costs with the service agreement cost. Bob Whitesel moved to approve the request, second by Gary, and carried.</p>				

Transfer Resolution # 2

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Treasurer				
212 Supplies (property tax form increases)	\$ 2,000.	\$ 2,000.	6	0
393 Other Ser/Chgs (decreased)	1,000.	1,000.	6	0
440 Cap/Outlay (decreased)	1,000.	1,000.	6	0
<p>Laser tax statements to be used for 2000 are more expensive, so Treasurer, Ann Gillespie, will help offset next year's expenses by encumbering from 1999 funds. Leon moved approval of the transfers, second by Paul, and passed.</p>				
Auditor				
211 Supplies (account out of funds)	200.	200.	6	0
323 Other Ser/Chgs (decreased)	200.	200.	6	0
<p>Gary moved to approve the transfer, second by Rich, and carried.</p>				
Sheriff				
225 Supplies (vehicle repairs)	1,600.	1,600.	6	0
441 Cap/Outlay (decreased)	1,600.	1,600.	6	0
Jail				
113 Per/Services (wages)	18,500.	18,500.	6	0
312 Other Ser/Chgs (decreased)	18,500.	18,500.	6	0
<p>Rich moved to approve the Sheriff and Jail transfers, second by Paul, and carried.</p>				
Circuit Court				
220 Supplies (yr 2000 software compliance)	1,600.	1,600.	6	0
<p>The judge also will use \$1,600. from #216 (transfer approval not needed within 200 series</p>				
136 Per/Services (decrease)	1,600.	1,600.	6	0
<p>Paul moved approval of \$1,600 from # 136 to # 220, second by Bob, and carried.</p>				
Superior Court				
216 Supplies (law books)	4,000.	4,000.	6	0
317 Other Ser/Chgs (decreased)	4,000.	4,000.	6	0
<p>Rich moved approval, second by Bob, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.</p>				

/s/ Ted A. Little      /s/ Leon Ridenour      /s/ Richard Pepple      /s/ Gary Nose  
/s/ Paul Sites      /s/ Robert Whitesel      /s/ Eugene Schenkel

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor