

June 5, 2000

Council Chairman, Robert Whitesel, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Paul Sites absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 4/3 meeting were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Gary Nose, and carried. Rich moved to re-appoint John W. (Jack) Miller Sr. to the Economic Development Commission of the City of Wabash, second by Leon, and passed. In Code 36-7-12-5 indicates the county fiscal body appoints a member to the board for a one year term. Eugene Schenkel moved to re-appoint Robert Lundquist as the Council appointed free hold member of the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for the year 2000, second by Gary, and passed. Bill Bradley, WEDCOR director reports there is interest in the "spec" building in the Wabash North Industrial Park, but he thinks it's priced 10 - 15% higher than similar buildings in the area. He also reports that R & B Properties, the "spec" building owner, failed to timely file for their personal property tax abatement for 1999 pay 2000, and would like their \$24,000. (100% abatement) tax debt forgiven. The Auditor has denied the request, and they are seeking support for their cause. Council consensus is to not set a precedent by allowing this abatement when they were negligent in following the requirements. Ted Little reports he has looked at court security in surrounding counties, in advance of equipment installation in our judicial building. The long term expense will be for monitoring the equipment. Whitley Co. hired 3 part-time retired police officers who don't receive benefits and earn \$11.50 to \$12.50 per hour. Kosciusko Co. uses two jail officers, and Grant Co. uses merit deputies, the most expensive option. With no further business, Leon moved to adjourn, second by Gene, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IV

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
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COUNTY GENERAL

Surveyor

310 Other Ser/Chgs (legal services)	\$ 500.	\$ 500.	6	0
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A contractor on the Urbana Drainage project has been slow about paying sub-contractors, and Surveyor, John Stephens' attorney sent a warning to the contractor. John is on the brink of filing a performance bond against the contractor. His legal services fund is down to \$137. from the budgeted \$500. Gene said resident, Wilbur Miller, is concerned about the 12" tile being replaced with an 8" tile, and John says the holding pond should take care of that. Ted moved to approve the request, second by Rich, and passed.

COUNTY HEALTH

172 Personal Ser. (PERF)	1200.	1200.	6	0
173 Personal Ser. (health insurance)	6000.	6000.	6	0
184 Personal Ser. (education)	166.56	166.56	6	0
216 Supplies (TB testing)	750.	750.	6	0

Enough funds weren't budgeted for PERF, not enough budgeted for health insurance cost increases in April, and the education funds are a reimbursement from the state. Jane Skeans, Co. Health Nurse, is now charging \$3.00 for each T.B. test, and wants that money appropriated to buy additional testing serum. Gene moved to approve all four Health Department requests, second by Ted, and passed.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET

5302 Other Ser/Chgs (Durnbaugh Rd)	340,000.	340,000.	6	0
5303 Other Ser/Chgs (CR 175E & 180E)	230,000.	230,000.	6	0
5304 Other Ser/Chgs (CR 300 E)	70,000.	70,000.	6	0
5401 Capital Outlay (2 mowers)	110,000.	110,000.	6	0

There's about 1.7 million available in Local Rd. & St. (R/S) after funds are dedicated to the Carroll St. bridge project, which is set to begin soon. Will underseal to pump up the low spots, mill off the high places, and pave on sections of both 300 E and 175 & 180 E. The 1.7 mile Durnbaugh Rd. is gravel, and residents have petitioned to have an asphalt surface, and the job will take extensive preparations. Rich moved to approve accounts 5302, 5303 and 5304, second by Ted, and passed. Larry needs to replace a 1992 mower with 7000 hours, and buy a used boom mower that allows mowing on the other side of the guardrail, and trims branches farther back from the roadside. Gene moved to approve account 5401, second by Rich, and carried. Larry reports due to oil price increases, there won't be as much chip & seal work done this year. Ted said citizens are concerned about safety at the CR 300 E intersection with new U.S. 24 because of the grade and a curve. It will be heavily travelled and used by school buses. Larry thinks State Representative, Bill Ruppel, has already set a meeting to address the issue.

ADULT PROBATION/USER FEES

362 Other Ser/Chgs (machine maintenance)	1158.	579.	6	0
441 Capital Outlay (copy machine)	6295.	6295.	6	0

Will need maintenance for only 1/2 year, next year maintenance will be in the Probation budget. Machine will come from Smith Office Supply in Peru, it's the best deal. Ted moved approval of both Probation requests, second by Gene, and carried.

WABASH COUNTY CEDIT

371 Other Ser/Chgs (judicial bldg. bond)	115,083.	115,083.	6	0
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For interest payments due 7/1/00 and 1/1/01 on bond repayment. Ted moved to approve, second by Gene, and passed.

/s/ Robert Whitesel
/s/ Gary Nose

/s/ Paul Sites
/s/ Ted Little

/s/ Eugene Schenkel
ATTEST: _____