

July 16, 2001

Wabash County Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Richard Pepple and Eugene Schenkel absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 6/4 meeting were approved as written, moved by Leon, second by Joan Rauh, and passed. Council reviewed the Jail Commissary Report for January thru June 2001. Commissioner, Brian Haupert, reports an emergency response service out of Nappanee, would cost nearly \$250,000. a year to cover the county north of St. Rd. 16. The Town of North Manchester has notified Brian by letter, that they will use CEDIT funds, along with donations of \$10,000. from Timbercrest Retirement Home, and \$5,000. from Manchester College, to reach their share of \$55,000., to ensure coverage by Life-Med thru the rest of 2001. Peabody Retirement Home didn't contribute. This is added to the additional \$22,500. approved by the county, but not released, pending notification Manchester has reached their goal. At this time Life-Med doesn't separate their emergency services accounts from their wheel chair services, so it's difficult to determine the revenue generated by each program. Brian also says the county needs to have stipulations in writing, before considering a "walk-away" resolution of possible litigation with Prince/Alexander Architects regarding their termination on the judicial building project. Both sides have issues to resolve. Brian also asked the Council to dedicate the \$11,500. balance in the museum budget 100 account, to the Historical Museum Board for packing and moving expenses. He suggests transferring to a 300 account and contracting with the museum board for services. There will be an official request at the next Council meeting. The group discussed better identification methods for angling roads that have different road numbers at each end. This can cause problems for emergency and service vehicles. Sheriff Roberts says straight roads are to be numbered and angling roads named, which doesn't make them easier to locate. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, and Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, will list offending roads and look for a solution that doesn't create new problems. Sheriff Roberts presented recommended heating/cooling repairs for the jail, including a new air conditioner for the basement for moisture problems. The original compressor was designed to handle the problem, but the two replacement compressors on the roof, don't. Havel Brothers of Fort Wayne, recommend going back to a single compressor, and Tim seek will Council approval to use Co. Corrections funds at the 8/20 meeting. After discussing changes in the Sheriff Dept. Pension Plan, some proposed by McCready and Keene, Inc. the plan administrator, and some required by the IRS. Leon moved to approve the changes, second by Joan, and passed. Gary signed the contracts. Following action on Appropriation Ordinance IV, Leon moved to adjourn, second by Paul and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE IV

		AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE					
3410 Capital Outlay	Chester Br. 7 (CR 150 E)	\$40,000.	\$40,000.	5	0
3412 Capital Outlay	Noble Br. 6 (CR 300 W)	48,000.	48,000.	5	0
3414 Capital Outlay	Chester Br. 83 (CR 800 N)	65,000.	65,000.	5	0
3415 Capital Outlay	Liberty Br. 36 (CR 975 S)	45,000.	45,000.	5	0

All repairs will be concrete box culverts. Chester 83 may be a partial replacement of the concrete and wood structure, while the other 3 have rotting concrete and rusted steel reinforcements and Chester 7 isn't wide enough for farm vehicles. Ted Little moved to approve all four requests, second by Joan, and passed. Larry Rice updated on several projects, including Br. 28 over the Eel River at Laketon, Br. 13 over the Mississinewa River, and the INDOT/DNR project from St. Rd. 13 to Br. 13 and on CR 300 W from CR 950 S to Pearsons Mill.

COUNTY HEALTH

184 Personal Services (state training refund) 356.33 356.33 5 0
Used by Food Environmentalist, Marilyn Simpson, for continuing education, the state reimburses the cost. Joan moved approval, second by Leon, and passed.

E-911

412 Capital Outlay (fire radio update) 13,940. 13,940. 5 0
Will update fire radio system to repeaters, and add voter system that chooses the best reception tower. Then the dispatcher will automatically dispatch to the correct area. Current frequencies are full, and Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, has obtained two new ones, one for north and one south. Fire Departments will help with the expenses. Joan moved approval, second by Paul Sites, and passed. The Sheriff reported county equipment on the WKUZ radio tower has been relocated to the LaFontaine water tower

HEALTH MAINTENANCE

316 Other Services/Charges (hepatitis serum) 15,000. 15,000. 5 0
441 Capital Outlay (upgrades) 3,900. 3,900. 5 0
Hepatitis serum will be used for high school seniors. Upgrade is for birth and death records software, a foods program for Marilyn Simpson and a new computer system. Health Maintenance funds come from tobacco taxes and the tobacco lawsuit settlement. Paul moved to approve both requests, second by Ted, and passed.

WABASH COUNTY CEDIT

403 Capital Outlay (Handy Andy Drain) 5,650. 5,650. 5 0
An amendment to the CEDIT 3 year plan, the county and the Town of LaFontaine will each pay this amount for drainage as part of the million dollar Handy Andy project. LaFontaine will maintain the drain. Leon moved approval, second by Paul, and passed. Leon thinks the CEDIT program should be reviewed in light of the current economy, since it was passed by a 4 to 3 vote, and is a tax the council has the authority to keep or eliminate. Bill Bradley, WEDCOR director, says the one ongoing complaint he hears is the distribution formula based on assessed valuation, rather than population. North Manchester, in particular would benefit by basing the formula on population. He will prepare a report for the Council's October meeting.

/s/ Gary Nose /s/ Leon Ridenour /s/ Ted Little /s/ Joan Rauh /s/ Paul Sites

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor