

Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 9/10 meeting were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. Leon moved to set the first Council meeting for 2002 on January 28th at 8:00 A.M., second by Paul Sites, and passed. In discussing money constraints, the Council and Commissioners agreed to meet after the new year to discuss special needs like the ambulance services (new contracts for new year), jail repairs and Probation relocation. A Cumulative Capital Improvements Fund may need established for the future. CEDIT funds can't be drained, and the state is withholding our refunds for CEDIT and CAGIT until next year, because they're short on money. Commissioner Brian Hauptert, reports negotiations for a settlement with Prince/Alexander Architects (P/A) are ongoing. They haven't responded to attorney Tom Mattern's request for proof of errors and omissions insurance, and their suggested walk-away settlement, isn't acceptable to the county. Mark Ramer with Manatron, reports the Auditor and Treasurer computer applications date back to the early 1980's, with some legislative modifications. Their company is working toward "Windows" based applications. They will likely support the financial package (Auditor) for 2 more years and the tax application (Treasurer) for 3 more years. New equipment offers new opportunities, such as adding GIS capabilities. Mark estimates the new financial package will run about \$50,000. and the tax package about \$60,000. The Assessor has an immediate need to update her appraisals package, and Mark suggests a server at \$20,000. that would accommodate the future needs of all three offices, rather than spending \$10,000. for a server for the Assessor alone. Separate servers mean separate maintenance and back-up costs. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, has learned she can borrow from her next reappraisal fund, but her balance is low in the current reappraisal fund, since she had to pay for an extended reappraisal contract. Mark recommends a lease/buy option rather than an ongoing lease. In a lease, the vendor chooses the hardware, and it may not be the newest equipment available. Paul Bergman told Council there are about 3 calls a day for possible anthrax substances. There are 15 HAZMAT trained personnel in the county, who are using some hospital equipment right now, but need appropriate equipment for their safety and to discourage county liability problems. Level A suits are about \$800. each, and recommended for one time use. The Council took no action on the Assessor's server or the HAZMAT suits. Following action on the requests for additional appropriations and transfers, Gene moved to adjourn, second by Leon, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VII

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Prosecuting Attorney				
322 Other Services/Charges (postage)	\$ 500.	\$ 0.	7	0
Joann Rauh moved to deny the request, second by Ted Little, and passed.				
Project IV-D				
322 Other Services/Charges (postage)	500.	0.	7	0
Joann moved to deny the request, second by Leon, and passed. Council suggests the Prosecutor transfer funds within his existing budget in both cases.				
County Commissioners				
385 Other Services/Charges (prosecutor lawsuit)	3000.	0.	7	0
Funds to reimburse the Pre-Trial Diversion account, as per a court order. Rich moved to accept the judge's court order, second by Joann, and passed, with Leon voting nay. Before Council approves the additional funds, they want the Prosecutor to file a claim for the funds to reimburse his 2001 Incentive Fund # 1 and Pillar Corporation, as suggested by Richard Fisher, Co. Council attorney. Mr. Plummer borrowed from these funds to cover the shortfall in his Pre-trial diversion fund. Ted moved to deny this request for \$3000. until claims are submitted, second by Leon, and passed.				
County Council				
310 Other Services/Charges (professional fees)	8500.	5557.68	7	0
Legal fees due to Prosecutor lawsuit. Final bill is in, and \$ 5557.68 would give the line item a 0. balance. Leon moved to approve \$ 5557.68, second by Ted, and passed				
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE				
3402 Capital Outlay (Carroll St. bridge)	373,000.	373,000.	7	0
Needed to pay bills at 100%, state will eventually reimburse 80% of costs. Those funds go back into the Cumulative Bridge general account. County will also be reimbursed by the City of Wabash for sewer line relocation and additional water lines. Rich moved to approve as requested, second by Gene, and passed.				
HEALTH MAINTENANCE				
317 Other Services/Charges (donation)	3000.	3000.	7	0
Contribution for a new program at Southwood, " Peers Educating Peers about Positive Values". The program strives for positive attitudes about teens' sexuality, in an effort to prevent teen pregnancies.				
318 Other Services/Charges (Big Brothers/Sisters)	3000.	3000.	7	0
From tobacco settlement funds, a one time gift for their programs. The county has gotten part of the \$23,000. it will get from the settlement. Rich moved to approve both requests from Health Maintenance, second by Gene, and passed.				

TRANSFER REQUEST IV

County General				
Increase:				
446 Capital Outlay (radio equipment)	1047.	1047.	6	1
Decrease:				
182 Personal Services	272.	272.	6	1
221 Supplies	350.	350.	6	1
241 Supplies	300.	300.	6	1
391 Other Services/Charges	125.	125.	6	1
To replace radio stolen from a volunteer's vehicle. Paul moved to approve the transfer, second by Leon, and passed, with Joann voting nay. She thinks the individual should pay to replace the equipment, since their vehicle wasn't locked.				

s/s Gary Nose s/s Leon Ridenour s/s Richard Pepple s/s Ted Little
s/s Paul Sites s/s Joann Rauh s/s Eugene Schenkel

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor