

Wabash County 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 10/22 meeting were approved as written, moved by Leon, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. Joann Rauh moved to reappoint Leon as the Co. Council representative to the Convention and Tourism Board for a one year term thru 12/31/02, second by Paul Sites, and passed. Council members set their meeting schedule for 2002, moved by Joann, second by Leon, and passed. Meetings are Monday at 8:00 A.M. with a few exceptions, and scheduled for: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25, April 29, May 28 (Tues.), June 24, July 29, Aug. 19 & 20 (Mon and Tues) 2:00 P.M., Sept. 9, Oct. 28, and Dec. 2. Council discussed an agreement between the county and the Historical Museum Board for the use of budgeted county funds in the amount of \$11,583.31, to help with inventory and packing expenses. Commissioner, Brian Hauptert, says the museum board estimates it could cost \$110,000. a year to run the new building. Joann moved to sign the agreement with the understanding this is a one year contract for 2001 only, second by Gene, and passed, with Richard Pepple voting nay. County Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, reports \$112,000. of the \$340,000. appropriated for three road projects, wasn't spent, and will return to the highway account. His crews completed four rounds of mowing this year. Council discussed funding for the judicial building, since they reduced the balance in the account by \$500,000. Ted Little will contact Representative Bill Ruppel and State Senate candidate "Doc" Dillon, Gene will contact Senator Wheeler, and Gary will talk with Representative, Bill Friend, urging them to pressure the state to release surplus CAGIT and EDIT funds due the county before the regular May and June disbursements. Council had discussed using CEDIT funds to cover the \$500,000. returned to the county general fund. Commissioners may have to borrow funds on the short term after the new year. Lana Bousman, with the Rural Community Assistance Program, told Council her group is working with the town of Servia to help them upgrade their water system. IN Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM) found the system doesn't meet statutory requirements. The 49 household, lower income, community of Servia, can't generate the local match of about \$3,000. for preliminary design work, required for the grant. Commissioners recommend using CEDIT funds for this, and Council tentatively support the project, but an official request must come at a later meeting. Council reviewed the county general unobligated balances as of 12/1/00 (\$2,234,447.) and 12/1/01 (\$1,273,365.). \$961,082. lower in 2001. Neither figure includes November property tax payments or December settlement funds. After addressing additional appropriation and transfer requests, Council adjourned.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VIII

| | AMOUNT REQUESTED | AMOUNT APPROVED | AYE | NAY |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|
| County General | | | | |
| Prosecuting Attorney IV-D Incentive | | | | |
| 501 Other Disbursements (court order) | \$ 4,819.24 | \$ 4,819.24 | 7 | 0 |
| As the Prosecutor presented claims per Council request, Leon moved to approve as requested, second by Rich, and passed. | | | | |
| County Commissioners | | | | |
| 342 Other Services/Charges (liability insurance) | 37,066. | 37,066. | 6 | 1 |
| 399 Other Services/Charges (wards of court) | 212,934. | 212,934. | 6 | 1 |
| The 300 account is in the red \$44,913.73, and December claims are estimated at \$202,489. Chief Probation officer, Tina Edwards, says daily juvenile detention numbers run between 5 and 9. Parents aren't charged for the cost of detention or some counseling services. Joann moved to approve both appropriations as requested, second by Paul, and passed, with Gary voting nay on both requests. | | | | |
| HOSPITAL LEASE RENTAL | | | | |
| 371 Other Services/Charges (bond payment) | 9,250. | 9,250. | 7 | 0 |
| There's sufficient money in the account, but not enough was appropriated to cover the Dec billing. Joann moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed. | | | | |
| E-911 | | | | |
| 412 Capital Outlay (buy page recorder) | 2,250. | 2,250. | 7 | 0 |
| Ongoing problem with pages being received. Equipment would allow pages to be sent to the receiver's home tower, recorded, and repeated thru all other towers. Joann moved approval, second by Ted, and passed as requested. | | | | |
| ADULT PROBATION | | | | |
| 441 Capital Outlay (buy 5 computers) | 11,475. | 11,475. | 7 | 0 |
| Purchase 5 desktop computers plus \$1500. for installation. When 3 year old laptops currently in use fail, they won't be replaced. Officers will have to do all computer work in the office. Rich moved approval as requested, second by Paul, and passed. | | | | |
| WABASH CO. CEDIT | | | | |
| 416 Capital Outlay (N. Man. Ind. Park) | 7,500. | 7,500. | 7 | 0 |
| Insufficient funds were requested by WEDCOR director for 2001. Additional needed to meet the Dec. 2001 payment. Joann moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed. | | | | |
| COUNTY CORRECTIONS | | | | |
| 173 Personal Services (group insurance) | 15,000. | 15,000. | 7 | 0 |
| Higher than anticipated expenses, not enough budgeted. Gene moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed. | | | | |
| TRANSFER RESOLUTION 5 COUNTY GENERAL | | | | |
| Sheriff | | | | |
| Increase: | | | | |
| 225 Supplies (garage and motors) | 4,500. | 4,500. | 7 | 0 |
| Decrease: | | | | |
| 120 Personal Services (emergency deputies) | 4,500. | 4,500. | 7 | 0 |
| Jail | | | | |
| Increase: | | | | |
| 312 Other Services/Charges (medical,dental) | 23,000. | 23,000. | 7 | 0 |
| 452 Capital Outlay (furniture,fixtures) | 237.24 | 237.24 | 7 | 0 |
| Decrease: (from Sheriff budget) | | | | |
| 112 Personal Services (Chief Deputy) | 23,000. | 23,000. | 7 | 0 |
| 452 Capital Outlay (office machines) | 237.24 | 237.24 | 7 | 0 |
| High gas prices caused shortfall in Sheriff 225 account. Higher than anticipated inmate medical expenses caused Jail 312 account shortage. Invoices paid from wrong account caused shortfall in Jail account 452. Gene moved approval of both Sheriff and Jail transfers, second by Ted, and passed. Sheriff Roberts says he will be submitting a claim for \$10,000., the deductible portion of his insurance. He is going to pursue getting some of these funds reimbursed from a frivolous lawsuit filed against the Sheriff. The judge has dismissed it, and this kind of suit must be nipped in the bud. It costs the county unnecessarily. | | | | |
| Coroner | | | | |
| Increase: | | | | |
| 441 Capital Outlay (buy computer) | 2,147. | 2,147. | 7 | 0 |
| Decrease: | | | | |
| 310 Other Services/Charges (autopsies) | 2,147. | 2,147. | 7 | 0 |
| Coroner has been using her personal computer, and needs one for coroner's office. Ted asked if anyone monitors turn over of equipment in outside offices when office holder changes. Auditor says offices are to maintain fixed asset records. Paul moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed. | | | | |
| Weights and Measures | | | | |
| Increase: | | | | |
| 244 Supplies (balance account) | 164. | 164. | 7 | 0 |
| 442 Capital Outlay (buy gas prover to measure fuel) | 200. | 200. | 7 | 0 |
| Decrease: | | | | |
| 332 Other Services/Charges (printing) | 164. | 164. | 7 | 0 |
| 391 Other Services/Charges (state meetings) | 200. | 200. | 7 | 0 |
| Ted moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed. | | | | |
| County Assessor | | | | |
| Increase: | | | | |
| 442 Capital Outlay (computer equipment) | 12,475. | 12,475. | 7 | 0 |
| Decrease: | | | | |
| 311 Other Services/Charges (new construction) | 8,475. | 8,475. | 7 | 0 |
| 220 Supplies (computer supplies) | 4,000. | 4,000. | 7 | 0 |

Updated computer hardware required for reassessment. Joann moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed.

Noble Township Assessor

Increase:
441 Capital Outlay (computer equipment) 1,700. 1,700. 6 0
Decrease:
211 Supplies (office supplies) 1,200. 1,200. 6 0
362 Other Services/Charges (repairs/maintenance) 500. 500. 6 0
Updated computer hardware required for reassessment. Joann moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed, with Leon abstaining.

Circuit Court

Increase:
440 Capital Outlay (equipment) 21,700. 21,700. 7 0
Decrease:
122 Personal Services (IV-D commissioner) 800. 800. 7 0
123 Personal Services (IV-D reporter) 300. 300. 7 0
126 Personal Services (Pt.time/overtime) 4,000. 4,000. 7 0
135 Personal Services (Petit jurors) 9,000. 9,000. 7 0
136 Personal Services (Grand jurors) 3,000. 3,000. 7 0
313 Other Services/Charges (psychiatric services) 500. 500. 7 0
321 Other Services/Charges (Special judge fees) 500. 500. 7 0
362 Other Services/Charges (equipment repair) 600. 600. 7 0
371 Other Services/Charges (service contracts) 1,500. 1,500. 7 0
393 Other Services/Charges (criminal depositions) 1,000. 1,000. 7 0
394 Other Services/Charges (juror meals/lodging) 500. 500. 7 0

To augment funds to furnish Circuit Court offices in the new judicial building. Excess funds a result of fewer jury trials this year. See vote below.

Superior Court

Increase:
440 Capital outlay (equipment) 25,900. 25,900. 7 0
Decrease:
119 Personal Services (sub. Reporter/Bailiff) 7,000. 7,000. 7 0
135 Personal Services (Petit jurors) 10,800. 10,800. 7 0
313 Other Services/Charges (psychiatric serv.) 900. 900. 7 0
315 Other Services/Charges (crt. appt. advocate) 800. 800. 7 0
317 Other Services/Charges (Pauper counsel) 5,000. 5,000. 7 0
351 Other Services/Charges (computer phone line) 500. 500. 7 0
393 Other Services/Charges (lodging/meals) 900. 900. 7 0

To augment funds to furnish Superior Court offices in new judicial building. Rich moved to approve both Circuit and Superior Court's transfer requests, second by Joann, passed.

COUNTY HEALTH

Increase:
361 Other Services/Charges (repair/maintain) 400. 400. 7 0
441 Capital Outlay (nurse laptop) 1,000. 1,000. 7 0
Decrease:
214 Supplies (environmental) 200. 200. 7 0
243 Supplies (microfilm) 200. 200. 7 0
118 Personal Services (pt.time nurse) 1,000. 1,000. 7 0

\$400. requested to remodel office space for food sanitarian in southeast corner of Memorial Hall. \$1,000. to purchase county nurse and staff a laptop computer for quick access of childrens' shot records when in the field. Gene moved approval as requested, second by Paul, and passed. Gene also moved approval of a transfer from the Health Maintenance fund for emergency purchase of a refrigerator to hold medications, second by Joann, and passed.

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

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor