February 25, 2002

Wabash County Council Chairman, Gary Nose, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. in the Circuit Courtroom of the courthouse, with Joann Rauh absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 1/28 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. The Council Alcoholic Beverage Board appointment is Phillip Mendenhall rather than George Airgood. Chris Martin, WEDCOR director, and Bill Foulke, WEDCOR Board President talked with Council. Chris, as the new director, is working diligently to get things going and carry on some exciting projects started by former director, Bill Bradley. Economic development is slow now, and our area needs to establish good job opportunities and stimulate existing businesses, in an effort to keep our own people and attract new residents. WEDCOR has a committee for attracting new business, a retention and expansion committee to keep businesses here, and a public relations board to keep people informed about what WEDCOR does, and can do. Council discussed the ambulance funding issue at length. They would like funding to come from a source other than county general funds in the future. Ted Little will talk with Hamilton County plus a few other counties to learn how their ambulance services function. Council already knows it's run by the county in Whitley County, and the townships in Kosciusko County. Gary will talk with the Association of Indiana Counties about the possibility of instituting a phone tax or cumulative ambulance fund for financing the ambulance services. He'll also check about the legality of using CEDIT funds for this. Paul Sites, will poll North Manchester residents for their thoughts on the matter. He feels they may not be aware there's concern for continued coverage in their area. The Auditor will advertise for an additional appropriation of $50,000. for both the City of Wabash and Life-Med for the March Council meeting. Ted wondered if court fees could be increased to the user, as court related expenses are one of the largest drains on county general money. After addressing the additional appropriation ordinance and transfer ordinance, Leon moved to adjourn, second by Rich, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE II

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Clerk				
391 Other Services/Charges (election meetings)	$ 1,500.	$ 0.	0	0

Election division meetings and registration costs now come from this account, and the $1,000. budgeted for 2002 won't be sufficient. Council feels the extra money isn't needed yet, since none of the budgeted $1000. has been spent, so Rich moved to table the request until they have further information from the Clerk, second by Leon, and passed.

Prosecutor IV-D				
441 Capital Outlay (computers)	3,042.	3,042.	6	0

By appropriating funds from the IV-D Incentive Fund # 2, to this account, purchase of new computers will be reimbursed 66.67% by the state. State child enforcement department demands a switch from dummy monitors to computers. Paul moved to approve the request, second by Ted, and passed.

Memorial Hall				
362 Other Services/Charges (cleaning services)	20,000.	16,680.	5	1

Cleaning services, Monday, Wednesday & Friday for the Judicial Center and Memorial Hall basement. Also funds to purchase cleaning supplies. Nothing in 2002 budget for this. Jail custodian will check the facilities on Tuesday and Thursday. Rich moved to approve $16,680. the amount of a one year contract for cleaning services, second by Ted, and passed, with Gary voting nay.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET				
5423 Capital Outlay (shop truck)	25,000.	25,000.	6	0

To replace a 1988 1 ton GMC with 141,000 miles on it. Funds would cover the cab and chassis plus the switching of the bed and equipment. Larry checked and it's okay to use road & street funds to buy a truck. As of 12/31/01 the account had a balance of 4.2 million versus 1.1 million in highway general. Gene moved to approve the request, second by Paul, and passed.

CEDIT				
372 Other Services/Charges (loan repayment)	500,000.	500,000.	6	0

Wells Fargo Bank construction loan at 4.55% is the best deal of two quotes. Can repay a maximum of $250,000. per calendar year, but loan would be set up for 3 years, with two payments per year of $83,333., due July 10th and January 10th. Rich moved to approve the request, second by Gene, and passed.

JUDICIAL CENTER BOND				
421 Capital Projects (loan funds)	500,000.	500,000.	6	0

Appropriate loan funds to this account for completion of judicial project. Rich moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION I - 2002

Prosecutor IV-D				
Increase:				
441 Capital Outlay (computers)	3,042.	3,042.	6	0
Decrease				
Prosecutor/IV-D #2 Incentive Fund	3,042.	3,042.	6	0

Appropriate funds to the 441 account to purchase computers. Leon moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed.

/s/ Gary Nose /s/ Leon Ridenour /s/ Richard Pepple /s/ Ted Little
/s/ Paul Sites /s/ Eugene Schenkel ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor