

June 24, 2002

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 5/28 meeting were approved as written, moved by Eugene Schenkel, second by Richard Pepple, and passed. Rich moved to approve two recommended library re-appointments, second by Leon, and passed. Edward "Pete" Jones to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library thru 6/23/06 and Terri Camp to the North Manchester Public Library Board thru 7/28/06. Ted reported he asked all county general fund departments to complete the monthly expense graph for anticipated expenses in 2003, and all seemed agreeable. Council thanked Ted for his effort. Joann Rauh moved to make no increases in the Council budget for 2003, second by Paul Sites, and passed, with Leon voting nay. Gary asked Commissioners to look into getting the Sheriff out of the food service business, by increasing his salary. The current program allows the Sheriff to keep the difference between the state set daily allotment per inmate and the amount spent for food. Some feel the change could save the county \$25,000. a year. Gary also thinks the County Farm should be sold and income used for capital improvements. He says it's not generating any income for the county, it's not on the tax roles and the county isn't in the real estate business. Commissioners reminded Council they are progressing thru the steps to establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Wabash mayor Arvin Copeland, told Council his patience is exhausted concerning ambulance service. 90% of fire department activity is EMS, with 50% urban and 50% rural. He asked for a subsidy of \$150,000. from the county, but the Council approved only \$100,000.00. To date the city has only received \$25,000. in payment. He won't run rural ambulance service on the backs of city taxpayers. In contract negotiations with Commissioners, the city agreed to monthly payments, but won't accept the liability section concerning response districts. Councilman, Ted Little, reminded, the Council had verbally agreed to the additional funding, before money woes hit the county general fund. North Manchester town manager, Dan Hanaford, says Life-Med has tentatively agreed to sign a 6 year contract for \$200,000 a year. Manchester would become the agent, and the county would deal with them rather than Life-Med. Hanaford would hope the county would agree to a \$150,000. subsidy each of the 6 years. Manchester is working with the law firm of H. J. Umbaugh and Associates to find funding options. At this point creating a monthly utility fee seems more likely than a user fee, although there's no mechanism for charging rural users. After 6 years of collecting about \$2.00 per month, per household, funds would be accumulated to offset ambulance fees. For now, Manchester will continue to use EDIT funds to supplement Life-Med. Commissioner, Brian Hauptert, suggested the county use CEDIT or 911 funds to supplement the services, although there are questions about the legality of using either fund for this purpose. Joann moved to use CREDIT money to fund an additional \$50,000. each, to the Wabash City and Life-Med ambulance services for 2002, second by Gene, contingent upon Commissioners presenting signed contracts from both units, and passed. After addressing the additional appropriation and transfer requests, Paul Sites moved to adjourn, second by Rich, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VI

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Plan Commission				
310 Other Services/Charges (legal services)	\$ 1,729.	\$ 1,729.	7	0
In a recent court case initiated by a property owner, the judge ordered each party to pay their own attorney fees, in spite of a 1992 County Ordinance to the contrary, and a decision in favor of the county. Legal fees for the finalized case amount to \$1729.00., and there are two more cases pending. Wabash City attorney, Robert McCallen, says attorney fees can't be enforced thru an ordinance, but only by state legislation, and likely the judge was following the law. Ted moved to approve the request, second by Paul, and passed.				
Emergency Management				
244 Supplies (rebate \$ back to this account)	25.	25.	7	0
A rebate from a purchase, director Bob Brown, wants it added to his account. Gene moved to approve the request, second by Rich, and passed.				
COUNTY HEALTH				
217 Supplies (receipts to appropriate)	3,118.87	3,118.87	7	0
Receipts from meningitis shots, to be appropriated for flu and T.B. test supplies. Paul moved to approve as requested, second by Ted, and passed.				
PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION				
116 Personal Services (wages)	4,802.50	4,802.50	7	0
171 Personal Services (Social Security)	302.25	302.25	7	0
173 Personal Services (health insurance)	1,955.50	1,955.50	7	0
Third quarter funding for employee wages and benefits, Gene moved to approve all three items as sufficient funds are available, second by Joann, and passed.				
TRANSFER RESOLUTION # 1				
increase:				
244 Supplies (for radio supplies)	40.	40.	7	0
decrease:				
446 Capital Outlay	40.	40.	7	0
Paul moved to approve the transfer, second by Rich, and passed.				

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

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor