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 August 19th, 20th and 28th meetings were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Paul Sites, and passed. Council discussed eliminating the inventory tax by year's end, but feel they need more information before proceeding, including talking with WEDCOR director, Chris Martin. Martin says he talked with state ways and means members last week, and they recommend waiting until there's a better understanding of what the law means. Chris says there's a January 31, 2003 cut-off for implementing changes in 2003. Council discussed with Commissioners the lease agreement for Prosecutor office space. Renewal time is approaching, and 30 day notice must be given, if changes are planned. Ted Little thinks moving the Prosecutor office first, might be more cost effective than moving Probation offices. Council recognizes Commissioners are responsible for negotiation of the Prosecutor contract. Commissioner, Brian Haupert, thinks there's enough room on the second and third floors of Memorial Hall for both departments. He also reminded, the Judicial Center needs storage space. Brian thinks the museum artifacts will be moved by the end of October. After discussion of the cash flow shortage in the County General Fund, Paul moved to borrow sufficient funds from Local Road and Street funds to keep Co. General solvent, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. The loan will have to be repaid after the December settlement is received from the state. Council feels the county needs relief on the state and federal level, as legislative mandates increase, with no funding source. Joann Rauh moved to approve the recommended amendments to the Sheriff Pension Fund, needed to comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements, second by Rich, and passed. McCready & Keane, the fund manager, had provided a letter of explanation. Council and Commissioners discussed the proposed 911 rate increase from \$.80 a month to \$2.00 a month, to accommodate paying all 6 county dispatchers' wages from the 911 fund. Ted thinks it will generate enough funds to cover these employees plus some dispatchers from the Wabash City and North Manchester departments. Ted reminds, municipalities may use up to 15% of their motor vehicle funds for police protection, while counties cannot. Commissioner, Les Templin, thinks some compromise will come from his meeting with the 911 board, and reminds these funds are used for equipment maintenance and update, too. Currently, the only wages paid from 911 funds, are part-time, for the coordinator.

2003 Budget: The Assessor questioned cutting her 371 account from \$1300. to \$1000., it's not enough to cover her contracts. The Clerk asked about internet access funds, that Council eliminated. Council wants her to use incentive money. Council told the Treasurer that all wages are staying at the 2002 level, except extension educators who contract thru Purdue University, and Probation officers who fall under state wage mandates. The County Highway employees, who are funded from road taxes, may get wage increases, too. Council has talked of cutting hours, or asking employees to donate hours to the county as the state has done. Paul notes Allen Co. is eliminating more than 150 employees. Tippecaone Co. is also cutting staff. Leon moved to delete line items 112 and 113, Chief Deputy and Captain, from the Sheriff budget, as it appears no money is coming out of those accounts, second by Rich, but not passed, as Ted moved to table the motion until they can talk with someone from the department, second by Gene, and passed. Sheriff's secretary, Vicki Williams, explained there's no chief deputy, now, but likely will be one next year, with a new Sheriff. Funds budgeted for 2002, will be expended under different categories in the 100 series, rather then specifically for those higher wage positions. Joann moved to take Ted's motion off the table, second by Ted, and passed. The vote on Leon's motion to delete line items 112 and 113, was six nay votes, with Leon voting aye. Joann moved to approve the Sheriff budget, as amended, but not deleting 112 and 113, second by Ted, and passed. Gene moved to approve all County General funded budgets as amend ed, second by Leon, and passed. Joann moved to give all highway department employees a \$1000. raise (averages \$.48 per hour), second by Ted, and after Leon questioned giving a 4% increase rather than \$1000., the motion was passed by all. Joann moved to approve the rest of the highway budgets, second by Gene, and passed. Joann moved to deny a change in the longevity formula suggested by the highway department, second by Paul, and passed. Joann moved to keep the longevity benefit at 1/4 of 1% of the current wage, times the number of years worked, to a maximum of 20 years, second by Leon, and passed. Gene moved to approve the Cumulative Bridge budget as requested, second by Ted, and passed. Joann moved to approve Hospital Debt as requested, second by Paul, and passed. Paul moved to approve Health Dept. as amended, second by Ted, and passed. Joann moved to approve Local Road and Street as requested, second by Gene, and passed. Joann moved to approve Survey-or Perpetuation as requested, second by Paul, and passed. Leon moved to approve E-911 as requested, second by Paul, and passed. Rich moved to approve Adult Probation as requested, second by Gene, and passed. Ted moved to approve Juvenile Probation as requested, second by Paul, and passed. Leon moved to approve Pre-Trial Diversion as amended, the approve only 1/4 of each line item, a first quarter total of \$6,860.25, second by Paul, and passed, with Gary voting nay. Ted moved to approve Drug and Alcohol as requested, second by Gene, and passed. Ted moved to approve Cumulative Reappraisal as requested, second by Joann, and passed. Council deleted \$25,000. for Real Estate Maintenance from the Assessor budget, so an additional appropriation from this budget will be done in 2003 Joann moved to approve Electronic Monitoring as requested, second by Ted, and passed. Paul moved to approve Health Maintenance as requested, second by Gene, and passed. Council approved the CEDIT budget as requested, at the 8/28/02 meeting. After addressing additional appropriation requests, Rich moved to adjourn, second by Leon, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IX

	AMOUNT	AMOUNT A	AYE N	1A Y
	REQUESTED	APPROVED		
County Corrections				
362 Other Services/Charges (jail kitchen HVAC)	\$ 7,862.00	\$ 7,862.00	7	0
Estimate to repair existing unit presented by Havel Bro	others. Commiss	ioners voted	to r	`e-

Estimate to repair existing unit presented by Havel Brothers. Commissioners voted to repair, rather than replace with a new unit. Rich moved to approves as requested, second by Paul, and passed.

	User Fees-Pre-Trial Dive	rsion			
116	Personal Services	4,802.50	4,802.50	7	0
171	Personal Services	302.25	302.25	7	0
173	Personal Services	1,955.50	1,955.50	7	0
Fourt	h quarter wages and benefits, Leon moved to appro	ve, second by	Joann, and pas	sed.	

/s/ Gary Nose /s/ Leon Ridenour /s/ Richard Pepple /s/ Eugene Schenkel /s/ Ted Little /s/ Joann Rauh /s/ Paul Sites ATTEST:_______ Carol Stefanatos