

January 6, 2003

Wabash County Auditor, Carol Stefanatos, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Joann Rauh absent. Gary Nose moved to nominate Paul Sites as chairman for 2003, second by Richard Pepple, who then moved to close the nominations, second by Ted Little. Both motions passed with Paul voting nay. Ted moved to appoint Leon Ridenour as Vice Chair, second by Rich, who again moved to close the nominations, second by Ted. Both motions passed unanimously. Paul took charge of the meeting, and Leon shared a prayer. Leon moved to approve the 12/2/02 minutes as written, second by Eugene Schenkel, and passed. The Auditor reported the Co. General balance as of 12/31/02 was \$1,343,653.11, down from \$1,455,579.89 at the end of 2001. The loan from Local Road and Street for operating cash has been re-paid. Learning that Phillip Mendenhall will accept re-appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Board for 2003, Rich moved approval, second by Gene, and passed. Upon the recommendation of Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, Gene moved to re-appoint Robert Lundquist to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA), and appoint Brenda Conner as a level II accredited member, second by Ted. and passed. Upon the recommendation of the library board, Ted moved to appoint Michelle Leach to the North Manchester Public Library Board of Trustees, second by Gene, and passed. Leach replaces Terri Camp on the board, and her term continues thru 6/28/06. Leon will remain on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and Gary on the Emergency Management Board and the museum committee. Rich, Gary and Ted will meet with Sheriff, Leroy Striker, to discuss his proposal for a wage increase, but elimination of inmate meals income. Commissioners will talk with the Sheriff about unauthorized construction in the jail basement, today. Commissioner, Les Templin, asked an Allen Co. Commissioner to gather information for him on the Allen Co. fees used to supplement the Wards of Court program. After addressing the additional appropriations requests, Rich moved to adjourn, second by Ted, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2003 - I

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
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COUNTY GENERAL

Prosecuting Attorney

117 Personal Services (Victim Assistant wages)	\$ 500.	\$ 500.	5	1
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Two employees will share the Victim Assistant job this year. The state approved \$1,000. more in wages than the Council budgeted. The program's fiscal year runs from July to June, so this \$500. will be dispersed in that time period. If it's not used, it will go back to the state. Ted moved to approve the request, second by Gene, and passed, with Gary voting nay.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET

5314 Other Services/Charges (R/W management fees)	5,424.	5,424.	6	0
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Because of transfers of property or legal description changes, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, engineers on the Old Rd. 15 S. project, needed more funds for their management services. Larry Rice reports all plans for Phase III have been submitted to INDOT for approval, and bids should be let this spring. Commissioners signed an amended contract with BF&S for the increase. Ted moved to approve the request, second by Gene, and passed.

E-911

117 Personal Services (coordinator wages)	30,000.	30,000.	6	0
118 Personal Services (2 dispatcher wages)	60,000.	60,000.	6	0

Funding for these accounts as per Council direction at budget time. The E-911 Board voted to dedicate \$30,000. each to two dispatch positions, and \$30,000. for the 911 coordinator for 2003. Ted moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed.

USER FEE

Pre-Trial Diversion

173 Personal Services (insurance benefits)	7,848.	0.	3	2
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Requested to cover the county share of insurance benefits for the deputy Prosecutor. The crux of the problem is that the position is part time, and the county policy manual excludes part time employees from this benefit. The insurance policy states an employee must work a minimum of 30 hours per week to be eligible, but also lists full time and appointed employees along with elected officials are eligible. Prosecutor, Bill Hartley, contends Mr. Magley is an appointed member of the Prosecutor staff. Rich learned from Commissioners they hadn't approved covering a part-time employee. The request hadn't been brought before them. Ted moved to refer the policy decision to Commissioners so they may determine eligibility, second by Rich. Ted then amended his motion to indicate Council will approve the funds contingent upon a Commissioner approval to cover Magley. The final vote was aye from Ted, Gene and Paul, with Gary and Leon voting nay, and Rich abstaining. Council will address this issue at their 2/24 meeting.

COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

301 Other Services/Charges (Youth Ser Bureau)	500.	500.	6	0
302 Other Ser/Chgs (Youth Ser Bureau)	1,000.	1,000.	6	0
303 Other Ser/Chgs (SADD)	2,000.	2,000.	6	0
304 Other Ser/Chgs (Manchester High)	3,000.	3,000.	6	0
305 Other Ser/Chgs (Family Services)	1,500.	1,500.	6	0
306 Other Ser/Chgs (Wabash High)	700.	700.	6	0
307 Other Ser/Chgs (Southwood High)	700.	700.	6	0
308 Other Ser/Chgs (Northfield High)	1,000.	1,000.	6	0
310 Other Ser/Chgs (Bowen Center)	7,458.	7,458.	6	0
311 Other Ser/Chgs (WASA)	8,700.	8,700.	6	0
312 Other Ser/Chgs (Probation)	784.	784.	6	0
313 Other Ser/Chgs (Manchester Police)	5,000.	5,000.	6	0

Coordinator, Beth Miller, says money comes from court fees and is to be divided in quarters for prevention & education, treatment, justice and discretionary. Requests totaled \$35,484. and only \$32,342. was available so the Bowen Center and Manchester Schools requests were cut. Gene moved approval, second by Ted, and passed.

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