

Council Chairman, Paul Sites called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Leon Ridenour and Richard Pepple absent. Gary Nose shared a prayer, and minutes of the 5/27 meeting were approved as written, moved by Eugene Schenkel, second by Joann Rauh, and passed. Council met at 7:30 A.M. with department heads and asked them to look closely at their 2004 budgets and cut wherever possible. Council is looking for a 4-5% cut from 2003. Ted Little reviewed the estimated 16 line statement for 2004. The projected miscellaneous income is nearly \$600,000. less than 2003. Prosecutor, William Hartley, suggested hiring a professional firm to advise the county on finances. They might be able to project farther into the future, rather than working from year to year. Council suggested since government is labor intensive, personnel is a way to cut costs. Borrowing from Local Road and Street is keeping the county solvent, so far \$475,000. in 2003. Council consensus is they wouldn't increase wages for one department if that department could cut their budgets by 5% and still be able to increase wages. David Rutledge, WEDCOR president, gave a status report. WEDCOR has received a matching grant from the state because of the advent of the revolving fund this year. The South Industrial park will sell the last piece of property next week. Both the "spec" building and the Anderson Brass building have been sold in the North Park. Ball State University has completed a study of Wabash Co. strengths. Lt. Governor, Joe Kernan, will visit the county in July. New marketing materials, including a video are completed. Look for new WEDCOR signs around the county. Co. Health nurse, Jane Skeans, told Council she is waiting for approval on the Homeland Security grant. Because of time constraints, she intends to refurbish the Memorial Hall building for the Health Dept. Cheryl Evenson, representing Co. Clerk Lori Draper, told Council of the new federal mandate requiring a voting machine for the blind and/or disabled at each polling precinct. Some voting sites could be combined, but the cost may run near \$200,000.00. There will be some federal funds available, but the county can't count on receiving any. Ted talked with a deputy at the Secretary of State's office and reminded them of the county's financial constraints. He urged others to call the office. Council reviewed their 2004 budget, which has little room for cutting other than wages. Joann moved to reduce Council salaries by 5% for 2004, second by Gene, and passed. A total of \$1500., it reduces each salary from \$4,247. to \$4,032.00. After addressing the Additional Appropriation and Transfer requests, Gene moved to adjourn, second by Ted, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VI

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL Commissioners				

174 Personal Services (Sheriff Pension)	\$ 5,148.	\$ 5,148.	5	0
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Funds generated from service of civil suits. Joann moved approval, second by Ted, passed

312 Other Services/Charges (inmate medical)	40,000.	40,000.	4	1
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Account is already \$10,000. in the red. Sheriff Striker is hoping medical costs next year will be in the \$100,000. area for medical, dental and nursing services. He's negotiating now for next year. Pharmaceuticals, alone, run about \$6,000. per month, now. Ted moved to approve as requested, second by Gene, and passed with Gary voting nay, as he doesn't know where to find the additional funds.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET

315 Other Services/Charges (CR 950 S DNR access)	131,000.	131,000.	5	0
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County is required to pay for right-of-way services and management costs up front. These costs will be reimbursed by the federal government after each claim is paid. The new road will be to federal and state specifications. The line of sight at intersections will be improved. The project will be bid in March 2004. The Rd. & St. budget has a balance of \$4,163,690.23, with \$2,651,297. obligated. Joann moved approval as requested, second by Gene, and passed.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

116 Personal Services (secretary wages)	4,802.50	4,802.50	5	0
171 Personal Services (secretary Soc.Sec.)	341.	341.	5	0
173 Personal Services (health insurance)	3,230.43	3,230.43	5	0

Third quarter funding for the department. Pre-trial diversion balance as of today is \$32,070.71. Gene moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed.

2003 CUMULATIVE REAPPRAISAL

100 Personal Services	26,530.	26,530.	5	0
200 Supplies	10,000.	10,000.	5	0
300 Other Services/Charges	8,000.	8,000.	5	0
400 Capital Outlay	5,000.	5,000.	5	0

These are the amounts approved by the Council last September for the 2003 budget. The Dept. of Local Government Finance said the correct amounts weren't advertised after the budget was finalized, so the accounts need appropriated by Council. Gene moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE

441 Capital Outlay (laminator)	300.	300.	5	0
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For laminating birth and death records, cheaper models haven't lasted. Ted moved to approve as requested, second by Gene, and passed.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION # 3

LOCAL ROAD & STREET				
Increase:				
5314 Other Services/Charges (R/W Mgt. Old 15 S)	11,460.	11,460.	5	0
Decrease:				
5313 Other Services/Charges (Eng. Old 15 S)	11,460.	11,460.	5	0

To correct balances in each account as some invoices were billed to the wrong account. Gene moved approval as requested, second by Joann, and passed.

/s/ Paul Sites    /s/ Eugene Schenkel    /s/ Gary Nose    /s/ Joann Rauh    /s/ Ted Little  
 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carol Stefanatos, Auditor