

April 26, 2004

Wabash County Council Chairman, Paul Sites, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer and Ted Little moved approval of the 3/29 minutes as written, second by Bob Fuller, and passed. The Auditor noted \$450,000. was borrowed from Local Road & Street funds on 4/12 for Co. General Fund. The balance in Co. General as of 4/23 is \$140,907.80. Treasurer, LuAnn Layman reports the spring tax deadline is tentatively set for 5/28/04. She's waiting for notice from Manatron that all looks okay, then the information will go to the printer. Paul Sites said he has had one complaint about allowing only 15 days to pay taxes. Council approved and signed the Compliance with Statement of Benefits form for Dexter Axle, for their equipment and machinery abatement. This is for the 2002 application that was sent to the state without Council approval that the terms are being met. Paul Bergman asked the Auditor to reject additional appropriation requests that don't sufficiently explain the plans. County Highway supervisor, Larry Rice, says there are two areas of road damage caused by construction crews at a dairy, and by manure haulers. Heavy weights and repeated trips are the culprit. He thinks Road & Street funds should be used to make repairs, so the road doesn't break down again. Ted asked about frost laws, but Larry says most of the damage is at corners, where heavy vehicles make turns. He is gathering cost estimates. After addressing the Additional Appropriations, Transfer Request and Amended Wage proposal, Leon moved to adjourn, second by Ted, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IV

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
County Commissioners				
174 Personal Services (Sheriff Pension)	\$ 31,404.00	\$ 31,404.00	7	0

The amount covers six months of collections. Council thought these were to be presented each month. Total annual collections may not be enough to cover premium, Council may add a line item to their 2005 budget to supplement the pension fund. Sheriff Striker will ask the program manager about making quarterly payments. Ted moved approval of the request, second by Joann Rauh, and passed.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

4441 Capital Outlay (buy truck)	85,000.00	85,000.00	5	2
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Larry Rice proposes his department buy a third truck this year, as steel prices continue to rise. Next year he would only buy one. The two trucks that were selected from the March bids, are 2005 models and won't be built before July. A 2004 "demo" truck, on the lot and ready to go was also offered, but it wasn't the lowest bid. The diesel would replace a 1992 GMC tandem truck with 220,000 miles. Commissioners agreed Larry could discuss the purchase with Council. Ted felt the mileage wasn't too high for a road truck. Larry agreed, but pointed out those miles aren't all highway miles. Gary questioned buying three trucks in one year, and Paul Sites noted the highway department has been the loan fund for the county, the county hasn't asked them to tighten their belts, and they received raises when other employees didn't. Maybe this isn't the time to spend more. Leon noted steel costs are up and continue to climb, he understands Larry's plan. Joann moved to approve the request, second by Leon, and passed, with Gary and Paul Bergman voting nay. Larry reports work is progressing on Old Rd 15 S, and he is impressed with site foreman, Matt Bobay. The work is contracted to be done by August 12th, between St. Rd. 124 and Meridian Road.

COUNTY HEALTH

118 Personal Services (nurse wages)	14,260.00	14,260.00	7	0
171 Personal Services (Soc. Sec.)	1,014.95	1,014.95	7	0
172 Personal Services (PERF)	1,258.75	1,258.75	7	0

The figures are correct to increase the part time nurse position to full time at \$26,500. Paul Bergman moved approval of all three accounts as requested, second by Bob, and passed Ted moved to approve the Amended Wages form 144 to reflect the increased wage, second by Joann, and passed by all.

319 Other Services/Charges (meningitis serum)	2,450.00	2,450.00	7	0
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To buy serum. Recipients cover the costs, and their money is used to buy more serum. Paul Bergman moved approval, second by Joann, and passed.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET

5316 Other Services/Charges (Old 15 R/W)	91,000.00	91,000.00	7	0
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To acquire additional right-of-way for the southern portion of this project, known as Phase II. There are about twice as many parcels to acquire in this section, and the amount should cover appraisals, reports and purchases. This amount will apply to the county's 20% share of the costs. Ted moved approval, second by Joann, and passed.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE

118 Personal Services (nurse wage)	14,260.00	14,260.00	7	0
171 Personal Services (SocSec)	1,014.95	1,014.95	7	0
172 Personal Services (PERF)	1,258.75	1,258.75	7	0
316 Other Services/Charges (vaccine)	108.48	108.48	7	0

Accounts 118,171 and 172 are appropriating funds into the Health Maintenance budget for the second full time nurse. They must then be appropriated into the Health account. Item 316 is collections for Hepatitis B vaccine, and is being appropriated to buy more serum. Joann moved approval on all four requests, second by Bob, and passed by all.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION # 2, 2004

Increase:	HEALTH MAINTENANCE			
317 Other Services/Charges	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	7	0
Decrease:				
211 Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	7	0

A contribution to the Southwood program of peers educating peers. Joann moved approval of the transfer as requested, second by Bob, and passed by all.

/s/ Paul Sites /s/ Leon Ridenour /s/ Gary Nose /s/ Joann Rauh
/s/ Ted Little /s/ Bob Fuller /s/ Paul Bergman

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor