

County Council Chairman, Paul Sites, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Ted Little absent. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 5/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Leon, second by Joann Rauh, and passed. Council noted the Co. General balance as of 6/28 was \$1,736,831.70. The county share of spring taxes was \$1,663,398.81. The county will receive \$95,866.18 from riverboat gambling revenues in August. The amount is down from \$96,133.55 in 2003. Both incomes go into the County General fund. Gary Nose attended a state called Council meeting June 12th. 50% of the counties were represented by lunchtime. Secretary of State, Todd Rokita, discussed voting machine requirements and the guarantee of some funding. the group reviewed long term borrowing. He learned CREDIT funds are strictly the domain of Co. Commissioners, and borrowing money is a Co. Council job. Mental Health funding has a new formula that is based on a percent of the maximum annual increase allowed a county from year to year. He said many counties will have a shortfall in Family & Children funds before year's end. If that happens, Council would have to borrow money to get them thru the year, then apply for an excess levy next year to cover expenses. He learned some counties require a purchase order before Council will address an additional appropriation request. He heard several Council members talk of disagreement between Council and Commissioners. Highway supervisor, Larry Rice, reports he has 184 miles of road that need chip and seal this year. Normally he does about 120 miles, but with current oil prices, he doesn't have enough budgeted for either amount. Last winter wreaked havoc on the roads, and doing the additional miles would keep his schedule on target. He will improve two miles of gravel road this year, but that comes from a different account. Bob Fuller thinks Larry should work within his budget, and Gary feels if roads are falling apart, Larry should ask for more money when his budget is depleted. Compared to many counties, the highway balance is in good shape. County Health nurse, Jane Skeans, reports Homeland Security has recommended a Homeland Security director be added to the Health department staff. Homeland Security would reimburse the county for wages and benefits, with funds available for two years. The problem with using grant money to fill a position, is that the county ends up funding another employee when the grant is gone. Joann suggested filling the position with nursing assistant, Lori Foust, while Gary suggested putting Bob Brown in the post as director of both Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Co. Health officer, J. Dean Gifford, joined the meeting and recommended not accepting the funds, and keeping things status quo. Bob moved to decline acceptance of the money, second by Joann and passed, with Paul Bergman abstaining because of a conflict of interest due to his involvement with Homeland Security. Sheriff Striker proposed using Commissary funds to lease two vehicles for his department. He appreciates the financial woes of Co. General fund, but some of his vehicles have over 150,000 miles on them and they are breaking down on a regular basis. He proposes a 3 year lease for 2 four wheel drive vehicles. They are needed for getting around in Indiana winters, and he would equip them for canine use. He says the miles per gallon are about 16 versus 21 for a standard vehicle. He recommends buying a Chevy Trailblazer, since there isn't a local Ford dealer. The cost per year to lease two vehicles is \$ 16,790.20. Commissary funds are generated by inmate purchases and service requests. Bob moved for Sheriff Striker to proceed with leasing two vehicles using Commissary funds, second by Paul Bergman, and passed. The Sheriff says his 2005 budget request will include money to lease three vehicles, using Co. General funds. After review of Dexter Axle's Compliance With Statement of Benefits form regarding their tax abatement, Joann moved to approve the form, second by Bob, and passed. Paul signed. Council discussed adding funds for legal services to their budget, but then agreed to leave their 2005 budget the same as their 2004 budget. After addressing the additional appropriation requests, Bob moved to adjourn, second by Joann, and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VI 2004

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Clerk				
393 Other Services/Charges (bank fees) Co. Clerk, Lori Draper has two accounts that now charge service fees. May charges were \$601.00., but she can pay a portion of the support account with IV-D funds. Interest from both accounts goes into Co. General. Leon suggested appropriating funds as needed, and moved to approve \$1500.00, second by Joann, and passed with Bob voting nay,	\$ 3,900.00	\$1,500.00	5	1
Election				
441 Capital Outlay (voting machines) Clerk Draper says Commissioners have signed a contract to purchase the equipment, a step requested by Council at the last meeting. Lori says funds for Tier B counties, which includes Wabash Co., should be here next month, but she has no guarantees on how much the county will get. The request covers a machine for each of the 25 precincts and the needed computer system. Gary suggested all Wabash City voters go to one place, like the Honeywell Center, thus requiring only one handicapped accessible machine for Wabash. He quoted an aide of Secretary of State, Todd Rokita, who said the county is guaranteed four thousand per precinct, and Gary said he would take the individual to court, if necessary. Leon noted Wabash Co. has been first in several things, why not be first to fight the man date. Joann moved to deny the request, second by Bob, it ended in a tie vote. Leon voted to deny, along with Joann and Bob, while Paul Sites, Gary and Paul Bergman voted nay to denying the request. With the tie vote, the decision was officially tabled again.	147,500.00	0.00	3	3
Memorial Hall				
441 Capital Outlay (lawn mower) The 1999 lawnmower used for Memorial Hall and the Jail has shot bearings, pistons and seals. Can't get new seals any longer. The best quote is \$465.00 for a self-propelled Lawn Boy. Commissioners agreed a mower was needed, and it has been purchased. Gary was told this morning there are two spare mowers in storage at the courthouse. Joann moved to approve \$465.00, second by Bob, and passed, with Gary and Paul Bergman voting nay.	700.00	465.00	4	2
Commissioners				
174 Personal Services (Sheriff pension) April (\$5,436.) and May (\$4,920.) Civil papers served. Leon moved approval as requested, second by Joann, and passed	10,356.00	10,356.00	6	0
Circuit Court				
314 Other Services/Charges (interpreter services) Superior Court	1,000.00	1,000.00	6	0
User Fee/Pre-trial Diversion				
316 Other Services/Charges (interpreter services) Both courts received a grant, and are asking it be appropriated into their accounts. Paul Bergman moved approval as requested for both courts, second by Joann, and passed.	1,000.00	1,000.00	6	0
116 Personal Services (secretary wages)	4,927.50	4,927.50	6	0
171 Personal Services (social security)	312.75	312.75	6	0
173 Personal Services (medical insurance) Third quarter benefits for the Deputy Prosecutor's secretary and medical benefits. Leon moved approval on all three accounts, second by Gary, and passed.	3,256.50	3,256.50	6	0
441 Capital Outlay (typewriter) Will be used to buy a refurbished IBM typewriter for deputy's secretary. Joann moved to approve as requested, second by Paul Bergman, and passed.	379.00	379.00	6	0
442 Capital Outlay (surveillance equipment) Transmitters used by Wabash police don't provide very clear recordings. Will help with drug investigations. This year Prosecutor Hartley has used Diversion Funds to send two No. Manchester policeman to a seminar, and buy night vision surveillance equipment for the Sheriff's department. Paul Bergman moved approval, second by Bob, and passed.	7,127.30	7,127.30	6	0
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT				
310 Other Services/Charges (architect fees) For the Scarce & Rudisel Architects of Warsaw, doing the renovations for the Probation Dept. move to Memorial Hall. Bob moved approval, second by Leon, and passed.	13,000.00	13,000.00	6	0
/s/ Paul Sites	/s/ Leon Ridenour	/s/ Joann Rauh		
/s/ Gary Nose	/s/ Paul Bergman	/s/ Bob Fuller		

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor