

Council Chairman, Paul Sites, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with all members present. Leon Ridenour shared a prayer, and minutes of the 9/13 meeting were approved as written, moved by Joann Rauh, second by Ted Little, and passed. The Auditor reported a Co. General fund balance of \$245,228.02 as of 10/22/04. Local Road & Street will have to be reimbursed \$475,000.00 before years' end. The second and final payment of Local Option funds should arrive next week, and total \$927,562.00. Paul Sites commended Joann for her 18 years of service to the county as a Council member. He noted she has been an active and concerned participant. All members wished her well with future endeavors, as Joann's term ends this year and this is her last meeting with the board. After talking with Allen Miracle, the county medical insurance agent, Council asked Commissioners to review the policy, and consider amending the eligible categories. Council feels full time employment shouldn't be tied with elected officials. Allen's advice is to charge equally per policy, and set up the policy to meet county needs. Wabash City Fire Chief, Dean Weaver and assistant chief, Bob Mullett, asked Council support to use E-911 funds to replace radio equipment at the north station. About \$3300. is needed, and the 911 Board and Co. Commissioners support the request. Paul Bergman said the SEMA board approves about 60 grants per year for this type need, and will work with Weaver to apply. Bergman thinks SEMA would reimburse the funds used initially. An official request will be presented with the 12/6 appropriation requests, and Council gave their support. Auditor bookkeeper, Nancy Laudenschlager, talked with Council about training a new deputy. Nancy will retire at the end of this year after 33 years in the position. She is willing to train on an "as needed" basis, but asked part-time hourly pay at the regular rate of the position, and indicated her retirement advisor had discouraged working under a contract. Incoming Auditor, Jane Ridgeway, would like Nancy's help when annual duties are being done. Council agreed with the requests, as they budgeted \$4,000.00 for clerical help in the Auditor's 2005 budget. Council set their 2005 meeting dates for Mondays at 8:00 A.M. on Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Sept. 12, Oct. 24 and Dec. 5. They will hold budget hearings at 9:00 A.M. on Wed. and Thurs. Aug. 24 and 25. Paul Sites attended an introduction to Government Utilities Technology Services (GUTS), and they offered to do a free review of computer needs for the courthouse offices. Council supports doing the review, Commissioners agree, and will ask Brent Willem with GUTS, to proceed.

Health Department fee schedule: Health officer, Dr. Dean Gifford, Food Sanitarian, Lynn Dannacher, and Vital Records Clerk, Katherine Carter presented fee schedules for services. The proposals have been approved by the Board of Health. Foods hasn't charged in the past, and the plan includes penalties of \$100.00 per day for non-compliance, and closing the business if 30 days pass without payment. Paul Bergman questioned that part particularly for bed and breakfast businesses, but Lynn said there's a 10 day grace period. Not for profits are exempt, along with vendors of pre-packaged foods and drinks. Transient vendors must notify the local health department at least 7 days prior to an event. Fees are mostly lower than surrounding counties. Bob Fuller questioned why temporary vendor fees are so low, when local vendors contribute more to the economy. With these funds going into the Co. Health budget, Gary Nose noted tax rates may decrease, which would help County General rates. Vital Records already charges for some services, but proposes adding new fees, and increasing some fees. Ted moved approval of both proposals, second by Joann, and passed, with Bob, Leon and Paul Bergman voting nay. Food Sanitarian fee schedule is: (1) Retail food establishments will pay a \$75.00 per year permit fee, as will Mobile Units and Bed and Breakfast facilities. (2) Temporary Food establishments will pay a fee of \$5.00 per day. (3) New or existing businesses who intend to build or remodel will pay a \$25.00 fee for review of their plans. Annual fees must be received by Jan. 10th each year. Vital Records Fees are: (1) \$5.00 for a certified death certificate, a certified paper and laminated card combo pack of birth records, and paternity establishment upon marriage. (2) A \$10.00 fee to establish paternity for a birth certificate. (3) \$2.00 for a genealogy sheet of births and deaths, or microfiche copies per page. (4) \$1.00 for extra copies of paternity papers. (5) \$.25 per sheet for regular copies. (6) No charge for amendments and corrections to records, court ordered paternity pages, or a legal change to birth records. Council asked Environmental Sanitarian, Jennifer Swango, to present a written proposal of fees for her department, before they vote. After addressing the additional appropriation requests, Ted moved to adjourn, second by Bob and passed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE X - 2004

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	AYE	NAY
COUNTY GENERAL				
Surveyor				
361 Other Services/Charges (repair copy machine)	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00	7	0
Surveyor, Cheri Slee, talked with Council at budget time, and they agreed the machine needs repaired. It's used by several departments for large copies. Gary questioned appropriating money before expending what's in the 300 account, but Cheri said most of those funds are obligated by years' end. Paul Sites agreed spending what we have first is a valid plan. Paul Bergman moved approval as requested, second by Joann, and passed.				
Memorial Hall				
364 Other Services/Charges (fire system)	1,520.00	1,520.00	5	2
The State Fire Marshall has ordered the fire system in the Judicial Center must be monitored 24/7, and must be tested and inspected annually per state requirements. The contracts are \$396.00 and \$1120.00 per year, respectively. Joann moved approval as asked, second by Paul Bergman, and passed, with Gary and Ted voting nay. They oppose the state setting requirements without funding.				
County Commissioners				
174 Personal Services (police pension)	6,084.00	6,084.00	7	0
Civil paper service for August. Gary moved approval, second by Leon, and passed.				
COUNTY HEALTH				
182 Personal Services (education)	1,300.00	1,300.00	6	1
The state will reimburse for fall conference expenses for three people, including meals, lodging, and gas. Paul Bergman moved approval, 2nd by Leon, and passed, Joann voted nay.				
216 Supplies (medical supplies)	500.00	500.00	7	0
The nurses have collected \$999.00 for tuberculosis shots, and \$500.00 needs spent for needles, bandaids, treats for children, needle disposal fees. Paul Bergman moved approval as requested, second by Ted, and passed.				
312 Other Services/Charges (tire recycle)	2,000.00	2,000.00	6	1
The program works with Solid Waste to dispose of old tires, a haven for mosquitoes. This money establishes the fund, and they hope to get help from local industry. The state will reimburse the program. Paul Bergman asked about Solid Waste helping with funds, but Jennifer said their funds are tight since buying their building. Ted moved approval as requested, second by Joann, and passed with Paul Bergman voting nay.				
319 Other Services/Charges (meningitis vaccine)	200.00	200.00	7	0
To order the vaccine, which the public pays for when it is administered. Joann moved approval, second by Bob, and passed,				
323 Other Services/Charges (mileage)	900.00	900.00	7	0
They're on the road more now, about \$300.00 per month. There are more regulations to keep track of now. Paul Bergman moved approval, second by Joann, and passed.				
HEALTH (TOBACCO SETTLEMENT)				
441 Capital Outlay (buy a car)	23,300.00	23,300.00	5	2
Funds will buy a Jeep Liberty for the department, license it and insure it if necessary. Balance will be used for gasoline and maintenance. Jennifer and Lynn will be the primary users, but a calendar will be used for scheduling. They hope to cut mileage costs in half. The vehicle will be left at the department overnight. Paul Bergman moved approval second by Joann, and passed, with Bob and Ted voting nay.				
HEALTH MAINTENANCE				
313 Other Services/Charges (flu & pneumonia vaccine)	4,818.00	4,818.00	7	0
To buy both vaccines, the user reimburses the cost. Paul Bergman moved approval, second by Bob, and passed.				
316 Other Services/Charges (hepatitis B vaccine)	419.34	419.34	7	0
Buys the vaccine, the user reimburses the cost. Joann moved approval, Bob 2nd, passed.				
LOCAL ROAD & STREET				
5318 Other Services/Charges (DNR R/W)	250,000.00	250,000.00	7	0
For right-of-way (R/W) acquisition along DNR project on CR 950 S and CR 300 W. This will				

take traffic from the highway to DNR facilities such as Pearson's Mill and the boat ramp. Commissioners lowered the speed limit to decrease the amount of R/W needed. The state reimburses these costs, and have already sent some funds. Bob moved approval, second by Ted, and passed.

5401 Capital Outlay (retaining wall) 28,000.00 28,000.00 7 0
To cover increased costs due to rising steel prices, on the retaining wall repairs at Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S. SEMA will reimburse 75%, as this was storm related damage. Joann moved approval as requested, second by Bob, and passed.

COUNTY CORRECTIONS

361 Other Services/Charges (padded cell repairs) 3,280.00 3,280.00 7 0
To repair the padded cell, damaged by an inmate that's now deceased. The widow is jobless with 2 children. Sheriff Striker feels he can't pursue funds from her. Ted moved approval as requested, second by Bob, and passed.

USER FEE - PRE TRIAL DIVERSION

441 Capital Outlay (surveillance equip) 15,640.07 15,640.07 7 0
Equipment for Wabash City police for drug investigations. The fund balance is \$ 78,084. Ted moved approval as requested, second by Bob, and passed.

ELECTRONIC HOME DETENTION

441 Capital Outlay (wiring, connection) 4,500.00 4,500.00 7 0
For additional wiring and cabling to connect Probation with CSI in the Judicial Center, and network connections. Verizon will do the work, along with connecting telephones. Bob moved approval, second by Paul Bergman, and passed.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

361 Other Services/Charges (Memorial windows) 4,880.00 4,880.00 7 0
Additional costs for window replacement in Memorial Hall. Joann moved approval, second by Bob, and passed.

440 Capital Outlay (courthouse fax) 500.00 500.00 7 0
To buy a Brother brand heavy duty fax machine to be used by all courthouse offices. It runs \$469.00. Joann moved approval, second by Paul Bergman, and passed.

441 Capital Outlay (Memorial renovation) 20,836.00 20,836.00 7 0
Additional costs include: \$14,200. for a fire system for all of Memorial Hall; \$935.00 to repair sagging ceiling tile in one section; \$5701. to repair plaster, add plexiglass to mural, change wall framing, add cabinet and top in reception, refinish existing doors and windows, add exit and emergency lights, change electric panel, replace lead pipes, and replace paneling with dry wall. Joann moved approval, Bob second, and passed.

CEDIT

394 Other Services/Charges (city ambulance) 22,500.00 22,500.00 7 0
Balance needed to meet annual obligation of \$150,000.00 with the city for services outside city limits. Joann moved approval, second by Bob, and passed

395 Other Services/Charges (county ambulance) 27,500.00 27,500.00 7 0
Balance needed to meet the annual obligation of \$127,500.00 with North Manchester for services in the northern part of the county. Joann moved approval, second by Ted, pass. Gary asked if anyone has asked for an accounting of what is collected and spent by the two services. Bob doesn't think it is relevant, as the county has contracted to pay them a specified sum to cover a particular area of the county.

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

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor