

FEBRUARY 28, 2005

The Wabash County Council met February 28th at 8:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court room of the Courthouse. Council Members Paul Bergman, Leon Ridenour, Gary Nose, Paul Sites, Bob Fuller and Ted Little were present. Dean Eppley was absent.

Prayer was offered by Leon Ridenour. Minutes of the January 24th meeting were reviewed. Ridenour moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Little, and approved 6-0.

The council then addressed the advertised: Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2005-II, Form 144 Revised Statement of Salaries and Wages for the year 2005, and Transfer Resolution 2005-2 as listed below:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2005-II				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
COUNTY GENERAL				
174 Personal Services (Sheriff Pension Fund)	\$4476.	\$4476.	6	0

Civil papers served, Dec,04:Superior & Circuit Court
Nose moved for approval as requested, seconded by Little and passed.

E-911				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
117 Personal Services (911 Coordinator)	500.	500.	6	0
118 Personal Services (Radio Operator [2])	1000.	1000.	6	0
171 Personal Services (Social Security)	6463.	6463.	6	0

To correct appropriation for Salary increase per approved budget for 2005.
Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Fuller and passed.

USER FEE - PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
311 Other Services & Charges (Seminars) For five from the Wabash County Child Protection Team to attend "Finding Words Indiana" seminar. Fuller moved to approve, seconded by Nose and passed.	2000.	2000.	6	0

331 Other Services & Charges (Printing) For full page ad in "The Paper" to run 3 times for Amnesty Day for persons with bad checks. Fuller moved to approve, seconded by Ridenour and passed.	1200.	1200.	6	0
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441 Capital Outlay (Equipment) To replace a computer server for Prosecutor's office (\$1669.), a recording system for Wabash Police interview interrogation (\$3540.) and surveillance equipment for the No Manchester Police Dept (\$8192.). Fuller moved to approve as requested, seconded by Little and passed.	13401.	13401.	6	0
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HEALTH HOMELAND SECURITY				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
324 Other Services & Charges (Telephone) To pay the monthly service for 5 cell phones at approximately \$200. per month. Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Ridenour and passed.	2297.	2297.	6	0

362 Other Services & Charges (Repair Equip. & Maint.) For Indiana Paging Network service and maintenance for 1 year (March 2005 - February 2006). Little moved for approval, seconded by Bergman and passed.	353.	353.	6	0
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The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-II requested by county officials to meet the requirements of the various departments of county government as heretofore advertised. After the second reading and after giving careful consideration by all members present, and upon proper motion and second and by unanimous vote, the County Council made the recommendation as indicated on the various pages of the Additional Appropriation. The County Auditor was directed to present the Ordinance 2005-II Additional Appropriation to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

FORM 144: STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES
PROPOSED TO BE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES CALENDAR YEAR 2005 AMENDED
Salaries and Wages Ordinance for County Employees

ENHANCED-911

Position	Name	Rate of Bi-Weekly Salary	Total Annual Salary
01-17 E-911 Coordinator	Sandy Beeks	\$ 1095.84	\$28,492.00
01-18 Radio Operator	Lilly Overman	\$ 1076.61	\$27,992.00
01-18 Radio Operator	Tammi Monce	\$ 1076.61	\$27,992.00

To amended the salary ordinance for E-911 to be equal to the salaries set in the 2005 Wabash County Budget, passed on September 13, 2004. Fuller moved to approve the the amended salary rate retroactive to the beginning of the year, seconded by Bergman and approved by a 6 to 0 vote.

TRANSFER ORDINANCE 2005 - #2

	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
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INCREASE:

COUNTY GENERAL				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
323 Other Services & Charges To increase appropriation for Travel to send two people to out of town training on the new voter registration system several days this year.	300.	300.	6	0

HOMELAND SECURITY (HEALTH)				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
441 Furniture/Equipment To correct cell phone bills paid from the wrong account in December.	382.78	382.78	6	0

DECREASE:

COUNTY GENERAL				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
114 Personal Services To decrease clerical assistant appropriation which is not expected to be needed. Little moved to approve the transfer within the Voter Registration budget, seconded by Fuller and passed.	300.	300.	6	0

HOMELAND SECURITY (HEALTH)				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
324 Other Services & Charges To correct the cell phone payment made from the wrong account in December. Ridenour moved to approve this transfer as requested to complete the correcting entry, seconded by Little and passed.	382.78	382.78	6	0

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Transfer Resolution 2005 #2 requested by county officials to meet the requirements of the various departments of county government as heretofore advertised. After the second reading and after giving careful consideration by all members present, and upon proper motion and second and by unanimous vote, the County Council made the recommendation as indicated on the various pages of the Transfer Resolution. The County Auditor was directed to present the Transfer Resolution 2005 #2 to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

The following appointments were made to represent the council on the various county boards for the year 2005:

Bergman nominated Gary Nose to serve on the WEDCOR board for one year term. Little seconded the nomination and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Ted Little will continue on the Wabash Planning Commission.

Paul Bergman will continue on the Historical Society Board.

Gary Nose will continue on the EEPC/EMA commission and the Animal Control Board.

Bob Fuller will continue on the Sheriff's Merit Board.

Dean Eppley had previously consented to serve on the Solid Waste Board.

Leon Ridenour will continue on the Convention Visitors' Bureau Board.

Phil Mendenhall was appointed to continue as the council appointment on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a one year term.

The council reviewed a letter from the Dept of Local Government Finance concerning Solid Waste CAGIT and COIT distribution. It was the concensus of the council that Wabash County has a resolution in force denying a CAGIT or COIT distribution to the Solid Waste District. They asked the auditor to confirm that the DLGF had a copy of the previous resolution to that effect and if not, to prepare one for action at the next meeting. So moved by Little, seconded by Nose and confirmed by a 6-0 vote.

Councilman Nose suggested that the council look into the feasibility of granting tax abatements for new home construction as some of the surrounding counties have been doing to spur our county's economy. He stated that the planning director had told him Wabash County only had one additional new construction permit in 2004 over those in 2003. Little said he would check with Huntington County and Nose is going to check with Grant County. Other members will discuss the topic with other county officials.

With no further business, Fuller moved to adjourn, seconded by Little, and passed unanimously 6-0. The next meeting will be March 28th, at 8:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse

ATTEST: Jane E. Ridgeway
Wabash County Auditor

/s/ Paul D. Sites
/s/ Leon Ridenour
/s/ Paul M. Bergman
/s/ T.F."Bob" Fuller
/s/ Ted A. Little
/s/ Gary S. Nose