

MARCH 28, 2005

The Wabash County Council met March 28th at 8:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court room of the Courthouse. Chairman Paul Sites called the meeting to order with all Council Members present.

Prayer was offered by Leon Ridenour. Minutes of the February 28th meeting were reviewed. Eppley noted a correction in the minutes: Paul Bergman will continue on the Wabash County Historical Museum Board not the Historical Society Board as was written. Little moved to approve the minutes with the correction noted, seconded by Fuller, and approved 7-0.

The Council then addressed the advertised: Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2005-III and Transfer Resolution 2005-3 as listed below:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2005-III				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
COUNTY GENERAL County Commissioners				
174 Personal Services (Sheriff Pension Fund)	\$5064.	\$5064.	7	0
Civil papers served, Feb,05:Superior & Circuit Court Fuller moved for approval as requested, seconded by Bergman and passed.				
175 Personal Services (Unemployment)	21,000.	21,000.	5	2
To pay unemployment liability claims from Indiana Department of Workforce Development for former county employees on unemployment. Currently averaging \$3500. per month for possible six months of legibility. Following discussion, Fuller moved to approve as requested, seconded by Little and passed.				
County Jail				
311 Other Services & Charges (Inmate Medical)	19,948.	9000.	7	0
\$10,948. for safekeeping of woman prisoner at Indiana Women's Prison. \$ 9,000, for increase in annual/monthly payment for inmate health service. Bergman moved for approval of only the \$9000 annual/monthly service, seconded by Ridenour and passed. Fuller called for discussion, following the explanation of the safekeeping situation by Sheriff Striker and discussion of the county's responsibility as well as the contract for inmate health services, Eppley made a motion to table the \$10,948. request for now, seconded by Bergman and carried.				
LOCAL ROAD AND STREET				
318 Other Services & Charges(CR950S/300W R/W Purchase)	50,000.	50,000.	7	0
This amount requested is the balance required to complete the purchase of Right-of-way for this project. The account is presently in the red and there are more claims forthcoming to finish acquisition, also 100% refundable on this project. Fuller moved to approve, seconded by Little and passed.				
441 Capital Outlay (Backhoe)	65,000.	65,000.	7	0
To purchase a new backhoe with an extend-a-hoe which will do some of the work we presently contract out. Bergman moved to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Nose and passed.				
LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE				
313 Other Services & Charges (Flu & Pneumonia Vaccines)	267.	267.	7	0
To pay for the flu and pneumonia vaccine given and collected for. Ridenour moved for approval as requested, seconded by Bergman and passed.				
316 Other Services & Charges (Hep B Shots)	263.	263.	7	0
To pay for Hep B collected for and given. Bergman moved for approval as requested, seconded by Ridenour and passed.				

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-III 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-III Additional Appropriation to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

TRANSFER ORDINANCE 2005 - #3				
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aye	Nay
INCREASE:				
LOCAL ROAD AND STREET CR 950S				
318 Right of Way Purchase	\$ 17,840.	17,840.	7	0
DECREASE:				
LOCAL ROAD AND STREET CR 950S				
315 Right of Way Management	17,840.	17,840.	7	0
Ridenour moved to approve the transfer within the Local Road and Street Fund, seconded by Eppley and passed by a 7-0 vote.				

The chairman of the council requested the County Auditor to proceed with the reading of the Transfer Resolution 2005 #3 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 #3 to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

Following the discussion last meeting of a letter from the Dept of Local Government Finance concerning Solid Waste CAGIT and COIT distribution, The County Auditor introduced RESOLUTION 2005-1: Resolving that the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District shall not receive any CAGIT revenue from the County. The Resolution was passed on a motion by Nose, seconded by Ridenour and a 7-0 vote.

Also introduced by the County Auditor was RESOLUTION 2005-2: Resolving that the Wabash County Auditor is directed to file with the Auditor of State an Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit, State of Indiana Distributions to Political Subdivisions by EFT (State Form 49002 (7-98)/ General Form No. 36). This resolution was passed on a motion by Fuller, seconded by Nose and a 7-0 vote.

Chairman Sites read a letter received from Manchester College thanking the county for their generous support through an AACTION grant for \$6400. as a Restricted Gift for Prevention/Education & Training Intervention.

Chairman Sites then reviewed the Financial Statements for February 28, 2005 and an updated statement for March 25, 2005. Following discussion, Bergman moved to authorize a temporary loan from the Local Road & Street Funds to the County General

Fund not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the operating expenses of the county until tax monies are collected and settled. The motion was seconded by Eppley and passed on a 7-0 vote.

County Clerk Lori Draper reported that the new microvote machines are ready to be delivered and that she is appealing to the state for additional new monies available to help pay for the total cost of the machines. She may need an additional appropriation from the election or clerk incentives funds if the state grant is not approved. Council agreed she should proceed with the purchase and the appeal.

Little discussed findings following the last meeting discussion about the feasibility of granting tax abatements for new home construction to spur our county's economy. Discussing several options, the council felt that county officials need to all "brainstorm" for ways to improve the economic development of the county and that they all need to work to promote Wabash County.

With no further business, Ridenour moved to adjourn, seconded by Eppley, and passed by a 7-0. The next meeting will be April 25th, 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  
/s/ Dean Eppley