

April 28, 2008

The Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2008 at the Courthouse.

Prayer was offered by Jim Kaltenmark. Chairman Bob Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with all members present: Dean Eppley, Bob Fuller, Gary Nose, Jim Kaltenmark, Mike Ridenour, Ted Little and Claude Markstahler. Wabash County Auditor recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

The minutes of the March 24, 2008 were reviewed. Ridenour noted one error and one addition; 1) In reference to the Probation Department request: "old" computers should have been "new"; 2) In reference to discussion with Rachelle Owen on the Laketon Regional Sewer District – Ridenour asked that the following be added to the minutes: *Ridenour asked Owen to confirm that "there would be two (2) public hearings prior to moving forward and ultimately the decision would rest in the hands of the Commissioners and Council."* The minutes of the April 10, 2008 Special Session were also reviewed. Eppley moved to approve the March 24 with the noted amendments and approve the April 10 as written. His motion was seconded by Little and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Lalon Allen, Extension Board President, and Teresa Witkoske, CFF Educator and Interim County Extension Director were present to update Council on the available Ag position in the County Extension Office. Allen stated the Ag Position is currently at the screening process with Purdue. There are three (3) or four (4) persons being reviewed. After Purdue has gone through that process, the interview stage can begin. Allen also introduced to Council the new 4-H Youth Educator, Pandora Woodward who started on April 9, 2008. Witkoske informed Council of an IP Video pertaining to the Indiana Property Tax Reform that she would highly recommend. It was stated the EMA EOC room is set up to present the IP videos.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriation requests as advertised:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2008 NO. IV**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

SEC. 1, Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
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**COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

**CORONER**

0001-0007-03-431-012 Other Services & Charges – Autopsies – Refund	\$ 2,728.00	\$ 2,728.00	7	0
0001-0007-03-431-012 Other Services & Charges – Autopsies	15,950.00	15,950.00	7	0
0001-0007-03-435-025 Other Services & Charges – Cell Phones	125.00	125.00	7	0
0001-0007-03-439-022 Other Services & Charges – Postage	50.20	50.20	7	0
0001-0007-03-439-091 Other Services & Charges – Dues & Subscription	300.00	300.00	7	0

Claims submitted at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and tabled and resubmitted at the March 24, 2008 meeting and denied.

Council revisited claims from the Coroner Marilyn McDonald. She asked if she would need to come before Council every time additional funds are needed. Council stated that was the intent due to the fact that her budget needs to be monitored. Ridenour made a motion to approve the request as presented. It was seconded by Markstahler and passed by a 7-0 vote. McDonald also discussed an appropriation for autopsies from new invoices received from Wabash County Hospital totaling \$7,300.00. This will need to be submitted as an Additional Appropriation and addressed at the May 27, 2008 Council meeting.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

0001-0029-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund	\$ 6,734.00	\$ 6,734.00	7	0
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Request for 251 claims @ \$13.00-Superior court; 124 claims @ \$13.00-Circuit Court, clerk’s report, and Secretary’s report.

Markstahler moved to approve as presented. It was seconded by Ridenour and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**RECORDER’S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND**

0098-0000-03-436-065 Other Services & Charges – Security Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	7	0
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This had already been in the 2008 Budget with the computer maintenance. It is being transferred from the Security Redaction Line Number 0155-000-05-451-007 to be appropriated.

Ridenour made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 7-0 vote.

0098-0000-04-444-042 Capital Outlay – Office Equipment – Scanner	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	7	0
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For partial purchase of new KIP PRINTER/COLOR SCANNER from DIGITAL REPROGRAPHICS INC to be installed in Surveyor’s Office. Survey Budget will cover balance of \$9,500.00.

After discussing some of the scanners capabilities, Ridenour made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**HOMELAND SECURITY – HEALTH FUND**

0146-0000-04-444-044 Capital Outlay \$ 1,158.00 \$ 1,158.00 7 0  
 – Other Equipment – Monitor Unit

This request is for material and labor for a temperature monitoring unit for the vaccine refrigerator. The balance for Homeland Security account is \$8,702.45 as of this date.

Kaltenmark made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Ridenour and passed by a 7-0 vote.

**CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

0124-0000-04-444-new Capital Outlay – Sound System Equipment \$4,050.00 \$4,050.00 7 0  
 For installed Sound System in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room for Council, Commissioners, Planning and other meetings-

to record proceedings.

Little made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ridenour and passed with a 7-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 28th day of April, 2008 by the above aye and nay vote.

The Council then reviewed the following requests for Transfers of Funds:

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
 NO. 2008-07**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; NOW, THEREFORE:**

**SEC. 1 Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expense of said county government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2008 the following additional sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:**

		Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
<b>DECREASE:</b>					
<b>ALCOHOL AND DRUG COURT PROGRAM</b>					
0167-0000-00-100-000	CASH	\$ 12,150.00	\$ 12,150.00	7	0

**SEC. 2 WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:**

<b>INCREASE:</b>					
<b>DRUG COURT</b>					
0158-0000-00-100-000	CASH	\$ 12,150.00	\$ 12,150.00	7	0

This Transfer is due to a miscommunication between Auditor's Office and Probation Department to cover the 2008 budget.

Eppley made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Little and passed by a 7-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 28th day of April, 2008, by the above aye and nay vote.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION  
NO. 2008-08**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; NOW, THEREFORE:**

**SEC. 1** Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana, that for the expense of said county government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2008 the following additional sums of money are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Appropriated</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b>DECREASE:</b>				
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND – COUNTY SURVEYOR</b>				
<b>0001-0006-04-444-042 Office Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**SEC. 2** WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts:

<b>INCREASE:</b>				
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND – COUNTY SURVEYOR</b>				
<b>0001-0006-03-432-023 Travel &amp; Mileage</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

Transfer of funds is for ESRI Training- rooms for 2 nights.

Council discussed with Surveyor Cheri Slee that the GIS will have regulated drains. Eppley made a motion to approve the transfer request. It was seconded by Little and approved with a 7-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 28th day of April, 2008, by the above aye and nay vote.

Council then revisited the out of town transport issue of the EDO (Emergency Detention Order) Patients. Council stated all parties involved need to sit down and discuss a future plan of action regarding the transports; who and how provisions will be made and any fees that may or may not be set.

Commissioners Attorney Steve Downs stated "all transports are at the county's expense." Gary Nose stated, "What it comes down to is the taxpayers of Wabash County are the ones paying."

They also reviewed the Auditor's March 31, 2008 Financial Report and Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Council members discussed the need to set future Salary guidelines for Department heads for the 2009 Budget, based on Social Security cost of living. They would like to listen to local residents concerns, more inline with the local economy and based on State information. Council stated they would review and look into a more detailed plan on this issue and discuss it at the May 27, 2008 meeting.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway informed Council:

1. The State Budget hearings for Wabash County would be held Thursday, May 1, 2008. Ridgeway stated if the Budgets were accepted as is, we could get our rates fairly quickly.
2. She will notify the media of the Council's intent to reschedule the 2009 Budget hearings to be held August 19, 20, & 21, 2008- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00-11:00 p.m.
3. Local Family and Child Services Director Margery Justice as reported where the welfare funds were as of 4-28-08 and her concerns about running short prior to tax collections.
4. AIC Legislative Wrap-up Meeting Agenda set for May 14, 2008 in Logansport and May 15, 2008 in Sellersburg.

No other business, Eppley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Little and the meeting closed with a 7-0 vote. The Next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 27, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.