

OCTOBER 27, 2008

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, October 27, 2008 at the Wabash County 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. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

The minutes of the October 6, 2008 Special Session meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Markstahler. Little questioned what the last sentence regarding the pay raises meant. Nose recommended removing the words "before finalizing" from the third to last paragraph of the minutes. Kaltenmark seconded with the amendment of removing "before finalizing". Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Fuller stated that the Inmate Medical Additional Appropriation request on the agenda was denied in the October 6, 2008 meeting. Striker stated that he had received a letter with an updated cost. Striker also stated that there will be an amended Additional Appropriation request in December. Kaltenmark requested that county attorney review the situation before the December 1 meeting.

The next order of business was to address the Additional Appropriations requested as advertised for Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2008 NO. XI:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2008 NO. XI**

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
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES				
Other Services & Charges – Care of Wards in Foster Homes	\$ 410,000.00	Tabled		
Other Services & Charges – Care of Wards in Institutions	\$ 39,000.00	Tabled		
Other Services & Charges – Preservation Services	\$ 67,000.00	Tabled		
Other Services & Charges – Care of Wards in Foster Homes – Probation	\$ 26,000.00	Tabled		
Other Services & Charges – Care of Wards in Institutions – Probation	\$ 236,000.00	Tabled		

Marjorie Justice, Department of Family and Children Services requested additional funds to cover the remainder of the costs that will be incurred through the end of the year and to be able to pay back the temporary loan of \$500,000 from the highway department before the end of the year. Fuller stated that the department's budget has been leveraged

about 16% each year. Since the State is taking over effective January 1, 2009, the county will no longer have income coming in at the beginning of 2009 to cover expenses occurring in 2008. Discussion followed with how to make funds available to cover these expenses. Nose recommends obtaining a loan instead of using the County General Fund. Fuller recommended the loan be for 10 years with no penalty for prepayment. Markstahler motioned to table the Additional Appropriation Requests for now. Eppley seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0. Eppley motioned to borrow up to \$450,000.00 with a maximum 10 year term. Little seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0. The Council asked the Auditor to investigate and negotiate loan possibilities. Fuller stated he would assist.

GENERAL FUND				
0001-0029-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund	\$ 8,731.00	\$ 8,731.00	7	0
August 2008 312 Claims @ \$13.00-Superior Court – 151 Claims @ \$13.00-Circuit Court – Clerk’s Report– Secretary’s Report				
0001-0029-01-413-074 Personal Services – Sheriff’s Pension Fund	\$ 7,865.00	7,865.00	7	
September 2008 271 Claims @ 13.00 Superior Court – 173 Claims @ 13.00 Circuit Court – Clerk’s Report – Secretary’s Report				

Eppley motioned to approve the August and September’s Appropriations. Nose seconded; motion passed 7-0.

COUNTY ASSESSOR				
0001-0010-01-412-012 Personal Services – Deputy Level II Certification	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	4	3

Kelly Schenkel, County Assessor Deputy requested funds to pay Chris Paul additional pay for Level II Certification. Ridenour motioned to approve request. Kaltenmark seconded the motion: motion passed 4-3. Little, Fuller, Markstahler opposed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
0001-0031-02-422-021 Supplies – Gas, Oil & Maintenance	\$ 927.52	\$ 917.52	7	0

Bob Brown, EMA Director, requested funds due to being over budget due to higher fuel costs this year. Brown amended the request to \$ 917.52. The amount requested is the amount reimbursed by FEMA for use of EMA equipment and manpower during the storms beginning May 30, 2008 through June 21, 2008. Little made a motion to approve the amount of \$917.52. Eppley seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

RECORDERS PERPETUATION FUND				
0155-0000-03-436-068 Other Services & Charges – Security Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	7	0
0098-0000-03-436-064 Other Services & Charges – Rebinding	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,000.00	7	0

Nancy Gribben, Recorder requested funds to cover 2008 fees for Security Maintenance. 2007 fees were paid in 2008. Gribben also requested funds to repair or recover 32 books. Nose motioned to approve the requests. Little seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND				
0013-0000-03-439-113 Other Services & Charges – Vaccines	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	7	0

Dr. Dean Gifford, Health Department requested funds to pay for flu, zostavax and TB vaccines. All of these vaccines are paid for by the public and collected funds are applied to Local Health Maintenance. Nose motioned to approve the request. Little seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

In another matter, Gifford also requested an additional increase in salary for the 2009 budget for one employee. Following discussion Kaltenmark motioned to approve. Markstahler seconded. Nose questioned why the Council would be approving this when the 2009 budget in whole had not been approved. Kaltenmark withdrew his motion. Council acknowledged the request by the Health Department for a salary increase.

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND				
0002-0040-02-422-021 Supplies – Fuel, Gas & Oil	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 79,000.00	7	0

Phil Amones, Highway Department requested additional funds due to the snowy winter and due to price increases. Ridenour motioned to approve. Markstahler seconded; motion passed 7-0.

0002-0038-01-413-073 Other Services & Charges – Hospital Insurance	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 25,500.00	7	0
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Amones requested additional funds to cover insurance expenses. Additional employees have opted for coverage this year and the rates increased earlier with the renewals in April of this year. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Kaltenmark seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

RAINY DAY FUND				
0148-0001-01-412-014 Personal Services – Employee Unused Sick Leave Pay-outs	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 265,000.00	7	0

The Council and Commissioners had earlier recommended paying out employees who had banked sick leave earned prior to January 1, 2007 when the Personnel Policy was changed to no longer pay employees upon retirement or termination for unused sick leave earned and had asked the County Auditor and Human Resources Director Jim Dils to verify the amounts that would be claimed. Eppley motioned to approve the funds for the Employee Unused Sick Leave Pay-out. Ridenour seconded; motion passed 7-0.

The Council then reviewed the following requests for Transfer of funds:

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-18**

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
DECREASE:				
RECORDER'S SECURITY MAINTENANCE FUND				
0155-0000-05-451-007 – Security Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	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:

INCREASE:				
RECORDER'S PERPETUATION FUND				
0098-0000-03-436-068 – Security Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	7	0

Nancy Gribben, Recorder, requested the transfer of funds to pay for 2008 fees. Little made a motion to approve the transfer. Eppley seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-19**

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
CUMULATIVE REAPPRAISAL FUND				
0041-0000-15-412-082 – Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	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:

INCREASE:				
GENERAL FUND – COUNTY ASSESSOR				
0001-0010-01-412-012 – Personal Services – Deputy Level II Certification	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	7	0

Kelly Schenkel, County Assessor Deputy requested the transfer of funds to pay Chris Paul additional pay for achieving Level II Certification. Schenkel provided information on the Indiana Code about the pay. The employees are encouraged to complete the training. Eppley made a motion to approve the transfer. Kaltenmark seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-20**

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

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
E911				
0054-0000-03-431-065 – Service Contracts:	\$ 28,232.00	\$ 28,232.00	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:

INCREASE:				
E911				
0054-0000-04-444-044 - Equipment:	\$ 28,232.00	\$ 28,232.00	7	0

Sandy Beeks, E911 Coordinator requested the transfer of funds to upgrade the Sheriff's Dispatch for use with the 800 MHz at the dispatch center. This will allow all fire departments, City Police and EMA to communicate with the Sheriff's mobile and handheld radios utilizing both frequency bands. An additional VHF base radio and additional antenna work is required for this system to be utilized. Markstahler motioned to approve the request. Eppley seconded; motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-21**

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

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
GENERAL FUND – WEIGHTS & MEASURES				
0001-0026-02-421-011 – Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	7	0
0001-0026-02-421-021 – Misc Supplies	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	7	0

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INCREASE:				
GENERAL FUND – WEIGHTS & MEASURES				
0001-0026-03-433-031 – Printing	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	7	0

Weights and Measures Inspector Joe Vogel requested the transfer to order forms before the end of the year. Little made a motion to approve the transfer request. Eppley seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
NO. 2008-22**

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

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	Amount Requested	Amount Appropriated	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
GENERAL FUND – EXTENSION OFFICE				
0001-0020-03-435-024 – Telephone	\$ 505.77	\$ 505.77	7	0
0001-0020-03-439-022 – Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	7	0

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INCREASE:				
GENERAL FUND – WEIGHTS & MEASURES				
0001-0020-02-421-011 – Office Supplies	\$ 905.77	\$ 905.77	7	0

Theresa Witkoske, Extension Office requested the transfer of funds to cover office supplies. The Office Supplies 2008 budget was cut. There is an overage in the telephone and postage line items. Nose motioned to approve the transfer request. Little seconded; motion passed 7-0.

Some of the above Transfer Requests had been requested after the Council had been sent the packets of information for the meeting today. A point of order was made by Little; he requested that information is provided to Council Members prior to the morning of the meeting to allow time for Council Members to review and research as needed.

Ridgeway presented an Amended Form 144 for the 2008 Salary Ordinance to cover the Employee Sick Leave Buy-outs, as they will alter the approved salaries and wages for the current fiscal year. Eppley motioned to approve the Amended Form 144 2008 Salary Ordinance. Little seconded the motion; motion passed 7-0.

Ridgeway then presented a Resolution to Transfer the Congressional School Fund Principal Fund balance to the State of Indiana as they have allowed counties to do so this year. The transfer amount would be \$32,335.37. Kaltenmark motioned to approve the transfer. Ridenour seconded; motion passed 6-1. Little opposed the transfer due to not knowing what the state is going to do with the money. Nose requested that it not be transferred until the end of the year.

Council reviewed a letter from Judge Robert McCallen, III, Wabash Circuit Court, requesting an Emergency procurement of computer and software to replace a system that crashed last week that tracks all of the Court's schedules. Council acknowledged the request and suggested the Commissioners review it.

Council then reviewed the proposed budget for 2009 and possible salary increases. Following discussion, it was unanimously decided Budget hearings were extended to a Special Joint Session with the Commissioners on November 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room regarding the Sheriff's Compensation and other budgetary matters and the next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 1, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.

No other business, Eppley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Little and the meeting closed with a 7-0 vote.

Approved as written: November 17, 2008