

JULY 23, 2012

Wabash County Council met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 2012 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Claude Markstahler opened with a word of prayer. James Kaltenmark led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kaltenmark called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with six members present: Kaltenmark, Randy Curless, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes, Markstahler and Daryl Evans. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the June 25, 2012 meeting. Markstahler made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Kaltenmark opened the floor for public comments regarding agenda items. No comments were offered.

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

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2012 NO VII**

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:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	AYE	NAY
<u>GENERAL FUND – JAIL #0001-0033</u>				
0001-21600-000-0033 Supplies – Janitorial Supplies	\$ 4,550	\$ 4,550	6	0
This request is to move Community Corrections money to offset the Jail budget; for allowing them to share the building and supplies. This amount has been submitted to the General Fund by Community Corrections for use with supplies.				
0001-30240-000-0033 Other Services and Charges – Telephone	\$ 4,550	\$ 4,550	6	0
This request is to move Community Corrections money to offset the Jail budget; allowing them to share the building and use the utilities. This amount has been submitted to the General Fund by Community Corrections for use with utilities.				
0001-30331-000-0033 Other Services and Charges – Inmate Transfers \$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	6	0
Due to the current average inmate populations, prisoners are being housed at Miami County Jail at \$35.00 per day. This is an estimated amount of what we are anticipating to pay through the end of 2012.				

Evans made a motion to approve each of the Sheriff's requests; his motion was seconded by Dawes and passed by a 6-0 vote.

COUNTY HEALTH FUND #0010

0010-40420-000-0000 Capital Outlay – Equipment	\$ 430	\$ 430	6	0
The Environmental Health Specialist is in need of a storage cabinet. This will help greatly in organizing her records. She has collected \$3,475 in permits and fees for this year; last year \$6,500.				

Markstahler made a motion to approve request presented; his motion was seconded by Nose and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Jennifer Scott, President of the Wabash County Animal Control Authority, presented a proposal for restructuring the Wabash County Animal Shelter. Scott stated their Board has decided to transition from county-funded employee wages and benefits to an independent 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. Under the current structure the Animal Shelter is not eligible to apply for grant funding. Scott stated there are several project goals that are outside the scope of the current budget and this change would allow the organization to apply for grants. She has been in contact with Foundation Group, Inc. which helps organizations transition to non-profit status in an average of four (4) months; a transition which otherwise could take up to one year. The fee for their services would be \$1,200. Scott stated the plan is for the new non-profit organization (OUR PET HAVEN) to then contract with Wabash County, City of Wabash and the Town of North Manchester for their services. Commissioners asked that their budget requests for 2013 be retained to ensure that adequate funding is available until the transition can be completed. Scott stated the hope is that the Animal Shelter will not need the full 2013 allocation. Council gave approval to move forward with the process and to maintain the current budget allocation for 2013.

SURVEYOR'S PERPETUATION FUND #0012

0012-30000-000-0000 Other Services and Charges				
- Professional Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	6	0

In June, Surveyor Cheri Slee presented this Appropriation Request from the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund Budget to contract for GPS measurement and for referencing public land corners within Noble and Waltz Townships.

Evans made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by a 6-0 vote.

WABASH COUNTY POLICE PENSION FUND #0022

0022-17400-000-0000 Personal Services - Sheriff's Pension Fund - June, 2012				
	\$ 2,069	\$ 2,069	6	0

Civil Process Collections for the month of June 2012: Clerk's Office Civil Process Collections - \$1,209; Sheriff's Department Civil Process Collections - \$60; Sheriff Sale Proceeds for June - \$800

Dawes made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Curless and passed by 6-0 vote.

The Additional Appropriation requests were presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 23rd of July 2012, by the above aye and nay vote.

Sheriff Bob Land reported the following to the Council:

1. Two (2) inmates have graduated from the GED program at the Jail. Land stated in the past this program has only been offered to the male population. As of July 17th, there is now a GED Adult Education Program for the female population. Land stated they are

partnering with the Learn More Center and Heartland Career Center to assist inmates who are released prior to completing their GED.

2. Presented the Wabash County Sheriff's Department monthly statistics for January thru June 2012 compared to the same period in 2011.
 - a. Traffic arrests are up 120%
 - b. Drug arrests are up 17%
 - c. Drug felonies are up 4%
 - d. Drug misdemeanor arrests are up the highest at 215%
 - e. Total drug arrests are up 21%

Darren Bates of DataPitStop presented estimated LOIT revenues, net AVs and Circuit Breakers for 2013. Following discussion, Bates stated it would be in the best interest of the county to maintain the Adjusted Gross Income Tax Rate (for Property Tax Relief – Wabash County Ordinance 2007-85-14) at 1% and the allocation ratio at 60/40: 60% PTRC and 40% for Qualified Residential Property. Council will take under advisement. Bates also stated if the Council wanted to utilize the LOIT Stabilization Fund, Council could consider lowering or eliminating the CEDIT rate of .25% designated for Homestead Property Tax Relief. Council will take under advisement.

Kaltenmark opened the floor for public comments on non-agenda items. No comments were offered.

COUNCIL REVIEW

- Auditor's and Treasurer's Financial Reports – June 30, 2012
- Wabash County Solid Waste Management District Report – June 2012
- Redevelopment Commission TIF Notification Reports – July 13, 2012
- Wabash County Personal Income Growth Quotients: 2.5% – June 2012
- 2013 Wabash County Budgets including agendas for the Budget Hearings and Council contact list of Department Heads. Ridgeway stated the first Solid Waste Management District 2013 Budget Hearing will be at 4:00 P.M. on August 16th and the second hearing will be at 4:30 P.M. on September 6th. The Wabash City Schools' budgets are to be approved by the Wabash City Council.
- Wabash Fire Department – Second Quarter 2012 Ambulance Report
- Convention and Visitors Bureau Monthly Report – June 2012
- Wabash County 2012 Budget Status Reports as of June 30, 2012
- Additional Appropriation Request for EDG totaling \$350,000; Project Number eleven (11) of the three (3) year Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioners requested permission to move forward with this project amount. This will be presented at the August 16, 2012 meeting for official approval. Council gave unanimous approval.

Ridgeway stated on Wednesday, June 17th the Department of Local Government Finance informed counties that as of January 1, 2013: the State Board of Accounts has stated that CAGIT Certified Shares Funds (approximately \$1.6 million for Wabash County) can no longer be receipted to the General Fund but must be held and appropriated in a new separate fund. To date there has not been an official memorandum released by the state on the details. Ridgeway stated the Commissioners approved this morning to request and advertise their budgets both ways with and without a separate CAGIT Certified Shares Fund. This will allow for a reduction by the Council to comply with the SBOA directive when received.

Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting; his motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

The following individuals attended the July 23rd Council meeting:

**If any names are spelled incorrectly, we apologize.*

Commissioners: Barry Eppley and Brian Haupert
Deputy Auditor Linda Conrad
Sheriff Bob Land
Extension Office Director Teresa Witkoske
Deputy Auditor Mariah Odman
County Coordinator Jim Dils
Environmental Specialist Jennifer Scott
Health Department Vital Records Kathryn Carter-Lower
Treasurer Sharon Shaw
Darren Bates – DataPitStop

**Approved as written – August 16, 2012*