

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, December 3, 2018 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Vice-Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Five Council members were present: Bowman, Matt Mize, Barbara Pearson, Lorissa Sweet, and Philip Dale. Council members Randy Curless and Matt Dillon were absent. Sweet led in a word of prayer and Bowman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor’s office.

Vice-Chairman Bowman requested that those present silence their cell phones and stated that all public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items are permitted and encouraged.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Council meeting. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes. Mize seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-0 vote with Pearson abstaining due to her absence from the October 22nd meeting.

The next order of business was to address the additional appropriation requests. Present for the requests were Sheriff Bob Land and Highway Superintendent John Martin. No one was present to represent the Solid Waste Management District.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2018-85-07

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, 2018 the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(The Solid Waste District is not a county department but is under the jurisdiction of the County Council to approve all budget appropriations)

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Outdoor Improvements (lighting)	10,298.00	10,298.00		
Public Education (merchandise sales)	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>		
TOTAL:	\$13,298.00	\$13,298.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by Solid Waste Director, Jen Rankin: The additional appropriation request is for the repair and replacement of outside lighting around the facility and the new drop site and for the replenishment of funds from the sale of environmental merchandise.

Mize made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

GENERAL FUND #1000

Sheriff Dept.	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personnel Services –Deputies	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	5	0
#1000-11600-000-0005				

Explanation from Sheriff Bob Land: The request is for the appropriation of additional money to pay the salaries of two additional deputies thru the remainder of the year who were hired with Council's approval during the 2019 budget hearings in September 2018.

Mize made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Jail Dept.	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Janitorial Supplies	\$20,866.00	\$20,866.00		
#1000-21600-000-0033				
Other Services & Charges				
Sewage #1000-30540-000-0033	4,200.00	4,200.00		
<u>Laundry #1000-30952-000-0033</u>	<u>2,550.00</u>	<u>2,550.00</u>		
TOTAL:	\$27,616.00	\$27,616.00	5	0

Explanation from Sheriff Bob Land: Requesting to appropriate revenue that was received from Community Corrections for in-kind service (utility cost sharing). It will be used to pay jail expenses for the remainder of 2018.

Mize made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND #1129

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Capital Outlay- Highway Project	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	5	0
#1229-40020-000-0000				

Explanation from Highway Superintendent John Martin: This is a request to appropriate money in order to purchase rights-of-way for the reconstruction of CR 1100N. Martin stated that this reconstruction is necessary in order to meet the requirements to receive Community Crossings Project funds.

Dale made a motion to approve the request. Pearson seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 3rd day of December 2018 by the above aye and nay votes. The Auditor was directed to present the above additional appropriations to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval as by law provided.

The next order of business was the approval of an amendment to the 2018 Salary Ordinance for two additional Sheriff Deputies' wages through the end of 2018.

AMENDMENT #2018-01 TO THE 2018 SALARY ORDINANCE

Whereas: Public Law No. 231 requires County Councils to fix salaries of County Officials and Employees for the year.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Wabash County Council of Wabash County, Indiana that the salaries and wages of County Officials and Employees and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2018 are as follows:

<u>Fund and Title of Position & Employee Classification</u>	Rate of Pay
GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF DEPT.	Additional amount of \$10,000.00
Deputies #1000-11600-000-005	

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2018.

AYE	NAY
Kyle Bowman	None
Matt Mize	
Barbara Pearson	
Lorissa Sweet	
Philip Dale	

Attest: Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor

Mize made a motion to suspend the rules of reading an ordinance twice and to approve the salary ordinance amendment on the first reading. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address the requests for a **Transfer of Funds** from one budgeted line item/account to another. Present for the requests were Highway Superintendent John Martin, County Coroner Susie Lewis and Commissioner Brian Haupert. No one was present to represent the Solid Waste District, Circuit Court, Superior Court and the Prosecutor’s office.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
2018-85-04**

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, 2018, the following 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:

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.

WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(The Solid Waste District is not a county department but is under the jurisdiction of the County Council to approve all budget transfers)

GENERAL FUND	Amt. Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
DECREASE:				
Other Services & Charges –Materials Mgmt.	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	5	0
INCREASE:				
Personal Services Part-time Warehouse/Office Asst.	\$600.00	\$600.00		
Personal Services Medical Insurance	\$10,400.00	\$10,400.00		

TOTAL:	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	5	0
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Explanation submitted by Jen Rankin, WCSW Director – Need to transfer funds from the Material Management account to Personal Services accounts in order to cover the remainder of the part-time warehouse assistant’s pay and to pay for medical insurance through the end of the year.

Dale made a motion to approve the request. Sweet seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

<u>HIGHWAY FUND</u>	Amt. Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
Capital Outlay - Trucks				
#1179-40440-000-0040	\$108,500.00	\$108,500.00	5	0
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
Other Supplies				
#1176-24102-000-0040	3,500.00	3,500.00		
#1176-22200-000-0040	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Other Services & Charges				
#1176-30623-000-0040	50,000.00	50,000.00		
#1176-30713-000-0040	50,000.00	50,000.00		
TOTAL:	\$108,500.00	\$108,500.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by John Martin, Highway Superintendent – All transfer requests are to correct negative balances in accounts and to cover remaining expenses for 2018.

<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>	Amt. Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
County Coroner - Dept #07				
#1000-30001-000-007 Rent	\$6,727.00	\$6,727.00	5	0
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
County Coroner – Dept #07				
#1000-40440-000-007 Other Equipment	\$6,727.00	\$6,727.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by County Coroner Susie Lewis – Need to purchase a new cabinet, countertop, and sink for the autopsy room at a cost of \$1,727.00. Need to purchase a new autopsy table because the original one was broken in transport to the new building. Estimated cost is \$4,000 plus shipping.

Dale made a motion to approve the request. Mize seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>	Amt. Requested	Amt. Approved	AYE	NAY
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
Commissioners –Dept #29				
#1000-30992-000-0029 Ward of the Courts	\$3,551.00	\$3,551.00		
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
Commissioners- Dept #29				
#1000-12202-000-0029 Commissioners’ Custodian	\$3,551.00	\$3,551.00		
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
Circuit Court –Dept #35				
#1000-30921-000-0035 Criminal Deposition	\$2,942.00	\$2,942.00		
<u>INCREASE:</u>				

Circuit Court- Dept #35				
#1000-11408-000-0035 Asst. Baliff	\$1,471.00	\$1,471.00		
#1000-11310-000-0035 Court Reporter	\$1,471.00	\$1,471.00		
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
Prosecutor –Dept #08				
#1000-30400-000-0008 Profess. Liability	\$575.00	\$575.00		
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
Prosecutor – Dept #08 Secretary				
#1000-11500-000-008	\$575.00	\$575.00		
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
Prosecutor IV-D –Dept #09				
#1000-30620-000-0009 Equip. Repairs	\$575.00	\$575.00		
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
Prosecutor IV-D -Dept #09				
#1000-11304-000-0009 Investigator	\$575.00	\$575.00		
<u>DECREASE:</u>				
Superior Court –Dept #36				
#1000-21800-000-0036 Oper. Supplies	\$331.00	\$331.00		
<u>INCREASE:</u>				
Superior Court- Dept #36				
#1000-11310-000-0036 Court Reporter	\$331.00	\$331.00		
TOTAL	\$7,974.00	\$7974.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by County Auditor Marcie Shepherd: An amendment to the salary ordinance was signed in Dec. 2017 for these 2018 salaries but an additional appropriation was not created and approved for the funding in conjunction with the amendment. The transfers of funds will provide the additional salaried amounts that were approved by Council.

Mize made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

This was presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full, and adopted on the 3rd day of December 2018 by the above aye and nay votes.

In the next order of business, County Sheriff Land updated Council on the latest jail statistics. He stated that the current average of the jail population is 101 per day with continued housing of inmates in Miami and Elkhart County jails. He said that Miami County is currently only accepting a few inmates at a time and Elkhart County is too far for transporting inmates that currently require court appearances. He stated that there should be enough money for inmate housing costs for the remainder of 2018. Council member Mize asked if there is corroboration between the Courts and the Sheriff's department regarding sentencing and inmate releases. Land stated that the Courts are utilizing Community Corrections and early release for non-major crimes as much as possible whenever appropriate. He stated that state legislation has been proposed to increase the inmate per diem from \$35.00 per day to \$45.00 which could help with housing costs. Since this was the last Council meeting that Land would attend as acting Sheriff, he thanked the Council for their cooperation and assistance during his years of county service. He stated that he would be assisting the newly-elected Sheriff with year-end reporting. On behalf of the County Council, Vice-Chairman Bowman thanked Sheriff Land for his years of service to

Wabash County and for his patience and perseverance with the continuing challenges of the inmate housing situation.

Since this was the last Council meeting for County Commissioner Scott Givens as a Commissioner, he thanked the Council for the cooperative relationship with the Commissioners. On behalf of the County Council, Vice Chairman Bowman thanked County Commissioner Givens for his years of service to Wabash County.

Next, Council member Mize suggested a possible change from the currently scheduled meeting time of 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. for 2019 Council meetings. Brief discussion followed with Vice-Chairman Bowman suggesting that the discussion continue at the January 7, 2019 organizational meeting since two Council members were not in attendance at today's meeting.

Council reviewed:

Oct. & Nov. 2018 Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports

Oct. & Nov. 2018 Wabash County Solid Waste Mgmt. Income & Expense Statement

With no other business to come before the Council, Vice-Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting.

The following individuals also attended the December 3rd Council meeting:

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

Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, County Commissioners Brian Haupt, Barry Eppley, Scott Givens, and "Wabash Plain Dealer" news reporter, Kaitlin Gebby.