

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, December 2, 2019 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Five Council members were present: Bowman, Matt Dillon, Lorissa Sweet, Philip Dale and Barbara Pearson. Matt Mize and Randy Curless were absent. Bowman led in a word of prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor's office. 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 21, 2019 Council meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Next order of business was to address the additional appropriation requests.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS **ORDINANCE #2019-85-08**

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, 2019 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:

GENERAL FUND #1000

Jail	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Supplies: Janitorial Supplies #1000-21600-000-0033	\$8,213.00	\$8,213.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by Auditor Shepherd and Sheriff Baker: Community Corrections paid the Jail an in-kind payment of \$27,863.18 to help cover the extra cost of Other Services due to being housed in the Jail. Additional Appropriation is needed correct a negative balance and to fund the account for the remaining of 2019. The Sheriff has budgeted this correctly for next year.

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

Jail	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges #1000-30530-000-0033	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	5	0
#1000-30540-000-0033	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 6,150.00	5	0
#1000-30240-000-0033	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by Auditor Shepherd and Sheriff Baker: Community Corrections paid the Jail an in-kind payment of \$27,863.18 to help cover the extra cost of Other Services due to being housed in the Jail. Additional Appropriation is needed

correct a negative balance and to fund the account for the remaining of 2019. The Sheriff has budgeted this correctly for next year.

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

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND #1135

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Bridge #104 Design/Engineering #1135-30587-000-0000	\$ 13,700.00	\$13,700.00	5	0

Explanation from Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt: Need additional money to fund bridge design on Bridge 104.

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

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
#6324 Public Education	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 4,290.00	5	0
#6491 Material Management	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	5	0

Explanation from Jan Rankin: The Public Education fund needs to be replenished from sales of environmental merchandise sold in the office. They received an unexpected invoice and exceptionally high participation rate at the Fall Clean up. Usually they receive this invoice at the beginning of next year.

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

RIVERBOAT #1191

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
Exam of Records	\$ 12,009.00	\$ 12,009.00	5	0

Explanation from Auditor Shepherd: This is to cover the cost for the exam of records by SBOA due to audit for the county covering 2016, 2017 & 2018 and township/towns that also had audits that we will get the funds back at settlement.

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

Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt presented a Commitment letter on Bridge 110 requesting Federal Funds to help pay for the construction costs this will result in \$400,000 to \$600,000 savings to the county. This bridge is east of Whites Residential and Family Services. The Commissioners signed this letter in the meeting this morning. Dale made a motion to approve signing the commitment letter. Sweet seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The next order of business was to address the Transfer of Funds requests.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
#2019-85-02**

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, 2019, 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.

GENERAL FUND #1000

DECREASE:

Circuit Court- 0035	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-30222-000 Interpreter	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	5	0

INCREASE:

Circuit Court- 0035	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-11903-000 Part Time	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by Auditor Shepherd: To cover part time help thru remainder of the year. Deficiency due to extra comp hours in the first six months of 2019.

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

GENERAL FUND #1000

DECREASE:

Sheriff- 0005	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-22100-000 Gasoline	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	5	0

INCREASE:

Sheriff- 0005	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-11600-000 Deputies	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by Auditor Shepherd: To cover the cost of two School Resource Officers hired late in the year. Some of this cost will be receipted back in after settlement when the schools reimburse the county for their share.

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

GENERAL FUND #1000

DECREASE:

Sheriff- 0005	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-22500-000 Garage & Motors	\$3,770.00	\$3,700.00	5	0

INCREASE:

	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
Sheriff- 0005				
#1000-11600-000 Deputies	\$3,770.00	\$3,700.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by Auditor Shepherd: To cover the cost of two School Resource Officers hired late in the year. Some of this cost will be received back in after settlement when the schools reimburse the county for their share.

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

GENERAL FUND #1000**DECREASE:**

	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
Purdue Extension- 0020				
#1000-11906-000 Part Time Secretary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	5	0

INCREASE:

	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
Purdue Extension- 0020				
#1000-21100-000 Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	5	0

Explanation submitted by Auditor Shepherd: Wants to purchase a large storage cabinet, microwave, chairs for the new Ag Educator, power strip cords, paper supplies and laminate.

Rainy Day fund, Kyle would like to review funds to see if it will be possible to move money into the account. The Auditor explained it would be better to look at this in January after all the bills are paid for the year. It was decided to look at this again in the regular January meeting.

Auditor Notes:

1782 Notice was e-mailed to all Council members to review, it was noted that we came in under Max Levy.

January meeting: Organizational meeting January 6, 2020

Council reviewed:

October/November 2019 Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports

Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's Income Statement - Sept/October 2019; November's Statement was not available yet; they are making corrections and making sure the information is right.

Mr. Eppley gave a brief overview of the jail study, stating the committee met with USDA about possible funding for a new jail. The USDA offers a loan with the interest rate of 3% for 40 years, with no pre-payment penalty. There are numerous items that need to be completed to be eligible for a USDA loan. Eppley also informed Council that on December 12 anyone who would like to tour the new jail in Tipton was welcome.

Mark Wood, a driver for Wabash County Highway Department, spoke about the drivers' concerns dealing with the wage increases from the job study. Mr. Eppley gave a brief outline of the job study and advised that the committee did not have time to review the study in depth before the budget hearings. He stated the Personnel Administrative Committee will be meeting to look over the job study more closely. Ben Black asked for a copy of the job study that the wages was based on.

Roger Harber asked how raises were handled; Chairman Bowman said it is determined by the position, not the county as a whole. Mr. Bowman stated Council prefers to address increases during the budget hearings.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is Monday, January 2 at 6:00 P.M.

The following individuals also attended the December 2, 2019 County Council meeting:

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

Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, County Commissioners Barry Eppley, Brian Haupert and Jeff Dawes, Mark Frantz, Mike Rehak, II, Mark Wood, Keith Snyder, Roger Harber, Ben Black Jr, Todd Kline, Phil Adams