

## **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, January 21, 2020 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, Barbara Pearson, Philip Dale and Lorissa Sweet. Council members Matthew 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.

The first order of business was to review the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Council meeting. Dillon made the motion to approve the minutes. Pearson seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The next order of business was to review the unappropriated and unencumbered funds from 2019 that could possibly be moved into the rainy-day fund. Auditor Shepherd explained that the only funds that can be moved into the rainy-day fund are just the tax rated funds. These funds include the General, Health, Reassessment, Cum Bridge, and Cumulative Capital Development. Shepherd cautioned moving funds from the cum funds because the cum funds are being used for specific items and moving funds from them assumes that the projects are completed and the rates could drop for those funds. Bowman stated he was more in favor of moving funds from the general fund. Dillon questioned what the rainy-day fund is currently being utilized for. Shepherd stated the fund is used for employees that are leaving and have unused accrual time that needs to be paid to them. Bowman directed Shepherd to prepare an ordinance for the next scheduled meeting to reflect transferring \$250,000 into the rainy-day fund.

The next agenda item is the encumbrance of funds request. There was no department representative for the Circuit Court. Auditor Shepherd explained the request. County Commissioners explained the request for the Courthouse Complex.

### **ENCUMBRANCE OF FUNDS from 2019 into 2020**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
General Fund – Circuit Court				
#1000-30620-000-0035	\$1,295.00	\$1,295.00	5	0
Explanation submitted by Circuit Court: The replacement of the external clock in the court room used for the recording equipment was ordered in November but will not be installed and invoiced until in January.				
General Fund – Courthouse Complex				
#1000-30600-000-0032	\$2,961.00	\$2,961.00	5	0
The porches on the courthouse are in the process of being replaced. Due to unforeseen circumstances it was determined that special prep and additional materials would be required. The delay resulted in the project not being completed before the arrival of cold weather, it therefore will need to be completed in the spring.				

Dillon made the motion to approve the two encumbrances for county general. Dale seconded the motion it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, explained the encumbrances for the covered bridge fund and the highway fund.

Covered Bridge

#1134-30770-000-0000	\$7,842.35	\$7,842.35	5	0
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To assist in paying for the sprinkler main replacement on the Roann Covered Bridge. This project was quoted and budgeted in 2019, but the work will not be completed until 2020.

County Highway

#1176-30623-000-0040	\$17,374.00	\$17,374.00	5	0
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Approval to purchase trucks was approved in 2019. The trucks have not been delivered nor paid for until 2020.

#1176-40431-000-0040	\$155,634.00	\$155,634.00	5	0
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Dillon made the motion to approve the encumbrances for covered bridge and highway. Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Cheryl Ulshafer questioned why the health department does not have Narcan and Epi-pens on hand when grants are available for them to apply for the medicine at no cost to the county. Ulshafer had learned that the medicines in the past had been received through a grant, but they have since expired. Sweet will speak with Keith Walters, president of the health board, about the possibility of applying for grants for the medicine.

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, February 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The following individuals also attended the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Sheriff Ryan Baker, County Commissioners Brian Hauptert, Barry Eppley, and Jeff Dawes.