

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Seven Council members were present: Bowman, Matthew Mize, Sam Hann, Matt Dillon, Lorissa Sweet, Barbara Pearson, and Philip Dale. Bowman opened with a word of prayer and led in the 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 approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Council meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Via Zoom: Matt Brinkman, Region IIIA, and Mark Hobbs, Director Heartland Career Center, reported that Heartland and Wabash County have received a federal award in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the Heartland Career Center Expansion Project. Hobbs said the Community Foundation is holding the matching funds needed and the total project budget is \$5,000,000. Brinkman submitted the project budget and requested approval to submit payment through Wabash County. The estimated turnaround time to receive the money back from the Treasury is approximately three weeks. The bigger invoices will start next year. Dale made a motion to approve the reimbursable grant process as outlined, Hann seconded; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Sheriff Ryan Baker requested permission to apply for the Small, Rural, and Tribal Body-Worn Camera Program. This will be a matching reimbursement grant. The grant application is due August 31, 2021. Baker estimated the cost to the county to be \$23,989.23, with an estimated ongoing cost of \$17,664 a year for data storage. Dillon made a motion to approve application, Hann seconded; it passed with a 5-2 vote. If the grant is awarded, Sheriff Baker will return to ask for an appropriation to fund the grant when he will have more information on what the award will be and how much he would need to fund the ongoing program.

Cheryl Slee, Wabash County Surveyor, presented Resolution 2021-85-14; a resolution authorizing a loan to finance reconstruction of the Heeter-Blickenstaff-Creager Drain #571. Slee explained that the owners of the land are to be assessed and will repay over a five-year period. The loan is for \$102,000 with an interest rate of 2.25%. Dale made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-14, Dillon seconded; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-85-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN TO FINANCE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HEETER-BLICKENSTAFF-CREAGER DRAIN #571

The Wabash County Drainage Board has determined that it will cost up to \$102,000.00 to reconstruct the Heeter-Blickenstaff-Creager Drain #571.

This cost is an amount that the owners of the land to be assessed may conveniently pay in installments over a five (5) year period.

Having made such determinations, the Drainage Board, under I.C. 36-9-27-97.5, has asked the County Council to obtain a loan from a bank, trust company, savings association, or savings bank authorized to engage in business in Wabash County, to finance such reconstruction, with the interest on the loan part of the final assessment under I.C. 36-9-27-84(a), and, notwithstanding I.C. 36-9-27-85(c), with interest on the loan charged back to the benefited landowner at a rate that is set in accordance with I.C. 36-9-27-97.5(b).

Any loan obtained under I.C. 36-9-27-97.5: (1) must have a fixed or variable interest rate; (2) must mature within six (6) years after the day it is obtained; (3) shall be repaid from installments collected from assessments of landowners over a five (5) year period; and (4) is not subject to the provisions of I.C. 36-9-27-94 that concern interest.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:

That the Wabash County Council shall obtain a loan in the amount of up to \$102,000.00 to reconstruct the Heeter-Blickenstaff-Creager Drain #571, with the interest on the loan part of the final assessment under I.C. 36-9-27-84(a), and, notwithstanding I.C. 36-9-27-85(c), with interest on the loan charged back to the benefited landowner at a rate that is set in accordance with I.C. 36-9-27-97.5(b).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2021-85-06

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, 2021 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:

FIREARMS FUND #1156

Supplies	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Flares & Ammo 1156-24600-000-0000	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	7	0
Tasers 1156-24601-000-0000	\$2,885.00	\$2,885.00	7	0

Sheriff Baker requested to purchase additional ammo and taser cartridges; this fund was not budgeted this year.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

SOLID WASTE ADMIN #1194

Supplies	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Office Supplies 1000-11315-000-0033	\$560.00	\$560.00	7	0

Treasurer LuAnn Layman requested permission to purchase a second typewriter.

Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT		Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges					
#6173 Medical Insurance		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	7	0
#6391 Material Management		\$66,450.00	\$66,450.00	7	0

Explanation from Jan Rankin: Increase in Premium rate and Increases in Transportation cost of supplies, unforeseen increases in chemical intake and processing.

Dillon made a motion to approve the request. Sweet seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Presented to the Wabash County Council, read in full and adopted on the 24th day of August 2021, was a review of the estimated property tax levy limits and estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for each taxing district. Auditor Shepherd distributed copies of the 2022 Estimated Property Tax Caps Impact report and the 2022 Estimated Maximum Levy Reports to the Council for review and/or recommendation. She also submitted a comparison of 2022 levies and tax caps to last year

Council reviewed:

July 2021 – Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Wabash County Council is Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. for 2022 Budget adoption and Tax Rates.

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, County Commissioners Jeff Dawes and Brian Haupert, County Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt
Via ZOOM: Rob Burgess and Julie Garber.

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/s/Kyle Bowman, Chairman /s/Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman /s/Sam Hann

/s/Matt Dillon /s/Lorissa Sweet /s/Philip Dale

/s/Barbara Pearson

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor