

## **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, September 20, 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. Mize 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 August 24, 2021 Council meeting. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pearson seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-0 vote; Dillon arrived after the vote.

### **WABASH COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINAL ADOPTION HEARING OF THE 2022 WABASH COUNTY BUDGETS**

Council Chairman opened the advertised hearing for the final adoption of the Wabash County 2022 budgets. Previously, on August 24, 25, and 26, 2021, the County Council heard all proposed 2022 County budget requests from all county departments for all budgeted county funds, and reviewed and discussed the budget requests. Bowman called for questions from Council members and from the public in attendance.

The budgets included some departmental budgets as originally proposed, some decreases to proposed budgets as designated, and some transfers of certain expenses as designated. The general fund's total budget also includes the \$395,500 in property tax caps. The proposed 2022 fund budgets (with Council changes) are as follows:

## ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2021-85-13

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Wabash County Council** that for the expenses of **WABASH COUNTY** for the year ending December 31, **2022** the sums herein specified 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. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **WABASH COUNTY**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Wabash County Council**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Wabash County Council	County Council	09/20/2021

Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0005	CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$80,000	\$0	0.0000
0061	RAINY DAY	\$36,000	\$0	0.0000
0101	GENERAL	\$12,833,384	\$4,143,045	0.3275
0124	2015 REASSESSMENT	\$170,320	\$238,138	0.0188
0702	HIGHWAY	\$3,739,653	\$0	0.0000
0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0790	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	\$1,935,000	\$282,095	0.0223
0801	HEALTH	\$448,176	\$313,886	0.0248
1157	PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS POINT - OPERATING	\$0	\$0	0.0000
2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$515,000	\$414,920	0.0328
2411	ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CREDIT	\$852,000	\$0	0.0000
		<b>\$20,609,533</b>	<b>\$5,392,084</b>	<b>0.4262</b>

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<b>Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)</b>		
<b>Fund Code</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>
9500	HR # 1 Surveyor's Cornerstone Perpetuation	\$24,000
9501	HR #2 - Clerks Record's Perpetuation	\$26,300
9502	HR #3 - Recorder's Perpetuation	\$69,513
9503	HR #4 - Pre-trial Diversion	\$87,578
9504	Home-Rule Fund #5	\$3,400
9505	Home-Rule Fund #6	\$4,500
9506	Home-Rule Fund #7	\$13,000
9507	Home-Rule Fund #8	\$110,352
9508	Home-Rule Fund #9	\$15,873
9509	Home-Rule Fund #10	\$6,000
9510	Home-Rule Fund #11	\$300,000
9511	Home-Rule Fund #12	\$20,550
9512	Home-Rule Fund #13	\$16,865
9513	Home-Rule Fund #14	\$240,045
9514	Home-Rule Fund #15	\$3,000
9515	Home-Rule Fund #16	\$24,368
9516	HR #17 - Sex Offender	\$1,000
9517	Home-Rule Fund #18	\$4,000
9518	Home-Rule Fund #19	\$12,000
9519	Home-Rule Fund #20	\$158,399
9520	Home-Rule Fund #21	\$1,525
9521	HR #22-Commissary Payroll	\$18,300
9522	Home-Rule Fund #23	\$789,750
9523	HR #24- EMA Volunteer Support	\$4,500
9524	Home-Rule Fund #25	\$8,500
9526	Home-Rule Fund #27	\$14,000
9527	Home-Rule Fund #28	\$397,500
9533	HR #34 Auditor Ineligible Deduction	\$1,000
9534	HR #35- Accident Report	\$1,000
9535	HR #36 Firearms Fund	\$11,000
		<b>\$2,387,818</b>

The tax levy and rates will be officially determined by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) after submission of the Council-approved budgets by the Auditor's office. Council member Dillon made the motion to approve the 2022 budgets. Dale seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 vote. Dillion made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading, Sweet seconded; it passed by a 7-0 vote. Dillon made a motion to approve the 2022 budget, Sweet seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 vote.

**WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT'S 2022 BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING**



Other Services & Charges				
1169-30643-000-0000	\$317,510.00	\$317,510.00	7	0
On Call Engineering				
1169-30642-000-0000	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	7	0

Wabash County Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt requested engineering costs to get CR 100 S Design Services to have this project ready for a Federal Aid project. On Call Engineering costs are higher than anticipated and additional funding is needed to finish the year.

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

#### CUMULATIVE BRIDGE #1135

<b>Other Services &amp; Charges</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Small Structure Inspection	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	7	0
1035-30524-000-0000				

Wabash County Highway Superintendent Cole Wyatt explained he would like to get a whole picture of all the structures in the county to be able to prioritize repairs and replacements.

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

#### TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2021-85-03

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 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:**

#### GENERAL FUND #1000

##### INCREASE:

CORONER- 0007	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-30120-000 Autopsies	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	7	0

Explanation by Coroner Ken Brown: the high volume of postmortem examinations required more funds to cover autopsies needed.

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

##### INCREASE:

AUDITOR- 0002	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1000-21000-000 Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$3,700.00	7	0

Explanation by Auditor Shepherd; due to the timeline to hire a new deputy, extra funds are in that account; would like to move the funds to Office Supplies to cover the items purchased for the Commissioner's room.

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

COUNTY MISDEMEANANT FUND #1175INCREASE:

	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1175-30000-000 Professional Services	\$1,034.55	\$1,034.55	7	0

Explanation by Sheriff Baker: To cover the cost of Mats needed in the jail.

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

**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 #1000DECREASE:

	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
CORONER- 0007				
#1000-22410-000 Autopsy Supplies	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	7	0

DECREASE:

	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
AUDITOR- 0002				
#1000-11318-000 Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$3,700.00	7	0

COUNTY MISDEMEANANT FUND #1175DECREASE:

	Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
#1175-21100-000 Office Supplies	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00	7	0
#1175-24400-000 Uniforms	\$ 880.55	\$ 880.55	7	0

Council reviewed:

August 2021 – Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports

June, July & August 2021 – Solid Waste Management District Income Statements

Mize stated that when speaking to Solid Waste Management it should be noted that the cost of disposal is going up and a rate increase may be needed.

Dillon would like the Council to make a statement in regards to the federal mandate on COVID Vaccine and testing. He will work with the Commissioners and County Attorney to formulate a resolution to address the issue.

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, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

**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 Haupt, Clerk of Courts Lori Draper, County Assessor Kelly Schenkel, County Treasurer Luann Layman. Via ZOOM: Rob Burgess.

**WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

/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