WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, December 5, 2022 in the Commissioner's meeting room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Kyle Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present: Bowman, Barbara Pearson, Sam Hann, Matt Dillon, Philip Dale, Matthew Mize and Nick Kopkey. Bowman opened with a word of prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by County Auditor Marcie Shepherd.

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.

Next was a review and approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0-1 vote, with Kopkey abstaining.

Christa Stoup, Circuit Court, presented a request to apply for a Court Reform Grant. The reimbursement grant for \$10,378.51 will help purchase camera and ADA equipment for the courtroom. Dale made a motion to approve application of the grant. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0-1 vote, with Kopkey abstaining.

Resolution 2022-85-10 indicating interest in purchasing real estate located at 808 Manchester Ave. Eppley stated this site would be good for a standalone Community Corrections office, and there was room to add on to the current building to make the building good for work release. The biggest benefit of the building is that the county does own the land around this parcel. The two (2) appraisals are higher than the cost of \$250,000. The Commissioners are looking at closing this Friday. Dillon made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-85-10. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-1-1 with Dale a Nay and Kopkey abstaining.

Auditor Shepherd presented the 2022-85-01 Amendment to Salaries and Wages Ordinance, saying that the following had been approved during the year with additional appropriations. This will make sure that the Salary Ordinance matches what had been approved to pay.

AMENDMENT #2022-85-01 TO THE 2022 SALARIES AND WAGES 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, 2022 are as follows:

Fund and Title of Position & Employee Classification COUNTY GENERAL	Amount
1000.11202.000.0008 Investigator – Terri Weaver	\$ 7,084.00
1000.11809.000.0020 High School Intern - Blake Huston	\$ 1,000.00
1000.11113.000.0037 Chief Probation Officer – B. Swihart	\$ 9,616.00
HIGHWAY FUNDS 1176/1173/1169	\$ 2,010.00
11122 Foreman – Mark Wood - \$23.23	\$ 5,138.00
11210 Highway Supervisor	-
11312 Sign Tech – Aaron Burton - \$22.37	\$12,000.00
11319 Shop Supervisor – Colt Shepler -\$25.00	\$ 5,138.00
11419 Operator – Todd Kline -\$22.50	\$ 9,880.00
11115 Driver/Operator - Ron Deeter - \$21.50	\$ 5,616.00
11115 Driver/Operator Left France #21.50	\$ 3,536.00
11115 Driver/Operator - Jeff France - \$21.50	\$ 1,539.00
11115 Driver/Operator - Jeff Mast - \$21.50	\$ 3,536.00
11115 Driver/Operator - Tony Reahard - \$21.50	\$ 3,536.00
11115 Driver/Operator - Jeff Weimann - \$21.50	\$ 3,536.00
PROSECUTOR-IV & PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION	
2501.11903 Graduate Legal Intern – Aaron Hartley	\$ 150.00
8897.11700 Graduate Legal Intern – Aaron Hartley	\$ 3,090.00
ADULT PROBATION USERS FEE FUND	7 - 7,07 0.00
2100.16000.000.0000 - PT Field Officer/Hourly	\$20,000.00
FAMILY RECOVERY COURT	Ψ20,000.00
9460.11120.000.0000 Part Time Recovery Coach	\$57,200.00
9460.12003.000.0000 PSC Coordinator	\$ 5,000.00
JDAI GRANT	Ψ 2,000.00

\$ 6,200.00

Pearson made a motion to approve 2022-85-01 Amendment to the 2022 Salaries and Wages Ordinance. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0-1 vote with Kopkey abstaining.

Next on the agenda were the requests for additional appropriations.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #2022-85-09

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, 2022 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:

ARPA FUND #8961

	Appropriated	AYE	NAY	ABST
Other Services & Changes	* * *			
Bridge Painting				
8961.30133.000.0000	\$300,000	6	0	1

The bridge painting by Pacific Painting Co, Inc was included on the ARPA plan. Matching funds are being paid from Highway also. Dillon made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0-1 vote with Kopkey abstaining.

Capital Purchases

8961.40055.000.0000

\$260,000

Died from lack of a motion

Eppley said he would like to use ARPA funds to purchase the new building at 808 Manchester Ave. After review of EDIT, Cum Cap and General fund budgets, the request died from lack of a motion. The funds to purchase the building are to be taken from one of the above mentioned funds.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2021-85-02

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, 2022, 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:

INCREASE GENERAL FUND Coroner:		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY	ABS
Other Equipment	1000-40440-000-0007	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	6	0	1
Court House: Garage & Motor Tires	1000-22500-000-0032 1000-22200-000-0032	\$ 500.00 \$ 600.00	\$ 500.00 \$ 600.00	6 6	0	1
Pre-Trial Diversion Part Time Hourly	2501-11903-000-0000	\$ 148.15	\$ 148.15	4	3	0

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.

DECREASE		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE I	NAY AB	S
GENERAL FUND		•				
Coroner:	4000 00400 400					
Autopsy Labs	1000-30109-000-0007	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	6	0 1	
Bio Hazard Supplies	1000-22405-000-0007	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	6	0 1	
Court House:						
Bond Pay	1000-22405-000-0032	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	6	0 1	
Pre-Trial Diversion						
Other Services	2501-30990-000-0000	\$ 148.15	\$ 148.15	4	3 0	

Explanations for transfers: Ken Brown, Coroner, reported an autopsy table needs repaired and the generator is due for service.

Hann made a motion to approve the transfer. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0-1 vote with Kopkey abstaining.

Auditor Shepherd explained that the vehicle Greg Harnish was using needed repair and new tires. The transfer of the fund would create a new line item to do these repairs.

Dale made a motion to approve the transfer. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0-1 vote with Kopkey abstaining.

Auditor Shepherd for William Hartley explained that the transfer would make up for a part-time hourly shortfall. Kopkey made a motion to approve the transfer. Mize seconded the vote; it passed 4-3 Pearson, Dillon and Dale Nay.

Auditor Shepherd reported that the county had received the 1782 Notices and we were Under Max levy by \$941. Other item of note is they did not approve the Local Road & Street budget so it will have to be additionally appropriated later in the year.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is the Organizational Meeting Thursday, January 5 at 5:30pm.

Items for Review:

Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for October/November 2022 Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for October/November 2022

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

*If any names are spelled incorrectly, we apologize.
Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Commissioners Barry Eppley, Jeff Dawes, and Brian Haupert.

	WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL	
Me Bowman, Chairman	Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman	Sam Hann
Matt Dillon	Nick Kopkey	Philip Dale
Barbara Pearson		

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor