

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, January 17, 2023 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, Matthew Mize and Nick Kopkey. Sam Hann was present Via Zoom. Matt Dillon, Philip Dale, Barbara Pearson were absent. 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.

First order of business was a review and approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting. Mize made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Next was a review and approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2023 organizational meeting. Hann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Appointment of Jennifer Draper to the Roann Paw Paw Public Library, Hann made a motion to approve Jennifer Draper. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

The next agenda item is the encumbrance of funds request.

ENCUMBRANCE OF FUNDS from 2022 into 2023

FUND		Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
County Highway	1176.40431.000.0040	\$ 9,428.50	\$ 9,428.50	4	0
Cum Bridge	1135.30589.000.0000	\$13,027.74	\$13,027.74	4	0

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, explained the encumbrances for the highway fund were for equipment ordered on 12/21/2022 that has not been received, in order to be able to pay the invoice. The Cum Bridge is for the design phase of Bridge 909 that has not been completed.

Mize made a motion to approve the encumbrances as presented. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

FUND		Requested	Approved	AYE	NAY
EDIT	1112-40081.000.0000	\$29,142.50	\$29,142.50	4	0

Auditor Shepherd explained that the contract with United Consulting to look into creating a sewer system on SR 13 was signed in 2022, but is not completed. Contract amount was \$30,000, amount spent in 2022 was \$857.50.

Hann made a motion to approve the Encumbrances as presented. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to have the Commissioners sign a financial commitment letter to fund the county match on community crossing grants. Council was agreeable.

Auditor Shepherd reported that an error was found on the Order Mandating Funds. The amount for payroll on line item 12501 Chief Security Officer, was reported wrong. Shepherd asked if she can pay the correct amount of \$43,105. Council was agreeable.

Council did a review of the fund balances for transfer to Rainy Day.

Mize requested that Sheriff Baker attend the next meeting and give an update on the new Jail project. Haupt reported that the drywall is being installed and the block is up, they are currently working on installing the stairs and decks. The main breaker was ordered last March and they are waiting on it to be made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is February 20, 2023.

Items for Review:

Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for December 2022

Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for December 2022

Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation Update – December 2022 & January 2023

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

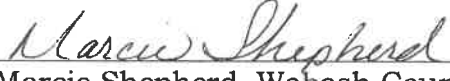
Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Brian Swihart, Mark Frantz, Steve Downs, Jim Dixon, Commissioners Barry Eppley, Jeff Dawes, and Brian Haupert.

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

		
Matt Dillon	Nick Kopkey	Philip Dale


Barbara Pearson

Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor