

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, June 17, 2024 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, Philip Dale, Gary Ridenour, Sam Hann and Nick Kopkey. Matt Dillon via Zoom. 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 from the May 20, 2024 meeting. Hann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 roll call vote, Bowman abstained due to not being present in May.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #2024-04

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, 2024 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:

GENERAL FUND # 1000

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personal Services				
Overtime	1000.12000.000.0033 \$134,000	\$134,000	7	0

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff requested additional funds to pay for jail overtime due to staff shortages. Dale asked if the Sheriff would need more staff in the jail, Baker said he was going to the PAC committee to request additional positions. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ADULT PROBATION ADMIN FEE # 2000

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Personal Services				
Group Health Ins	2000.17300.000.0000 \$25,000	\$25,000	7	0

Auditor Shepherd, reported the Probation department was requesting an additional appropriation to cover Group Health Insurance for employees in three of the grants. Dale made a motion to approve the request. Ridenour seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

JAIL LIT # 1233

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Other Services & Charges				
Bond Payment	1233.30340.000.0000 \$1,331,000	\$1,331,000	7	0

Auditor Shepherd, reported this will pay the Jail bond payment. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ARPA # 8961

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Supplies				
Photographic Supplies	8961.22001.000.0000 \$5,677	\$5,677	7	0

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff requested additional funds for additional body worn cameras the price includes license and storage. Bowman made a motion to approve the request. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Other Services & Charges

Inmate Transfers	8961.30331.000.0000 \$58,560	\$58,560	7	0
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Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff requested additional funds to pay the last bill for transfers in April. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY # 1170

	Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Supplies				
Waltz Township Radios 1170.21102.000.0000	\$35,746	\$35,746	7	0

Auditor Shepherd, reported this was the additional that was requested from ARPA in May and Council suggested taking from Public Safety. Mize made a motion to approve the request. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION
#2024-85-04**

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, 2024, 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		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
Plan Commission					
Certified Mailers	1000.30220.000.0022	\$175.00	\$175.00	7	0
Applicant Legal Ads	1000.30330.000.0022	\$650.00	\$650.00	7	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 GENERAL FUND		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
Office Supplies	1000.21100.000.0022	\$825.00	\$ 825.00	7	0

Brian Campbell, Wabash County Plan Director reported the cost of sending notices has increased and the newspaper has raised the cost of advertising. Kopkey made a motion to approve the transfer. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

INCREASE GENERAL FUND		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
Circuit Court					
Pauper Council	1000.30311.000.0035	\$163,770.54	\$163,770.54	7	0

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DECREASE GENERAL FUND		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
Circuit Court					
P/D JD/JS	1000.11425.000.0035	\$163,770.54	\$163,770.54	7	0

Auditor Shepherd, reported this amount was budgeted to allow the Public Defender to get insurance. We are still working on getting the insurance coverage so they are paid from contracts until the process is done. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY #1170

INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
Law Enforcement	1170.40432.000.0000	\$13,136.90	\$13,136.9	7	0

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DECREASE PUBLIC SAFETY		Amount Requested	Amount Approved	AYE	NAY
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Bond Payment 1170.30340.000.0000 \$13,136.90 \$13,136.9 7 0
Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff requested transfer of funds for five radios' to be replaced. Mize made a motion to approve the request. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Redevelopment Commissions from Wabash County, City of Wabash, Town of North Manchester, Town of Lagro has notified the Council they will capture all the revenue for the 2025 budget year.

Jeff Dawes reported all the open positions with the Health Department have been filled effective July 1, 2024.

Reminders:

PAC committee has a meeting on June 25 at 10:00 am; ARPA committee will meet on June 24, 2024 at 8am. Due to a conflict the Budget Hearings will now be August 13 and 14, keeping the Council meeting date of August 22, 2024 and having the final hearing after the meeting.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is July 15, 2024 @ 6:00pm.


Items for Review: Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for May 2024
Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for March/April 2024
Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation May 2024

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Barry J. Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Louella Krom, Jim Dixon, David Terflinger, Tyler Guenin, Mark Frantz, and Connie Rich. Via Zoom: Matt Dillon

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL



Kyle Bowman, Chairman



Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman

Sam Hann

Matt Dillon

Nick Kopkey



Philip Dale



Gary Ridenour

Attest: _____
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor