

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, April 21, 2025, 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, Sam Hann, Dave Terflinger, Gary Ridenour, Matt Dillon and Nick Kopkey (late). Dillon opened with a word of prayer and Bowman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

First order of business was a review and approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2025, meeting. Terflinger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-0 vote with Ridenour abstaining.

COUNTY TAX ABATEMENTS:

- 1. Donna Huneryager, Lens Source, indicated they are growing and all is going well. Mize indicated this is the last year for the abatement and asked if they had any plans for expansion. Huneryager indicated that they have added some new equipment and that the lab is growing. Mize made a motion to approve the CF1 as submitted. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.
- 2. William Dye, C.F.O. for Heartland REMC reported that they have completed the project and that there was no change to the CF1 from last year to this year. They are anticipating using the revenues to continue the expansion into areas of Wabash County that were not included in Phase 1. Dillon indicated that there are some homes and locations in the county that still do not have access and asked if there was a timeline to complete the project. Dye reported that Phase 1 is complete and they currently do not have a timeline for Phase 2 and that they are providing all the services that they previously reported. Mize stated that is not true and they are not providing what they promised from the beginning. They have not built it out and they have restricted other competitors. Mize indicated that he would not approve the CF1 until Heartland provided some kind of accounting for the State and Federal grants that they received and the number of service addresses that they have and the Phase 1 and Phase 2 plan. Bowman indicated that he would have to agree with Mize because when the CF1 was presented initially it was promised that all homes would be served. Terflinger asked if the legislatures passed a bill to make it easier for Heartland to put their equipment on others poles. Dye indicated they do not have that problem because their infrastructure is solid. Terflinger made a motion to table the CF1 until more information can be gathered. Dillon seconded the motion and requested a timeline for future building; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the appointment of Patty Lengel to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Terflinger made a motion to approve the appointment. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2025-85-06

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 expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

		GENERAL FUND			
		Requested	Appropriated	AYE	NAY
Sheriff					
General Fund					
Uniforms & Equipment	1000.24400.00000.0005	\$52,547.00	\$26,273.50	5	1

The Sheriff reported that they are needing to replace the radios that the Deputies are currently using as they are having troubles and not able to get them fixed. The presented one quote from J & K Radio and are awaiting a second quote. Mize asked if they had anything budgeted in the capital line. The Sheriff indicated that he does not and Mize indicated that they should probably make sure to do that in the budget for next year for these types of things. After some discussion, Terflinger made a motion to replace 10 radios currently, with permission for the Sheriff to come back if more is needed before the end of the year. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by 5-1 (Dillon) vote.

Sheriff					
Commissary					
Health Insurance	4949.17300.00000.0000	\$24,522.00	\$24,522.00	6	0

PERF Retirement	4949.17200.00000.0000	\$ 6,188.00	\$ 6,188.00	6	0
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The Sheriff indicated that this was needed as nothing was budgeted for the Commissary Clerk's health insurance or PERF in this year's budget. He further reported that this will cover the entire year unless costs rise. Dillon made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by 6-0 vote.

Sheriff

Sex Offender Registry Fund

Other Supplies	4204.24102.00000.0000	\$ 1,357.00	\$ 1,357.00	7	0
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The Sheriff reported this is for a desktop for the Sex Offender registry. Terflinger made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by 7-0 vote.

The Sheriff then reported that during the construction of the new Jail there was a radio system installed for the Jail staff. The Sheriff has received a bill from J & K for \$5,224.57 that is past due for the work that should have been paid from the construction budget. Mize agreed this needed to be paid. It was decided to be paid from Repairs & Maintenance line in the Jail budget. Bowman said if after covering the costs associated with the Jail repairs the Sheriff finds he needs more funds, he can do an additional appropriation. Bowman suggested that the Sheriff put some money in his capital line in next years budget for things such as this.

Bowman indicated they have an appointment for Scott Carlin to be appointed to the Alcohol Beverage Board. Kopkey made a motion to approve the appointment. Terflinger seconded the motion. It passed by a 7-0 vote.






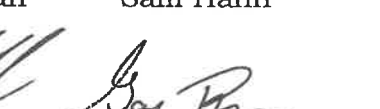
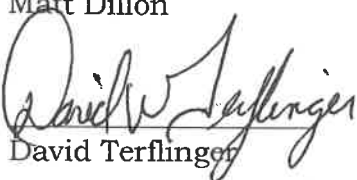
With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Louella Krom, Nicky Burnsworth, Jim Dixon, Dave Nelson, Cheryl Ridgeway, Tyler Niccum, Cheryl Ross, Jeff Dawes, Cole Wyatt, and Kandy Barker. **Via Zoom:** Rich Mofield and no name.

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 Kyle Bowman, Chairman	 Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman	 Sam Hann
 Matt Dillon	 Nick Kopkey	 Gary Ridenour
 David Terflinger		

Attest: 
Shelly Baucce, Wabash County Auditor