

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, September 18, 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, Nick Kopkey, Sam Hann, Philip Dale, and Gary Ridenour. Matt Dillon was 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 August 24, 2023 meeting. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-0-1 vote; Hann abstained.

Adoption of the 2024 Budgets

Bowman asked if there were any questions on the 2024 budgets. Dale made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-07 Wabash County 2024 Budget as presented. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-1 (Kopkey) vote.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2023-85-07

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Wabash County Council** that for the expenses of **WABASH COUNTY** for the year ending December 31, **2024** 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 | 09/18/2023 |

| Funds | | | | | |
|-----------|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Fund Code | Fund Name | Adopted Budget | Adopted Tax Levy | Adopted Tax Rate | |
| 0005 | CASINO/RIVERBOAT | \$80,000 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |
| 0061 | RAINY DAY | \$60,000 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |
| 0101 | GENERAL | \$14,840,400 | \$5,488,885 | 0.4068 | |
| 0124 | 2015 REASSESSMENT | \$163,320 | \$210,958 | 0.0156 | |
| 0702 | HIGHWAY | \$4,514,751 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |
| 0706 | LOCAL ROAD & STREET | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |
| 0790 | CUMULATIVE BRIDGE | \$1,555,000 | \$354,031 | 0.0223 | |
| 0801 | HEALTH | \$494,330 | \$238,703 | 0.0177 | |
| 1157 | PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS POINT - OPERATING | \$1,416,972 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |
| 2391 | CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT | \$550,000 | \$528,665 | 0.0333 | |
| 2411 | ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT | \$956,500 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |
| | | \$24,631,273 | \$6,821,242 | 0.4957 | |

| Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF) | | |
|---|---|----------------|
| Fund Code | Fund Name | Adopted Budget |
| 9500 | HR # 1 Surveyor's Cornerstone Perpetuation (1202) | \$24,000 |
| 9501 | HR #2 - Clerks Record's Perpetuation (1119) | \$24,900 |
| 9502 | HR #3 - Recorder's Perpetuation (1189) | \$84,233 |
| 9503 | HR #4 - Pre-trial Diversion (2501) | \$92,750 |
| 9504 | HR #5 Security Protection (1160) | \$3,400 |
| 9505 | HR #6 -Covered Bridges (1134) | \$4,500 |
| 9506 | HR #7 -Drug Court (2511) | \$13,950 |
| 9507 | HR #8 - Alcohol & Drug (2510) | \$92,151 |
| 9508 | HR #9 - Clerk's IV D Incentive (8899) | \$17,101 |
| 9509 | HR #10 - Emergency Right to Know (1152) | \$7,500 |

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|------|--|--------------------|
| 9511 | HR #12 - Local Health Trust (1206) | \$19,494 |
| 9512 | HR #13 - Auditor Plat Book (1181) | \$18,854 |
| 9513 | HR #14 - Adult Probation User Fee (2100) | \$306,688 |
| 9514 | HR #15 - Juvenile Probation User Fee (2150) | \$3,050 |
| 9515 | HR #16 - County Misdemeanant (1175) | \$24,368 |
| 9516 | HR #17 - Sex Offender (4204) | \$1,000 |
| 9517 | HR #18 - County Elected Official Training (1217) | \$4,000 |
| 9518 | HR #19 - Sheriff Pension (1193) | \$14,500 |
| 9519 | HR #20 - CASA (1212) | \$86,897 |
| 9520 | HR #21 - Solid Waste Admin Fee (1194) | \$9,800 |
| 9521 | HR #22-Commissary Payroll (4949) | \$42,559 |
| 9522 | HR #23 - Statewide 911 (1222) | \$949,750 |
| 9523 | HR #24- EMA Volunteer Support (4951) | \$5,200 |
| 9524 | HR #25 - Recorder's Enhanced Access (1154) | \$16,365 |
| 9525 | HR #26 -Local Health Maintenance (1168) | \$33,139 |
| 9526 | HR #27 - SPHI - Strengthening Public Health (8850) | \$10,000 |
| 9527 | HR #28 - LIT Public Safety (1170) | \$661,822 |
| 9528 | HR #29 - Adult Probation Admin Fee (2000) | \$12,100 |
| 9530 | HR #31- CASA Donation Fund (4112) | \$7,500 |
| 9533 | HR #34 Auditor Ineligible Deduction (1216) | \$11,000 |
| 9534 | HR #35- Accident Report (1101) | \$1,000 |
| 9535 | HR #36 Firearms Fund (1156) | \$18,000 |
| 9539 | HR #40- Unsafe Premises (1207) | \$27,500 |
| 9540 | HR #41-21.027 American Rescue Plan | \$233,836 |
| 9542 | HR #43 - Opioid Restricted (1237) | \$0 |
| 9543 | HR #44 Opioid Unrestricted (1238) | \$0 |
| 9544 | HR # 45 - Local Public Health Services | \$449,152 |
| | | \$3,332,059 |

Next is the adoption of the 2024 Solid Waste Budget. Hann made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-08 Wabash County Solid Waste budget. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2023-85-08

Be it ordained/resolved by the Wabash County Council that for the expenses of WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT for the year ending December 31, 2024 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 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, 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.

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| Funds | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Fund Code | Fund Name | Adopted Budget | Adopted Tax Levy | Adopted Tax Rate | |
| 8210 | SPECIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT | \$754,615 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |
| | | \$754,615 | \$0 | 0.0000 | |

Before the Wabash County Council is the appointment of Jerry Honeycutt to the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District Board. The term of the appointment is for the remainder of Gary Burnau's term. Hann made a motion to approve the appointment. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE #2023-85-07

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, 2023 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:

COUNTY HEALTH #1159

| | Requested | Appropriated | AYE | NAY |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|-----|
| Deputy Register/Office Manager | | | | |
| 1159.11302.000.0000 | \$1,367 | \$1,367 | 6 | 0 |

Dr Roe, Health Officer, reported the need to appropriate funds to pay for two weeks of training for Diane Engel who replaced recently-retired Kathryn Carter-Lower. Hann made a motion to approve the request. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

OPIOID FUND #1238

| | Requested | Appropriated | AYE | NAY |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|-----|
| Professional Services | | | | |
| 1238.30000.00000.0000 | \$24,000 | \$0 | 6 | 0 |

Otis Bowen submitted a request to begin a substance use group for inmates in the jail. After some discussion the request died from lack of a motion.

ARPA #8961

| | Requested | Appropriated | AYE | NAY |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|-----|
| Professional Services | | | | |
| 8961.30600.00000.0000 | \$180,000 | \$180,000 | 5 | 1 |

Auditor Shepherd explained that due to two change orders for additional work needed, not enough funds were appropriated the first time. Dale made a motion to approve the appropriation. Kopkey seconded the motion; it passed by a 5-1 (Bowman) vote.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION
#2023-85-03

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, 2023, 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 | | Amount Requested | Amount Approved | AYE | NAY |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | |
| <u>Coroner:</u> | | | | | |
| On Call | 1000-11420-000-0007 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | 6 | 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 | NAY |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | |
| <u>Coroner</u> | | | | | |
| Operating Supplies | 1000-20000-000-0007 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | 6 | 0 |

Auditor Shepherd, for the Wabash County Coroner, explained that due to a medical leave more funds are needed in the on-call line. Kopkey made a motion to approve the transfer. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Steve Downs reported the need for the Council to give direction to the Commissioners to be able to proceed with a TPO membrane at the cost of up to \$2 million or steel roof at the cost of up to \$3 million on the new jail. The cost of the new roof will take us over the Bond funds. After some discussion Dale made a motion to move forward by getting a more concrete cost and come back for an additional appropriation. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 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 October 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm.

Items for Review:


- Auditor & Treasurer Financial Reports for August 2023
- Solid Waste Management District Income Statements for July, August & Sept 2023
- Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation September 2023

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Jeff D. Dawes, Tyler Guenin, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Louella Krom, Jim Dixon, Cheryl Evenson, LuAnn Layman, and Dave Nelson. Via Zoom: Don Jervis and Karsten Kersey.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL



Kyle Bowman, Chairman

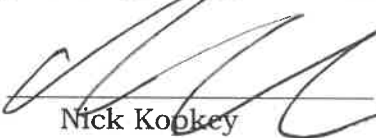


Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman

Sam Hann



Matt Dillon




Nick Kookey



Philip Dale



Gary Ridenour

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor