

## **WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, January 8, 2024 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. County Auditor Marcie Shepherd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. since a new Council chairman had yet to be elected. Six council members were present: Kyle Bowman, Phil Dale, Matt Dillon, Sam Hann, Nick Kopkey and Matt Mize. Gary Ridenour was absent. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor's office.

Shepherd asked for nominations for the 2024 Council Chairman. Dillon made the motion to nominate Kyle Bowman for Chairman. Dale seconded the motion. No other nominations were heard, Dillon made the motion to close the nominations and proceed to vote. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote. Auditor Shepherd turned the floor over to Chairman Bowman. Bowman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Dillon nominated Matthew Mize as Vice-Chairman for 2024. Hann seconded the nomination. No other nominations were heard. Dillon made a motion to close the nominations and proceed to vote. Dale seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Council reviewed the proposed 2024 schedule of meeting dates. Dale made the motion to approve the schedules as presented. Dillon seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

The County Auditor was directed to post the meeting schedule:

January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
February 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
March 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
May 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
June 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
August 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  
September 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
December 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Departmental Budget hearings will be held on August 20 and 21, 2024 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Final review of the 2025 Budgets will be following the August 22 meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the budget schedule. Mize seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Council then reviewed the designation of Council liaisons for the purpose of assisting elected officials and departments supervisors throughout 2024 and assist with the 2025 budget request later in the year:

Kyle Bowman: Purdue Extension, Probation/Community Corrections (now known as Court Services), and County Surveyor

Phil Dale: County Highway, Soil & Water Conservation District, Veteran Service and EMA

Matt Dillon: County Clerk, County Health, and CASA

Matthew Mize: County Treasurer, County Commissioners, Circuit Court, Superior Court, and County Sheriff.

Gary Ridenour: County Assessor, County Recorder, and Weights and Measures

Sam Hann: County Auditor and Area Planning

Nick Kopkey: County Prosecutor, Central Dispatch, Solid Waste Management District, and County Coroner

Next order of business was the 2024 appointments:

Kyle Bowman: ARPA funds, Court Services

Phil Dale: Emergency Management Advisory Council and Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC), and Region III A

Matt Dillon: County Tax Abatement Committee, Personnel Administrative Committee, and Health Board

Matt Mize: Financial Review

Gary Ridenour: ARPA funds, Personnel Administrative Committee

Sam Hann: ARPA funds Plan Commission Board and GIS

Nick Kopkey: Central Dispatch Advisory Board and Solid Waste Management District and County Tax Abatement Board

The following dates were scheduled for the Personnel Administrative Committee to meet in 2024. If no business to discuss the meeting will be cancelled.

Monday February 12, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday June 25, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday September 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday November 12, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Dillon made the motion to approve all board appoints and PAC schedule. Dale 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 Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:**

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

Commissioner Jeff Dawes and Tenille Zartman.

**WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**



Kyle Bowman, Chairman



Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman



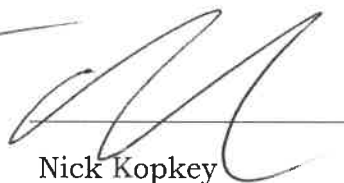
Philip Dale



Matt Dillon



Sam Hann



Nick Kopkey



Gary Ridenour

Attest: Marcie Shepherd

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor