

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Wabash County Council met in session on Monday, January 6, 2025, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. County Auditor Shelly Baucco called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. since a new Council chairman had yet to be elected. Six council members were present: Kyle Bowman, Nick Kopkey, Matt Dillon, Sam Hann, David Terflinger and Matt Mize. Gary Ridenour was absent. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by the County Auditor's office.

The first order of business was the election of the 2025 County Council Chairman. Dillon nominated Kyle Bowman for Council Chairman. Terflinger seconded the nomination. No other nominations were heard. Mize made a motion to close the nominations. Terflinger seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote. Auditor Baucco called for the vote. The motion to elect Kyle Bowman as 2025 County Chairman passed by a 6-0 vote. Auditor Baucco turned the floor over to Chairman Bowman. Bowman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Dillon nominated Matthew Mize as Vice-Chairman for 2025. Hann seconded the nomination. No other nominations were heard. Dillon made a motion to close the nominations. Hann seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote. Bowman called for the vote. The motion to elect Matthew Mize as 2025 Vice-Chairman passed by a 5-1 vote (Mize).

Council reviewed the proposed 2025 schedule of meeting dates. Dillon made the motion to approve the schedule as presented. Terflinger seconded the motion; it passed by a 6-0 vote.

The County Auditor was directed to post the meeting schedule.

January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

February 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

April 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

May 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

July 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

August 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

October 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

December 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Departmental budget hearings will be held on August 19 and 20, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Final review of the 2026 budgets will be following the August 21, 2025, meeting. Dillon made a motion to approve the budget schedule. Hann 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 department supervisors throughout 2025 and to assist with the 2026 budget request later in the year:

Kyle Bowman: Purdue Extension, Court Services, and County Surveyor

Matt Dillon: County Clerk, County Health, and CASA

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

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

Sam Hann: County Auditor, Highway Department, and Area Planning

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

David Terflinger: Veteran's Service Officer, Soil & Water Conservation District, and EMA

Next order of business was the 2025 appointments:

Kyle Bowman: Court Services

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

Matthew Mize: Financial Review

Gary Ridenour: Personnel Administrative Committee

Sam Hann: Plan Commission Board and GIS

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

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

Old Jail Project Committee: Matt Mize, Dave Terflinger, and Commissioner Ross.

With no other business to come before the Council, Chairman Bowman adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Wabash County Council is Tuesday, January 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The following individuals also attended the County Council meeting:

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

Jim Dixon, Mark Frantz, Commissioner Jeff Dawes, Cheryl Ross and Tyler Niccum.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

Kyle Bowman

Kyle Bowman, Chairman

Matthew Mize

Matthew Mize, Vice-Chairman

Sam Hann

Sam Hann

Matt Dillon

Matt Dillon

Nick Kopkey

Nick Kopkey

Gary Ridenour

Gary Ridenour

David Terflinger

David Terflinger

Attest: Shelly Baucco

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Auditor