

January 20, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Chairman Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Brian K. Hauptert, Scott E. Givens, and Barry Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report. Hauptert asked if current salt supply was ample. Amones stated there is over 300 tons available and it should be a sufficient amount through winter.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported;

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 105.8.
2. Both the Sheriff's Department and the Wabash City Police Department are obtaining costs on creating a proposed central dispatch location. Striker invited Commissioners to do a walk through of the jail basement and give their input on that particular proposed site.
3. He is finalizing the annual jail report. It will be ready for next Monday's Commissioner's meeting.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported;

1. Information on a new EPA air quality rule requiring CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operations) to report on the release of hydrogen sulfide and ammonia in regard to livestock.
2. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) is requesting information from local officials and soliciting counties that have been declared a disaster to review a list of projects that relate to disaster preparedness/awareness that could be implemented in qualifying counties. OCRA has 95 million in federal funding to be allocated for long term disaster recovery. This is under a Community Development Block Grant Program. The information needs to be returned by January 26, 2009. Brown stated he would make sure Bill Konya, CEO of the Economic Development Group of Wabash County, and Mayor, Bill Vanlandingham, have this information as well.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, stated he and Jim Dils, County Coordinator, continue to work on the revised draft of the employee handbook.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported;

1. Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, submitted an Emergency Shelter Placement Agreement with Whites Residential and Family Services for four beds at \$128.00 per day. Givens made a motion to approve the Emergency Shelter Placement Agreement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Spoke with contractor Dennis McKee on the South Façade Window Project. McKee informed Dils the cold weather will continue to be a delay on the start of the project. McKee stated February 9th is a tentative start date.
3. The next Courthouse project is door replacement. Jeff Kumfer, Project Manager of Scarce & Rudisel, has submitted a proposal for the door project with costs not to exceed \$150,000.00. Givens made a motion to approve proposal on the door replacement of the courthouse; his motion was seconded by Eppley, passed by 3-0 and signed by Hauptert.

Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director presented a request for a zoning change from Residential 1 to General Business at 212 Logan Street in La Fontaine, Kenneth and Angela Rapp. Howard stated this has been approved by the Zoning Board. Givens made a motion to approve the zoning change at 212 Logan St. in La Fontaine; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items;

Account Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 1-20-09 *with one exception:*

A claim submitted by the Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center, Inc., totaling \$31,091.56

Commissioners tabled pending review

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts – December 31, 2008

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report as of December 31, 2008

Microvote Election Management System Software License Agreement

Solid Waste District – new Health Savings Plan directives

Tort Claim Notice – Houlihan

LTAP: Storm water Drainage Conference information

AIC: 2009 Legislative Conference information

Special Session Agenda – January 26, 2009 both Council & Commissioners (Legal Matters)

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written – January 26, 2008.