

January 26, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 26, 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 J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 20, 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. Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented Amones with an invoice from Norfolk and Southern totaling \$3,190.40 pertaining to materials and structures. Ridgeway also presented a Certificate of Insurance from Norfolk and Southern for Amones to review.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported;

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 108.8.
2. He would like to request a review of the railroad crossing at Treaty on 50 E. It is a high traffic area with school buses Monday thru Friday twice a day, school kids, and the traffic at the Treaty Church of Christ on Sunday. Striker stated there have been no fatalities at that intersection which is good, but it also lowers the chance of being considered a high risk crossing. A review was done by INDOT last year and the 50 E railroad crossing was put on a list determining level of priority. Amones stated all railroad crossings in the state are put on a list each year and are scored. The higher score determines priority. Commissioners asked Amones again contact INDOT to request crossing arms at the 50 E crossing.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported;

1. He is working with farm operations on the new EPA rule concerning air quality.
2. He will be at Grissom for a training day.
3. He is submitting the Grossnickle Drain in North Manchester for review with the Community Block Program for the long term disaster relief funding program presented in last weeks meeting from OCRA (The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs).

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, along with Chief Probation Officer Dallas Duggan presented quotes for building a new holding room for juvenile probation and for enlarging the current holding area into an office for a new staff member. Commissioners requested Dils try to obtain two (2) more quotes for this project.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

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Auditor Jane Ridgeway informed Commissioners that Assessed Values have been re-certified. Due to issues with tax software support and new State requirements the data had to be re-certified three (3) times. Darren Bates of DataPitStop Inc. reviewed the data and we are confident that the values are correct. The State is currently waiting on our new TIF District Neutralization Forms currently under review before they can go forward with approving our 2009 Budget. Once that is approved, the state begin the next step of certifying '08 pay '09 tax rates for all the Wabash County Taxing Units.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items;

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for period ended 1-24-09

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – 1-15-09

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – December 31, 2008

Auditor's Financial Statements – December 31, 2008

2008 Annual Financial Report

Encumbrance Requests for Commissioners Funds

Wabash County Tourism Commission – Minutes of December 15, 2008

Building Update Notice – Universal Valuation, Inc (*Determining necessity for 2009 estimate*)

Norfolk Southern Railway Co – Invoice _ Passive Warning Devices – 800N

IDEM: Notice of Decision – Approval Air Quality Permit _ Alumitech of Wabash

Baker & Daniels – local Government Funding Services & Related Topics

Bureau Census CD – Commissioners directed to Mike Howard Plan Commissioner

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written – February 2, 2009