

## MARCH 30, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 30, 2009. Chairman Brian Haupert called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Brian K. Haupert, Scott E. Givens, and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the March 23, 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 Supervisor, reported:

1. Presented two (2) Additional Appropriation Requests to go before Council:  
1) \$250,000 moving bituminous mixtures from MVH (Motor Vehicle & Highway Fund) to LRA (Local Road and Street), and 2) \$500,000 moving liquid bituminous from MVH to LRS. Commissioners unanimously agreed Additional requests to go before Council at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Bids will be received Monday, April 20, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. for resurfacing street projects. Phase I: Cloverleaf Dr. (.297 mile – 1,565 ft.) and Northfield Dr. (.176 mile – 928 ft.) Phase II: Lakeview Estates (.317 mile - 1,673 ft.) Phase III: Riverwood Estates (1 mile - 52,040 ft.). Each phase is to be bid separately.
3. A request from Verizon to bury cable at 2775 E Philbaum Rd.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, was not present at the meeting.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, stated the Indiana Homeland Security Full Scale Exercise at Grissom Saturday, March 28, 2009 went well.

Steve Downs, County Attorney reported:

1. The railroad grant agreement from INDOT, regarding crossings arms at 800 N, needs to be submitted. Downs stated it requires Amones signature. Amones signed the grant. Downs will send agreement along with a cover letter informing INDOT that the submission of the signed agreement should not be construed as a waiver of our pending petitions for review/stay of the railroad order to install automatic crossing gates.\*
2. Reviewed bids on Assessor Re-assessment Contracts. Downs stated bid bonds were required in the advertisement but only one company submitted a bond. Haupert tabled reviewing the bids until the April 6<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting when Assessor Kelly Schenkel would be able to attend to clarify bond requirements.

John P. Schuler, a former County Commissioner, addressed the Board:

1. He would like to attend the next drainage board meeting. Haupert stated a meeting will be held next Monday and are held regularly the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. He has a standing water issue near his land on 200 W Laketon Road.

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2. Schuler was concerned with options on the jail expansion.
3. Schuler also expressed concern with Highway Department workers; too many workers with not enough to do especially in the current economy.
4. Schuler also stated that the new proposed LOHUT tax is not a good idea. People are taxed enough. Commissioners thanked Schuler for his comments.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Last week he reported an adjustment increase in the workman's comp insurance premium following an annual audit; totaling \$10,549. After review it has been determined that this amount will need to be paid by the county. An additional appropriation may need to be requested to cover the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payment.
2. Presented carpet quotes and installation timeframes for the probation department:

K & M Flooring	\$196.70	1 week
Miller Furniture	\$255.70	1 month
Paul's Floor Covering	\$237.50	1 week

Givens made a motion to approve K & M Flooring at \$196.70; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.
3. There was a misunderstanding regarding the mandatory pre-bid meeting held March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 P.M for the courthouse doors. A few contractors did not realize this had been a mandatory meeting. Dils stated we will allow additional contractors to submit bids for the project who did not attend the meeting.
4. The Air Quality Evaluation done at the courthouse tests results showed that all tests were in acceptable range except for a minor issue in the basement in the EMA room. The evaluation recommended the EMA room be examined to find the source of moisture and mold. There was no finding on the odor the Assessors' office had reported.
5. Clerk of the Court Lori Draper informed Dils that the current computer equipment for voter registration will be transferred from state property to county property. This means all future maintenance needs and replacement will at county expense.
6. Presented request for a TEA "Taxed Enough Already" Party rally to be held April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. on the east side of the Wabash County Court House. This is to be a peaceful demonstration. Commissioners approved rally request.
7. Renewal for health premiums will be approximately a 2% increase. The plan is to proceed with the current contracts with a few minor modifications. Life, health, and disability information will be provided to full-time employees.
8. Dils asked if Downs had the resubmitted HPL contract – Jail inmate medical coverage. It will be presented next week for Commissioners to sign.

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9. Received bids from one vender for various concrete projects at the jail and also across Main Street (retaining wall). Commissioners requested additional quotes which Dils will obtain.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor, reported:

1. Presented the Commissioners' Payroll Voucher and asked that they regularly review and sign off on their department's payroll which includes salaries and wages paid for the Commissioners, County Coordinator Dils, Commissioners Custodian D. Smith and Part-time Courthouse Custodian B. Shriver. Commissioners agreed that Chairman Hauptert would approve and sign.
2. Eppley reviewed the GIS meeting held Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>: Huntington County is looking into using a committee for GIS as Wabash County does. Huntington had been using a GIS employee and is looking into changing to a committee. They reviewed our change flow chart process that all offices sign off on when they are done with their part of the changes in the GIS process.
3. Ridgeway, Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd, Treasurer Sharon Shaw, County Assessor Kelly Schenkel and Commissioner Hauptert attended a meeting with the Wabash County Realtors' Economic Development Committee last week. They reviewed our current website and gave recommendations from their point of view. Hauptert stated the realtors requested that one of these individuals be allowed to attend the GIS meeting to give there input on the real estate side of the business.
4. Ridgeway and Deputy Auditors Marcie Shepherd, Robbie LaSalle and B.J. Grube attended the Regional Auditor Conference on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in Kokomo for updated information on the new property tax circuit breaker laws.
5. MVP TAX tested their new upgrade and allocation files on our data last week. MVP is hoping to have everything ready to go mid-April. We are still on the time frame of Mid-June for collecting taxes.

Bids were received for Courthouse Door Project. At 11:00 A.M., Eppley made a motion to close bids; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote. The Bids and Alternate Deductions\* are as follows:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt Bid #1</u>	<u>Alt Bid #2</u>
D-T Construction Silver Lake	\$146,520	(\$11,567)	(\$8,230)
D&C Const South Whitley	\$154,700	(\$15,440)	(\$10,150)
Feuser Const Ft Wayne	\$154,208	(\$6,662)	(\$9,622)

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Easterday Const Culver	\$164,750	(\$22,250)	(\$8,815)
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Advanced Restoration Indianapolis	\$159,000	-0-	-0-
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Commissioners will take under advisement.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

City of Wabash: Order to Remove Unsafe Building: 126 Stitt Street, Wabash  
IN Dept of Health – Air Quality Report

Todd Rokita report: Voter Registration Equipment to be County-owned

IDEM: Approval of Minor Modification to Solid Waste Facility

IDEM: CAFO NPDES Permit Renewals – Wabash County

Certificates of Insurance – D-T Const/Draper Construction

Verizon: Request to bury cable – 2775 E Philbaum Rd.

Schneider Corporation Invoice – GIS Web Hosting (3/1/09 to 12/31/09), Software Maintenance and Support (1/01-12/31/09)

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved with clarifications added on April 6, 2009.