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Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 13, 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 April 6, 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 reported:

1. Amones reviewed a Norfolk & Southern invoice received in January. Amones stated he has contacted N&S to clarify charges on the invoice repeatedly since January with no response. Eppley stated a letter to N&S may be the next step. Commissioners unanimously agreed that a letter be written. This letter would document our attempts to contact, get clarification on invoice, and it would inform their accounts payable department why we have not paid the invoice.
2. Toby Steffen of Butler, Fairman, & Seufert contacted Amones on the Bridge #175 at Richvalley. Steffen stated according to stimulus requirements we cannot do a bridge overlay. We must do a bridge deck replacement. This would increase engineering \$30,000 and time loss from now to the time you get the engineering worked. Amones recommended we not attempt to acquire funding under the stimulus package on this bridge but pursue the normal bridge application process. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
3. Tomorrow morning Amones will give a presentation to INDOT in Fort Wayne on bridges #104 & #24 requesting federal funding.
4. Amones contacted Steve Jones of United Consulting. Jones stated application for Dora road would be the only road for the stimulus that can be done. The 1½ inch mill and the 1½ inch fill qualify Dora Road. The original estimation was over \$1,000,000. Jones thinks we can still get up to \$3,000,000 if we are one of the first to apply.
5. Huntington County Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler contacted Amones with a request to place concrete barricades at 750 E on Blue Star Highway east of Lagro in Wabash County. There is a quarter of a mile of road before the road dead ends in Huntington County. This road is half in Wabash County and half in Huntington County. Huntington County is having problems with people dumping trash over a hill at this dead end. Amones stated it is currently posted "road closed" on Wabash county's portion before the 750 E proposed barricade area. Amones wanted to make sure this is not a liability issue. County Attorney Steve Downs stated he did not see any issue with the barricade

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placement. Givens asked to make sure no one would be land locked if this barricade were placed at 750 E. Givens requested Amones ask Hostetler if he would supply the materials and we would set the barricades. Amones stated he would do further research and get back with Commissioners on this issue.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff reported:

1. Average daily population in the jail last week was 95.
2. This week is national dispatcher's appreciation week. The dispatchers are an integral part of our county emergency assistance and Striker want to acknowledge their exemplary service. Givens extended a thank you to the dispatchers from the Commissioners.
3. A Safe Keep request will be coming through. Striker informed County Attorney Steve Downs his assistance would be needed on the Safe Keep. Downs stated he would be in contact.
4. Hauptert expressed his appreciation for Major Hicks accompanying him to the Hoosier Heartland meeting.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:

1. Reviewed assessor's contracts. Everything is in order.
2. Amones is attaining measurements for Downs to complete the Higley Curve Speed Limit Ordinance.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, presented a Department of Homeland Security Grant totaling \$14,894. Brown has been working on this grant with Planning Director Mike Howard and Surveyor Cheri Slee. A portion of this grant is used to put the parcels, addresses, center-lines, and local government boundaries on the website along with the set-up fee. This portion totals \$5,000. Brown stated this grant will also cover a camera with built-in GIS system for \$950, GEO XH Sub-foot Accuracy Unit for \$1,995, a Juno SC Handheld with ESRI ARC PAD & GPS for \$4,424 and laptop computers and GIS Software for \$2,525. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed contract. Auditor Jane Ridgeway stated Brown needed an additional appropriation request before Council. Givens made a motion to go before Council requesting an additional appropriation for the Department Homeland Security Grant totaling \$14,894; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Nancy Gribben, County Recorder, requested to go before Council with an additional appropriation request for \$700 for computer server expenses. This would come from the Recorders Perpetuation Fund. Givens made a motion to go before Council for additional appropriation request for \$700; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

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Mike Howard, Planning Director, & Cheri Slee, Surveyor, presented the GIS - ESRI Annual Maintenance Agreement Contract totaling \$2,643.84. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the contract.

Kelly Schenkel, County Assessor, requested a decision on the Reassessment Contract bids. Schenkel recommended the lowest bid: Accurate Assessments totaling \$359,500. Givens made a motion to accept contract from Accurate Assessments; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Dallas Duggan presented a Day Reporting Grant from the State. Commissioners signed this in January but the State has changed the fund they are using and are requiring Commissioners signatures on the revised contract. Commissioners signed the Day Reporting Grant.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with nothing to report.

Matt Konow, Branch Manager of OCE, requested permission to do a document outsource resource assessment of current copier needs. The assessment would review current equipment and help with cost cutting depending on document output. This would be at no cost to Wabash County. Konow stated he would like to work with Dils to create a schedule to visit at all county departments to see current equipment configurations. Dils stated he has worked with Konow on several of our current copier needs. Konow stated he currently works with the Recorder, Auditor, and Circuit Court. Dils stated he had been contacted by other vendors who would like this same opportunity. Givens stated it would be good to work with Konow given his current relationship with several of the offices. Givens stated as long as the department heads are on board the Commissioners are in agreement with moving forward on the assessment. Dils stated he will send a communication to all department heads regarding scheduling the resource assessment with Konow.

County Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. Presented additional appropriations from Highway Superintendent Amones for Bridge Inspection Phase II totaling \$5,000 to pay for special feature inspection. This is still within the contract price. Amones was not sure if the full amount of the contract was not budgeted or not encumbered. Amones stated it is a four year contract that is inspected every other year totaling \$117,000. Eppley stated we need a list of what the contract amount was set at and how much was spent each year over the last four years. Commissioners requested that Amones and Ridgeway have this data prepared before going to Council. Eppley made a motion to approve going before Council for an additional appropriation

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request totaling \$5,000 for Phase II Bridge Special Feature Inspection with prepared data; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

2. Treasurer submitted an additional appropriation request totaling \$500 for legal consulting on an ongoing court case that County Attorney Downs is working on. Givens made a motion to approve going before Council with an additional appropriation request totaling \$500 for legal consulting; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. Plan Commission Director Mike Howard also submitted an additional appropriation request for \$85. Hauptert stated permission from Commissioners is only needed if the request is over \$100.

Beverly Ferry, Council on Aging, presented information on the application process for Wabash County Transit pertaining to the federal stimulus package. Ferry stated originally they were approved for \$303,000. The final decision was to approve certain purchases rather than an actual amount. The final approved purchases amount was approximately \$298,000. Ferry stated they are looking at three (3) areas of purchasing;

1. Software program to help with accurate reporting for dispatching.
2. New radio system for the vehicles – the current system would be fully replaced. The current system is no longer being made and cannot be repaired.
3. Purchasing four (4) or five (5) new vehicles. Ferry stated they qualified for six (6) replacement vehicles. Ferry stated they plan to purchase two (2) buses and two (2) modified high top vans. Mini vans will no longer be available.

Ferry informed Commissioners that they currently have nine (9) vehicles with eight (8) on the road. The one vehicle, a 1999 Dodge with 200,002 miles is not in good shape. Ferry and Commissioners discussed placing this in the county tax sale. Ferry stated it is her recommendation to salvage this vehicle. Ferry stated the vehicle is beyond repair. Ferry stated this vehicle is in the Commissioners name and requested permission to salvage. Commissioners unanimously approved salvaging the 1999 Dodge. Ferry stated this and two (2) other vehicles are in need of retirement. The other two (2) will be retired once the new vehicles are in service. Ferry said their plan is to slowly add a new vehicle each year and not end up with all four (4) of the new vehicles needing to be retired at the same time. She expressed her pride in the fact that they have never used county, city, or North Manchester funds to purchase their vehicles. They have always obtained grants or held fund raisers. Ferry stated this process of purchasing is similar to the 5311 program they used on their last purchase of a vehicle except that INDOT will not be matching 50%. Ferry presented and read the Authorizing Resolution #2 which allows Ferry through Wabash Council on Aging to act on the

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Commissioners behalf in obtaining the above mentioned items. Ferry will meet with Hauptert and County Attorney Downs to review and obtain signatures on the resolution this week. Ferry stated she will return in June or July to present the operation portion of this process.

Commissioners received bids up to 11:00 A.M. for calcium chloride/rock salt on behalf of the Wabash County Highway Department. At 11:00 A.M., Givens made a motion to close the bids for calcium chloride/rock salt; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. Bids are as follows:

Detroit Salt Co.	Respectfully declined to bid		
Morton Salt Co. Chicago, Illinois	1,600 Ton	\$83.20/T	\$133,120
North American Salt Co. Overland Park, Kansas	1,600 Ton	\$74.16/T	\$118,656
Cargill North Olmsted, Ohio	1,600 Ton	\$66.99/T	\$107,184

Givens made a motion to accept Cargill if bid documents are in order; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. County Attorney Downs will review.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Wabash City Fire Department Quarterly Report
IDEM-Midwest Poultry Service – CAFO Approval Renewal – Manure Mgt Plan
IDEM- Kent French – CAFO Approval Renewal – Manure Mgt Plan
IDEM- Brodbeck – CAFO Approval Renewal – Manure Mgt Plan
IDEM- Strauss Family Partnership – CAFO Approval Renewal – Manure Mgt Plan
IDEM- DHS Farm LLC – Renewal NOI Application
IDEM- Notice of Decision – Minor modification of the Wabash Valley Landfill
Letter from Dr. James Duncan – formal resignation from the Wabash County Hospital Board
Reminder: Tea Party held at the Wabash County Courthouse April 15th at 12:00 P.M.
Reminder: AIC North District meeting May 6th

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.