

APRIL 20, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 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 J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent reported:

1. All documents for the Cargill salt bid, accepted last week, are in order.
2. Last week Amones discussed placing concrete barricades at 750 E on the Blue Star Highway in efforts to stop individuals from dumping trash on the Huntington County portion where the Blue Star Highway ends. Amones stated he would like to place a guard rail at 750 E rather than the concrete barrier. Amones also requested permission for Wabash County to abandon their portion of the road. Amones would contact Huntington County on abandoning their portion of the road. Eppley made a motion to approve the guard rail and abandoning Wabash County's portion of the Blue Star Highway beyond 750 E; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
3. Beam Longest & Neff have inquired whether we would like to apply for federal aid on road projects. It would be an 80/20 project. The roads to consider are America Road, 1100 N or 700 W. Commissioners will take under advisement.
4. Amones stated we have applied for Stimulus funds that would assist with 25% of the cost on a replacement vehicle (single axle dump truck). Amones requested Commissioners set a date to accept bids. Hauptert set June 1 at 11:00 A.M. to accept bids for replacement of a single axle dump truck. Givens stated if the 25% is not obtained the purchase will not be done.
5. Requested permission to go before Council for an additional appropriation request for a box culvert totaling \$75,000. Eppley made a motion to take to council; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-vote.
6. Received from United Engineering an invoice for \$3,000. Amones stated another will be coming for \$4,000 in reference to 800 N. He also received a letter from AT&T in regards to the relocating of a fiber optic box on 800 N. Auditor Jane Ridgeway stated it would be best to use the \$5,000 from Major Moves Fund and then pay remainder out of CEDIT. Ridgeway stated these are reimbursable by POET. Ridgeway would confirm if the AT& T bill had been paid.
7. Norfolk and Southern contacted Ridgeway concerning an outstanding invoice. N&S stated even though this project was closed in September, charges were for items used out of stock, inventory and information was

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not received in a timely manner. Ridgeway stated this invoice will be submitted next claim cycle.

8. Don Chittick, driver operator, will retire on April 30, 2009. Hauptert stated we need to hold off on hiring and see how our funding looks. Amones stated Chittick would like to continue working part-time during the winter. Amones stated with Chittick's 13 years experience he would like to keep him as a part time employee over hiring a new employee. Commissioners agreed. Givens expressed the County's thanks and appreciation for Chittick's many years of service.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 101.71.
2. Planning on the return of an injured inmate today who has been at Lutheran Hospital. Staff from the jail have been guarding and protecting this inmate which has been a strain on the staff.
3. There will be a jail feasibility presentation at the Council meeting on April 27th to elaborate on potential expansion of the jail and also discuss the possible jail staff increase.
4. An antenna was planned to be placed on the North Manchester tower to boost reception and transmission in North Manchester. There have been problems with the portables in the area due to tower distances with transmitting and receiving. The cost of the antenna is \$10,065.04 from J&K Communications and would be paid through E-911 funds. Striker stated this has been discussed but it has not been approved. Striker requests permission to move forward on getting this antenna placed on the tower in North Manchester. EMA Director Bob Brown stated it would take approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks to complete the placement after approval is given. Striker stated J&K prices are very competitive and would recommend them as the sole company on this project. Givens made a motion to appropriate \$10,065.04 from E-911 for J&K Communications to place an antenna on the tower in North Manchester; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.
5. Striker asked for clarification of the noise ordinance in Wabash County concerning controlled noise. He is dealing with an issue in the Laketon area with a band that is practicing late. Currently there is nothing they can do legally. Striker requested Commissioners and Downs look into this for him. Commissioners will take under advisement.
6. Striker inquired on the progress of the steps at the jail. Striker stated one of the jail nurses tripped in this area but was not hurt. County Coordinator Jim Dils stated he had contacted 3 contractors. Dils has received 2 responses and expects to present information at the next Commissioners meeting.
7. Two of the new Dodge Chargers are fully equipped and in service. The third will be completed this week. After the third one is done, the Impala currently on the fleet will be transferred to EMA. Two (2) old vehicles were

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traded to Wabash Valley Chrysler. Striker stated all equipment added to vehicles is being paid for from commissary funds.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported:

1. He had attended the Wabash County Fire Chiefs Association meeting on April 16th in regards to applying for a regional homeland security fire grant. Brown stated the intent with this grant is to finish out the entire 800 system. A grant writer will be employed through sponsoring Liberty Township Fire Department to help with this grant. Brown stated the total for this grant is \$728,000. The decision on this will be announced later this year possibly in October or November.
2. Planning to have a hazard mitigation meeting April 21st at 2:00 P.M.

Mike Howard, Planning Director, requested:

1. Permission for information on the GIS layer data to be given to the Polis Center of IUPUI to aid in preparing mitigation plans for Wabash County. Schneider has agreed to pull this information at no cost. Givens made a motion to approve Schneider pulling information to share with the Polis Center; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Givens stated a concerned citizen had contacted him regarding a homeowner burning trash in the open very close to the Stockdale Mill west of Roann. There is concern the mill may catch fire. Givens asked Howard if there was an ordinance in place on open burning in the county. There are no open burning ordinances outside of town. Givens stated a letter will be sent to the individual who is burning trash to express this concern. Givens stated the Roann Fire Department has been contacted regarding this issue.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:

1. Higley Curve Speed Limit Ordinance should be done next week.
2. Still working with Prosecutor on establishing the Prosecuting Attorney's Forfeiture Fund Ordinance. The State Board of Accounts stated it may not be necessary to create an Ordinance.
3. Signed the Council on Aging Grant presented last week.

Dr. Gifford, Health Department Advisor, stated that Wabash County Health Department along with other counties in District 3 will be hosting a mass immunization exercise on April 29 at the Wabash Junior High School. All Health Department staff will be attending and the office will be closed that day.

County Coordinator Jim Dils, Jeff Kumfer, and Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan of Scarce & Rudisel reviewed options on the courthouse door project. Hauptert had spoken with Wabash City Building inspector, Ron Bussard and he is requiring that all doors have panic hardware installed. Commissioners also looked at using oak vs. pine on the doors. Kumfer stated using pine would save \$11,000. Commissioners unanimously agreed to use pine on the doors.

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Kumfer stated the warranty on these doors is 30 years. Rudisel-Jordan also stated they would look into other areas that could possibly save the county money. Commissioners also discussed how they had submitted application for assistance for window replacement through the stimulus package and are waiting to hear back. Commissioners also stated the staining being done on the current window project in process is unsatisfactory and requested this be fixed. Kumfer and Rudisel-Jordan agreed and will contact the contractor.

At 10:00 A.M. Givens made a motion to close the bids for the Resurfacing Streets Project Phase I; Cloverleaf Dr & Northcliff Dr, Phase II; Lakeview Estates, & Phase III; Riverwood Dr. as advertised; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. Bids are as follows:

	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Phend & Brown – Milford	\$17,877	\$15,180	\$39,208
E & B Paving - Huntington	\$21,900	\$19,710	\$54,060
Gaunt Asphalt - Wabash	\$18,527	\$15,900.75	\$40,635.25

Givens made a motion to take the bids under advisement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper would like to schedule a meeting with Commissioners to review precincts that need to be changed/ split and also changes in election laws.
2. Still trying to acquire information on the stimulus monies for the Commissioners projects.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 4-18-09

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 4-20-09 (*Haupt asked Ridgeway if the \$3,000 appropriation for Hoosier Heartland had been paid. Ridgeway found it had and she checked with the accountant for the commission and they confirmed they had received and deposited the check in March.*)

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – March 31, 2009

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – March 31, 2009

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – March 31, 2009

Weights & Measures Report as of March 15, 2009

Council on Aging Grant – Steve Down's Signature

Council packets for the April 27, 2009 meeting

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. Reminder Notice: Commissioners will met in Executive Session on April 23, 2009 in a joint meeting with the Wabash County Council at 5:00 P.M. to review the employee job classification information presented by Kent Irwin, Waggoner, Irwin & Steele.