

MAY 11, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 11, 2009. Vice President Scott Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with two (2) members present: Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. Brian Hauptert was on vacation. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent reported:

1. Amones had spoken with Dave Metz at Metz Appraisal on an appraisal for the 1400 N bypass. Metz stated he would review his findings and get back with Amones.
2. Givens stated a few residents had contacted him concerning the "S" curves at Mill Creek Pike. The rocks are going into the street. Amones stated people are cutting that corner and it pulls the rocks into the road. Amones stated he could place delineator posts at the area. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 104.42.
2. Striker introduced Megan Wood of Lafontaine. Wood is a senior at Trine University (previously Tri-State) and is completing an internship totaling one hundred and twenty (120) hours at the Sheriff's Office. She is working toward a Criminal Justice degree.
3. Givens asked about the progress on bids for the steps in front and behind the jail. Dils stated the bids are done and will be presented next week when all Commissioners are in attendance.
4. The fleet's Impala will be transitioned to EMA in the next couple of weeks. One fleet vehicle is under repair and upon completion the Impala will be transferred.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported:

1. Over the weekend, Brown received a call from the POET North Manchester Ethanol Plant. There was a power outage and they lost four hundred (400) gallons of common ethanol and mash. EMA worked with sand bags to keep the mash mix out of the water way. POET will have a professional clean up company in today to complete spill removal.
2. Brown stated individuals are placing refuse; trash and recycling items by the door at the EMA garage (Old State Highway building). Brown stated any recyclable items have been taken to the Solid Waste Management as a courtesy. Brown stated this has been an ongoing issue and feels some type of signage would help elevate the problem. Givens stated he would be at the Solid Waste Board

meeting today and would discuss the issue and inform Brown on a possible plan of action.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/Human Resources Director, was present with nothing to report.

Katherine Carter-Lower, Health Department Vital Records, and Wabash County Health Officer Dr. J. Dean Gifford, reported:

1. Carter-Lower asked if Councilman Mike Ridenour had informed the Commissioners on his evaluation of the drain water issue at the Health Department. Givens stated he would be at a meeting with Ridenour this evening and would inquire on Ridenour's findings. Eppley stated there were some drains connected a few years ago at the area. Eppley stated he was not sure if the drains were currently working. Gifford stated he would like to move forward on these issues. Givens stated he would like to wait on any decision until after he speaks with Ridenour.
2. Gifford asked where the financial responsibility rest for the maintenance on the building; internal wall issue, air conditioners. Givens stated technically it is the Commissioners. Givens said the actual breakdown in cost would possibly be a joint effort between Commissioners and the Health Department. Givens also stated they would have to go with the lowest bidder.
3. Carter-Lower stated all the exterior doors in the office have air leaking issues, but the west door is the worst; it is the handicapped door and is used continually. The east door has air flow issues and a crash bar that is not working properly
4. Dils stated he did not think there where enough outlets for the air conditioner units under the windows in the Health Department. Carter-Lower stated the Food Sanitarian Office across the hall is also hot in the summer. Givens asked if two air conditioners would be sufficient enough to cool the entire area along with the regular system. Gifford and Carter-Lower were not sure. Givens requested that Dils look at the area today and have Quality Electric evaluate whether there are enough outlets, if there will be an electrical overload issue and to review updating the current heating and cooling system. Givens requested Carter-Lower present a complete list of concerns to Dils to be addressed.

County Attorney Steve Downs was present with nothing to report.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. She will be attending the Auditor Conference May 19th-22nd in French Lick, Indiana.
2. Eppley asked if we had heard from Manatron on the current tax delay issue. Ridgeway stated they are working on the issue this

morning. Eppley asked if we are as far along as other counties; Grant County was approved on Friday. We should have more information this evening after Manatron works today. Ridgeway stated she is still hopeful for a mid-June date but again that all depends on Manatron. Ridgeway stated we have been ready to complete the tax billing process for several months now but have had to wait on the Manatron MVP Tax system for the property tax change updates.

3. Ridgeway stated she had received a call regarding a date for the county surplus auction. Amones stated Highway Department has very few items this year. Commissioners stated we need to contact EMA Director Brown and Sheriff Striker to inquire if their departments have any items for the auction before setting a date.
4. Ridgeway stated the DataPitStop claim totaling \$5,000 for the Circuit Breaker software could be processed as a transfer to Commissioners Professional Services instead of an additional appropriation. Eppley stated we want Council aware and we want them to know why this account may run low. Commissioners unanimously agreed. Ridgeway stated she would prepare this for the next Council meeting May 26, 2009.

Brett Kating of Beam, Longest, & Neff presented informational packets concerning the ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) projects submitted by Wabash County.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Wabash Animal Shelter Monthly Reports- March and April 2009

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission – Agenda for May 13, 2009 & Minutes of March 11, 2009

Statues of BIS – Video Conferencing final claim – *Eppley made a motion to pay this claim; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote.*

IDEM: Paper Works Ind. Inc. – Air Quality

Additional Appropriation Request CR 800 N project – POET TIF District reimbursement: \$10,900 to go before Council on May 26, 2009

Tiede, Metz, & Downs claim – credit balance to be added to the next claim

A Letter from Allen Insurance Agency (local handler) for Pekin Insurance – Public Employees Blanket Bond #BO 97883 Cancellation (Health Department Staff)

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. and were reminded of the Special Joint Session on LOHUT tax with the County Council this evening – May 11, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

Approved as written on May 18, 2009