

## MAY 18, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 18, 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 May 11, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Supervisor, informed Commissioners the Highway Department had received notice of a Tort Claim regarding James Combs. Ridgeway provided copies of the Tort Claim to the Commissioner and to County Attorney Downs for review.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The population in the jail this morning is 107.
2. Striker introduced Noah Terrill a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at St. Bernard's as the "Sheriff for the Day".
3. Ridgeway stated she had received a statement from BIS with a balance due for the video conferencing system and she had given the statement to Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant to Striker. Striker said the remaining balance will be paid from the Jail Commissary Funds.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported the GIS Grant has been returned from the State. Brown sent out purchase orders to departments involved so they can start ordering equipment.

Wabash County resident Garland Wilcox informed Commissioners that he owns property with a pond on 800 N. Wilcox stated individuals are parking on 800 N and fishing his pond without permission. He has placed "no trespassing" signs but stated that 800 N is very narrow with deep ditches on both sides and requested the County post signage at this area for safety purposes. Hauptert requested Highway Supervisor Martin visit the area and report back to the Commissioners.

Mike Howard, Planning Director, presented an authorization request from the Schneider Corporation to proceed with the data share to the State for the Indiana Map at a cost of \$5000.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was presented two (2) property deed issues that the Auditor would like Downs to review with Auditor's office.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. The heating & cooling system in the Treasurer's office was tested by Quality Electric and has multiple leaks in both coils which need

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- to be replaced. The cost to replace both coils would be \$2,755. Dils requested permission to move forward with the replacement. Eppley moved to approve the request to replace coils in Treasurer's Office for \$2,755; seconded by Givens, the motion passed 3-0.
2. Givens asked if one of the heating and cooling compressors at the Health Department had been checked to confirm that it is working properly. Dils had contacted Quality Electric this morning and they will be sending someone to look at the unit. Dils stated he also requested QE check the exterior lighting at the northeast corner of the courthouse property; the flag pole and the Lincoln Memorial for a problem with the underground electrical line.
  3. Dils presented an alternate proposal for the courthouse doors with a revised estimated savings totaling \$9,665. The revision states estimates to "Change the doors to single with two sidelights, include Kynar exterior and pine interior and change interior woodwork to pine." Eppley made a motion to approve the revised estimate with a total savings of \$9,665; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote. Council Chairman Mike Ridenour asked if Commissioners had considered an aluminum door. Hauptert stated since the current doors are aluminum and are not well insulated, they did not look at that option. Dils stated the idea of presenting a historical appearance was a large part of the decision. Dils also presented documents from Scarce & Rudisel for review: exit lights, handrail coming up new center step, coloring of concrete and type of interior lighting.
  4. Presented new Organ Tissue Transplant Policy for the Health Plan. Commissioners reviewed and Hauptert signed the policy.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. Auditor of State's office approved our abstract Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Ridgeway stated her office is currently working on Certificate of Errors and waiting on Manatron to address a problem with the 100 % homestead credits. Ridgeway stated the Treasurer's contracted printer, Boyce Forms, does not want to set a collection date until they get confirmation that our file from Manatron is correct. Boyce currently has questions with MVP files from other counties. Ridgeway stated a June date may still be possible for the spring installment of property taxes.
2. Ridgeway's four year old laptop computer is failing. The computer can no longer charge without the docking station. Intersect Technologies has stated the motherboard will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$500; however, this replacement may not be the only issue. Ridgeway stated this is her only computer and it is imperative that it be replaced before the old one fails. She presented two (2) quotes for replacement; 1) \$1,853 – HP Compaq Business Notebook 6730s with a 15.4 screen and 2) \$2,054 – HP

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Compaq Business Notebook 6830s with a 17 inch screen. Both prices include docking station, roller case, keyboard and mouse, Microsoft office basic 2007 and install or file transfer. Ridgeway stated the prices include licensing and updating data. She is working on acquiring a third quote. Commissioners wanted to make sure all current updates and any existing programs are compatible with the new Vista operating system. Commissioners unanimously agreed to move forward on the purchase.

3. A Common Construction Wage Ordinance meeting for Bridge #175 is set to be held Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 A.M. in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse.
4. Ridgeway reminded Commissioners she will be attending the Auditor's Spring Conference May 19-22.
5. Ridgeway stated there have been a few problems with submitted deed description accuracy in the Auditor's Office. It calls into question: specifically property transferred by wills filed with the courts, which may be inaccurate in description of a parcel or multiple parcels. Ridgeway asked Downs if it is necessary to have an ordinance in place to require all deeds be checked by the Auditor's office, held, or rejected if the legal descriptions are incorrect prior to "transfer by wills". Downs stated it could be just a policy change by the Auditor's Office; he will review and report findings to Ridgeway.
6. An open house was held at Northfield High School for retiring Principal Bill Neale on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilman James Kaltenmark presented Neale with a Certificate of Recognition for his thirty-seven (37) years as an educator and administrator.

Ridgeway stated the State Board of Accounts Field Examiners would like to meet with the Chairman of the Council, President of the Commissioners, Treasurer and Auditor for the risk assessments now required for the annual financial reports.

Ridenour and Commissioners discussed the water leak issue in the Health Department. Givens stated there was an area with PVC pipe that needs to be replaced. He also he feels a great deal of the damage could be from the roof problem that had been repaired earlier this year. Commissioners discussed having a plumber come and fix the PVC pipe in that area and also look into having the area painted. Commissioners will take under advisement.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 5-16-09

Accounts Payable Claims & Allowance Docket advertised for payment 5-18-09

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – April 30, 2009

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal – Manure Management Plan – Andrew & Jenifer Rice

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IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal – Manure Management Plan – Gary Treska Jr.  
IDEM: NPDES CAFO Permit – Renewal NOI Application \_ Midwest Poultry Service  
IDEM: Receipt of Air Permit Application – Aggregate Resources, Inc.  
Dexter Axle – 4<sup>th</sup> Notice of Plant Closing  
IDEM: Wabash Valley Landfill  
IDEM: POET Bio-refining – Notice of Decision - Approval

The Commissioners attended the Drainage Board Meeting at 10:00 A.M. and reconvened at approximately 11:00 A.M. to meet with Michael Aylesworth, Northern Field Representative with IDEM and Steve Jones, United Consulting, who reviewed final claims for the 800 N project.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Wabash County Council meeting that day at 5:00 P.M.

\*Approved as written – May 26, 2009