

MAY 26, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 26, 2009. Chairman Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 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 18, 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.

Roger Cromer, President of the Wabash County Hospital Board, requested Commissioners appoint Howard Halderman to the hospital board. Halderman would be replacing Dr. James Duncan. Givens made a motion to appoint Howard Halderman to Wabash County Hospital Board; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Supervisor, reported:

1. Presented the State Board of Accounts 2009 Annual Report. Commissioners approved and signed the report.
2. Martin reviewed the 800 N issue presented by resident Garland Wilcox at the May 18th meeting regarding a request for placement of “no parking” signs on 800 N due to narrow roads and high traffic from the ethanol refinery. Martin stated he had looked at the area and is in agreement with Wilcox; no parking signage is a good idea. Commissioners stated the current sign ordinance will need to be amended by County Attorney Steve Downs. Downs agreed to prepare an amendment. Eppley made a motion on Martin’s recommendation to place three (3) (possibly four (4)) no parking signs on 800 N starting seven hundred thirty feet (730’) east of 400 E running a distance of five hundred thirty feet (530’) on the north side of the road and to amend the existing sign ordinance; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 106.4.
2. Attorney Downs is reviewing a form of ordinance contract for an outside company to manage sheriff foreclosure sales. Striker stated such assistance would lighten the load on the sheriff’s office, make more revenue available to county, lessen expense, and place data online.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Presented a list of items for the county surplus auction. Commissioners reviewed the itemized list and decided there would be no auction this year due to so few items. Ridgeway stated the

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department heads can transfer any items to Commissioners who then can recycle items or store for a future sale. Givens stated the one EMA car could be placed for bids.

2. Dils sent a memo to county employees regarding PERF; the guaranteed rate will be reduced from six percent (6%) to three and a half percent (3.5%) as of July 1, 2009.
3. Final job descriptions will be distributed to department heads within the next few weeks. This is a final copy to be given to each employee and signed by each employee to show receipt.
4. The County will need to purchase a new lawn mower; one is twenty years (20) of age and the other is eighteen (18) years of age and there are no available replacement parts. Dils will obtain quotes on a self-propelled lawn mower.
5. Givens requested quotes for the cement work. Dils stated he does have quotes and will present them next week. Dils stated he also will present additional information regarding the generator quotes for the health department. Dils said the one A/C unit at the Health Department was cleaned last week but is still not working properly. Quality Electric has been called and is expected today. Givens stated the Health Department wanted a wall repaired to cover water damage in the kitchen. Givens stated he would like to repair the water lines in that area prior to any other work done. Givens requested Dils contact the Health Department to set a date to replace water lines.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. The 2009 pay 2009 property tax file was sent to Boyce printers on Friday, May 22nd. Boyce is reviewing the data and will inform us of possible collection date.
2. Two (2) property tax refunds from 07' pay 08' have been requested and approved by Treasurer and Assessor; 1) Dexter Axle - Tomkins Industries Inc. had a mathematical correction; refund totaling \$7,330.06. Ridgeway stated they are checking to be sure there are no outstanding issues due to the plant closing and 2) Wells Chiropractic had an assessment error submitted by tax payer; refund totaling \$462.34.
3. An encumbrance request from Enhanced 911 to go to the Council totaling \$35,416.69. This was money budgeted for North Manchester dispatch in 2008 that was never claimed.
4. Common Wage Construction meeting for Bridge #175 project was held last Wednesday. Hauptert stated he was in attendance.
5. Still reviewing all the new information learned at the Auditor's Spring Conference. Ridgeway stated they had discussed the deficit in revenue that we will continue to deal with in our counties. Ridgeway stated there was one main highlight. Counties will no longer have to pay to advertise Commissioners claims as of July 1,

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2009, unless this is changed in legislature's special session. The Commissioners claims can be posted at the courthouse and to the web-site to make them available for public review. Ridgeway stated we will still have to advertise any claims by the courts, additional appropriations, changes to our budgets, and other legal notices.

6. A reminder to Commissioners: a State of Hospital Wabash County meeting will be held Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30 A.M. at the Honeywell Center.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director of Council on Aging, presented the Wabash County Commissioner's 2009 American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant totaling \$259,800. Commissioners reviewed and signed the contract agreement; attested by Auditor Ridgeway. Ferry stated the final approved purchases were four (4) vehicles, office equipment, software, and communication equipment.

Mike Williams, President of Indiana Testing Inc., presented information on providing drug and alcohol testing for county employees. Williams stated he had contacted County Highway Superintendent Phil Amones regarding the Highway Department testing. Commissioners stated we are currently using the Wabash County Hospital. Williams said local hospitals do not always provide current State policies. This is the key item with ITI. ITI would provide all paperwork to keep the county abreast of current rules and regulations. ITI can come on site or use the Wabash County Hospital for the testing. There is a test fee per person of \$49 for drugs \$29 for alcohol. There are also other tests available. Commissioners will review information with Amones and get back with Williams.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Wabash County Tourism Commission – Minutes of April 20th meeting

Weights & Measures Report 4-16 thru 5-15-09

Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau request replacement for Tourism Commission – Carrie Vineyard to replace Andrew Duffy; *Eppley moved to appoint Carrie Vineyard to the Wabash County Tourism Commission; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.*

Reimbursement Request – Public Defender 1st Quarter (January 1-March 31) 2009

Community Corrections Fiscal 2009-2010 Budget

Council on Aging annual allocation request totaling \$25,000 – *Givens made a motion for split payments after June Settlement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.*

Letter from Financial Accounting Foundation - GASB support

Letter from General Preservation Corporation – information on complete restoration of buildings

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 01, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – June 1, 2009