

MAY 4, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 04, 2009. Chairman Brian Haupert called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Brian K. Haupert, 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 27, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes with two (2) spelling corrections; Pearson and Gaunt; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent gave his weekly report:

1. Presented two (2) cover sheets for ARRA, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, plans; 1) from United on County Road 250 S and 2) from BF&S for Bridge #175 at Richvalley. Toby Stephen of BF&S stated this should go to bid next month. Amones and Commissioners discussed waiting for the ARRA funding or to proceed. Eppley stated with the ARRA funding we would not know how quickly we could actually start a project if it gets approved. Haupert stated we need to keep moving forward. Any delay could cause problem with timing on completion.
2. The State informed Amones the ARRA projects submitted; 1000 N, 200 N, 200 W, America Rd, Bridge 175, and various roads - chip and seal, all qualify for potential ARRA funding. No decision has been made. Amones stated he was not given a time frame on an answer but he did get contact information to check on our standings.
3. On a project set for two (2) years from now, County Bridge #24 - Ogden Road south of 114, Wabash County has been approved for \$464,000 federal funding.
4. Auditor Jane Ridgeway stated Amones had submitted an invoice from United Consulting regarding the POET 800 N project. Amones had informed Commissioners at a prior meeting to expect an additional invoice totaling \$4,000 from United. The invoice was now \$7,000. Commissioners requested inquiry on the total of this invoice. Ridgeway stated she would clarify and report back to the Commissioners.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. There were 104 inmates in the County Jail this morning.
2. Striker stated on Friday, May 1st while he stopped in his sheriff vehicle waiting for deer to cross the road, one deer ran into his car.
3. Striker stated they are keeping regular contact with the HPL physicians and the County Health Nurse in regards to the H1N1 influenza. Striker stated they continue to follow their routine precautions.

4. BIS Video conferencing invoice being with held – County Attorney Steve Downs stated he needs to look at the contract to make sure the video conferencing is working as agreed in the contract. Givens said the judges stated recording was an issue. Striker feels the DOC connection is an issue but this is outside the scope of the original contract. Striker stated this is a matter of user familiarity. Downs will review contract.

Bob Brown, EMA Executive Director, reported:

1. We are coordinating with the Health Department on the H1N1 flu efforts to provide them with logistical assistance.
2. Will be in Indianapolis at a radio standard operating guidelines seminar with Chief Deputy Steve Hicks on Wednesday, May 6th.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, stated the Children's Bureau Grant, Inc Agreement is set for approval pending an insurance issue. Duggan stated they are working with Beauchamp and McSpadden on this issue. The grant is for up to \$15,000 to help fund the Day Reporting Program. Commissioners approved and signed grant.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported:

1. Draper is planning to attend the state clerks meetings in June.
2. John Miller, Miller Furniture, will be sending a note to Commissioners with the findings on floor tests in the Clerk's Office. Miller recommended an acid wash to the floor. The PH is too high. Givens requested possibly having of carpet squares for easy replacement down the road. Draper stated Miller is getting a group of samples for her to review. They will be looking at carpets that adhere to difficult surfaces.
3. Draper needs to split a few of the election precincts. This is a Commissioners duty but they can give Draper permission to proceed. Draper stated Pleasant is over 1,500 active voters and legally there is a 1,500 allowance. At election time we had 1,496 active voters, but stated they had to reactivate voters and that number has increased. Pleasant would be split into two precincts but they would both meet at the same place. There would be two stations for the two separate precincts. They would have double the workers and the current four (4) machines would be set two (2) for each precinct line. Draper stated she would also like to move voters from Noble 8. Currently it is over 1,200 active voters which is the maximum in town. Draper would like to move a portion to Noble 5 which had 597 active voters at the last election. Draper will send out postcards to voters about the change. Also if time allows, Draper would like to move a couple hundred voters from Noble 11 Richvalley which had 1,095 active voters to Noble 9 at the Northfield High School which only had 498 active voters. This

would help with over crowding at the Noble 11 Richvalley precinct. This would involve moving boundary lines. Draper stated they have an issue at the Noble 1 and Noble 7 Precinct. Both precincts vote at the Zion Lutheran Church. Noble 1 has 561 active voters and Noble 7 has 895 active voters. This made the lines uneven. Voters wanted to move to the other precinct line to vote, but currently this is not allowed. Draper would like to balance the two (2) precincts more evenly. Eppley made a motion to approve Draper's precinct splits and changes in requested priority; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

4. Poll workers have been asking for a raise for years. We are paying \$75 to \$100 other counties are paying \$100 to \$125. The election board is looking into 6:00 A.M to 8 P.M at the next election. With this change in time, we will need to increase pay. Draper stated she is aware of the financial strain, but a pay increase would be a great asset in keeping current workers and obtaining new ones in the upcoming election.
5. The docket fees collection company process, Draper stated she would not do again. It was very stressful. On a positive note, it has cleaned up a lot of cases and we will receive an \$8,000 check for collected back fees. The company wants to do the same with a traffic ticket program. Draper stated we will do our own in-house audit.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections, presented the Community Corrections Grant as presented at the last Commissioners meeting. County Attorney Steve Downs stated it requires specific funds. Ridgeway stated those were created prior to her term, although we may need an ordinance to re-create them. Downs stated there was some concern of an agreement of specific salaries increase of 3% permitted by the State. Hobson stated we are still working out of the 2008 budget and would start the 2009 budget in July 2009. Striker stated this was approved in the budget last year. The payment is six (6) months behind. The raise would start July 1, 2009 where other county employees started with a 2% raise in January 1, 2009. Hauptert stated the freeze will catch up with you this next budget cycle. Hobson stated he would be preparing his 2010 budget year in December and would have the information from the salary and wages report to create his salary and wages budget. Council Chairman Mike Ridenour was present and discussed the delay in payment cycle. Eppley made a motion to approve Grant agreement for Community Corrections; his motion was seconded by Givens, passed with a 3-0 vote, signed by Commissioners, and attested by Auditor Ridgeway.

Penny Collins, Executive Director Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation, and Conservationist Joe Updike stated when they submitted the 2009 budget they were informed to expect for the cost releasing of computers and support of these computers through USDA natural resources conservation services. Collins stated we will not have this expenditure this year. Updike stated NRCS will pay the bill for the computer cost releasing and support fees. Collins would like to transfer the \$3,000 from Soil and Water Department in the County General fund to Operating Supplies. Givens made a motion to go before the Council with a transfer request from Soil and Water to Operating Supplies totaling \$3,000; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 3-0.

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

1. The Homeland Security Reimbursement Grant has been approved for \$20,000. Carter-Lower requested approval to go before Council for an additional appropriation. Eppley made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request totaling \$20,000 for the Homeland Security Reimbursement Grant; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Carter-Lower expressed that the ceiling fans for the Health Department will not be the best solution. These two offices have a great deal of paperwork that could cause issue. Dr. Gifford stated they really need a dehumidifier or window air conditioning units. Paper work is sitting in a damp environment causing issues of deterioration. Two (2) window air conditioning units would be sufficient. Dils state he had not gotten bids on the ceiling fans yet. Dils stated he and Commissioners Custodian Dick Smith looked at the area in question and the low ceilings make ceiling fans not practical. Commissioners agreed ceiling fans were out. Givens requested Dils obtain quotes on window air conditioning units.
3. Dr. Gifford stated there is water damage in the Health Department from actual water that comes through the limestone. Carter-Lower stated Kroft Construction had come in and fixed one room and they have had no leaks since. They would like to have this done in two other areas in the Health Department; the north office exterior wall and the north exterior kitchen wall. The total cost would total \$2,650 including painting and staining. Carter-Lower stated they had obtained three (3) quotes. Ridenour was concerned that this would not fix the water problem. Carter-Lower stated Kroft had placed a water barrier between the limestone water and the drywall framing. Givens said this may cause a mold issue. Ridenour stated you need to prevent the water from coming in from the interior and the exterior. The issue is drainage of the exterior of the building. Givens asked Ridenour to look at the area in question. Hauptert stated they will take this under advisement.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented a list of items he is working on for Commissioners.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Dils presented informational quotes that had been obtained last winter regarding the generator replacement for the Health Department. The current Homeland Security Grant obtained will go primarily for an updated or new generator. Givens requested new quotes based on the same unit size be acquired.
2. There will be a meeting at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 5th regarding the courthouse doors.

Commissioners, Phil Amones, and Jim Dils reviewed the Letters of Intent for the ARRA projects. LOI were received from the following companies:

DLZ INDIANA, LLC	Fort Wayne
BEAM, LONGEST, & NEFF, LLC	Indianapolis
CLARK DIETZ INC.	Indianapolis
BOLLINGER, LACH, & ASSOCIATES	Indianapolis
BUTLER, FAIRMAN, & SEUFERT	Indianapolis
SCHNEIDER CORPORATION	Indianapolis
UNITED CONSULTING	Indianapolis

Commissioners will take LOI under advisement.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

- Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 5-02-09
- Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 5-04-09
- Metropolitan School District of Wabash County – Request for stone for bus turn-around
- Maximus – Report for Estimated Cost Recoveries – 2007 for 2009
- IDEM – Notice of Decision: Office of Air Quality – Approval POET BIOREFINING
- BF&S – Request for hearing to determine Common Construction Wages for Wabash County Bridge 175
- National Able Network – SCSEP Senior Community Service Employment Program

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written – May 11, 2009