

JUNE 08, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 08, 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 June 01, 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.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent reported:

1. Tuesday, June 9th highway will begin blacktopping starting with Lakeview.
2. Dave Metz is working on 1400 N appraisals.
3. General Ordinance No 85-5, 2009 Regulating Parking on County Highways (800 N near 400 E). Eppley made a motion on the first reading to approve parking Ordinance No 85-5, 2009 and to suspend the rules on the second reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve the second reading of General Ordinance No 85-5, 2009; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Request from Embarq to bury cable at 1123 E 700 N.
5. Request from Verizon to work in the ditch at 6887 E 800 N; the cell tower.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported:

1. Brown has been working with the Code Red Notification to do an "all call" promoting the weather system sign-up. It will be done at no cost to the county. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. NIMS public safety class will be held in the EMA Conference room June 8th - 10th from 6:00 to 10:00 PM.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported:

1. Presented a quote from Miller Furniture. Miller recommend reducing the PH level on the floor with a chemical and then testing to ensure proper lowering of the PH before carpet is laid. The cost for the chemical clean and testing total \$1,003. If there are any areas that need to be re-patched or leveled it would be an extra expense. If the PH balance is not low enough after the initial cleaning, the chemical will need to be reapplied for another \$1,003. Miller recommended the current carpet should not be reused in that area but could possibly be installed in another location. This quote included the Clerk's Office, the second floor Superior Court outer office, and the jury room. Draper stated she will verify the condition of the jury room. Draper stated she had requested other quotes but has had no response. Commissioners will take under advisement.

2. Microvote is in a new partnership with ES&S Sales. This will not affect our county. Microvote will continue to provide services to our county for ES&S Sales. The contract for 2010 has increased from \$5,500 to \$9,500 plus a \$1,000 charge for data base review. Draper stated she uses this data base review. Draper stated she will not need to use Microvote to set up machines which will keep costs lower. Microvote stated the reason for the increase is due to their costs and expenses.
3. The Child Support Project is almost finished. Two checks were received; \$8,600 and \$8,900. Draper stated we will receive a portion of the combined total of \$17,500. Draper said she would inform Commissioners on the exact amount received at a later date.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented General Ordinance No 85-6, 2009 establishing the Sheriff's Mortgage Foreclosure Sales project and administrative fee for review. This ordinance allows the Sheriff's Office to hire a company to handle the sales. It will allow the money to be deposited into the General Fund for operating expenses in the Sheriff's Department Budget. A contract will accompany this ordinance and be submitted at next weeks meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. A jail committee meeting will be held Thursday, June 11th at 5:00 P.M.
2. All Contractors regarding the concrete bids have been contacted. Dils has received no responses.
3. Presented the south side façade final invoice totaling \$12,568. Dils stated there needs to be a walk-through to inspect completed work. Eppley made a motion to approve final payment pending a final walk through; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
4. Employees have asked if the county would assist with membership fees for county employees at the YMCA. There is not a group discount from the YMCA and there is no measurable savings to document such would reduce health insurance costs for the county. Hauptert stated the budget outlook does not allow for this extra expense for the upcoming year.
5. A citizen requested Commissioners opinion on the HR 875; Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009. Eppley stated he would contact the individual on this issue.

Mike Wohlford, Wohlford Heating & Refrigeration, presented his opinion of the (courthouse) circulating fluid analysis and made recommendation. Hauptert stated we will do research to find the volume of the system. Commissioners will take under advisement. Commissioner thanked Wohlford for his efforts.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:
United States Census 2010 _ Request to become a 2010 Census Partner
FHA Bridge Funds awarded for Ogden Rd, Bridge #24

Verizon North, Inc. – Permit to plow in the right of way on CR E 800 N
IDEM – Thermafiber, Inc. – Notice of Public Comment – Operating Permit
INDOT – Report – Wabash Court Bridge Inspection
Hasler – Postage Meter rental rate increase
Tiede Metz and Downs, P.C. – Invoice for Commissioners Attorney – May, 2009

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2009 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

* Approved with changes – June 15, 2009