

JUNE 15, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 15, 2009. Chairman Brian K. 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 08, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes with a clarification of the presentation of the circulating fluid analysis; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent, reported:

1. An appraisal from Dave Metz on the proposed 1400 N project for \$8,000 per acre. Givens suggested we need to speak to the land owner prior to any survey work being completed.
2. Richvalley Lions Club spoke with Amones on an alley that they are considering requesting improvement. Amones stated it is Walnut Street east of 700 W approximately three hundred (300) to four hundred (400) feet. Amones stated it has not been maintained for years. The Commissioners asked Amones to get further information from the Lions Club.
3. Amones received an email from Councilman James Kaltenmark who serves on the Animal Shelter Board. Kaltenmark requested assistance from the highway department with trimming or removing bushes visually blocking the entrance to the Animal Shelter. Amones stated he would address the issue.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reminded Hauptert of the District Planning Oversight Committee meeting on Thursday, June 18th at the Public Safety Academy in Fort Wayne.

Mike Howard, Planning Director, presented:

1. A draft copy of a Wind Energy Conservation System Ordinance for Commissioners and Attorney Downs to review. The WECS Ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission and their Attorney Larry C. Thrush. Duke Energy and REMC have also reviewed the draft. Duke felt the net metering portion should be removed. Net metering pertains to the excess energy produced above and beyond an individual's required home usage which goes back to the power company for usage. Duke stated they control this and it is unnecessary to state this in the ordinance. Eppley stated this is an agreement between a service provider and their customer. Hauptert would like Downs to review and revisit this issue at next week's meeting.
2. Hauptert requested review on the potential noise ordinance. Howard stated they continue to monitor and do periodic testing.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented:

1. General Ordinance 85-6, 2009 to establish the Sheriff's Mortgage Foreclosure Sales Project and Administrative Fees. Down stated this has been reviewed and approved by Sheriff Leroy Striker. Lieberman Technologies, LLC will be handling the Sheriff's Mortgage Foreclosure Sales. Givens made a motion to approve General Ordinance 85-6, 2009 establishing the Sheriff's Mortgage Foreclosure Sales Project and Administrative Fees; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley moved to suspend rules and approve second reading of General Ordinance 85-6, 2009; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Haupt asked if Downs had received Three-year Capital Projects Plan for CREDIT finds. Downs said he had received the agreement and would present it at next weeks meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with nothing to report.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented the Day Reporting Grant re-application form covering the program from January 1, 2010 thru May 31, 2010. Commissioners reviewed, approved, and signed.

Sharon Shaw, Treasurer, requested permission for herself and her Deputy Treasurer, LuAnn Layman, to attend the annual State Treasurer's Conference August 4th-7th in Evansville Indiana. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported:

1. EAGL Collections has collected \$17,500 of delinquent Docket Fees to date. Of that total, Wabash County's portion is \$12,456.65. Draper stated over the next three (3) or four (4) months, outstanding fees will continue to be received.
2. Statewide voter registration equipment is being given to counties to maintain. Draper recommended adding the PC's to her current CSI maintenance contract. Draper stated she was advised not to place the flat bed scanner or the bar code readers on the contract. The replacement cost is low on these items and it would be less than maintenance costs. Draper stated she would get a quote from CSI on the cost.
3. The voter registration connection to the State is maintained by a separate internet line. Draper stated it would save the county money if it were connected to the county's current line. The major use of this line would be on voting days during which the courthouse offices are closed. The use of this line would not

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- interfere with normal workday use. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
4. Jury room carpet is wrinkled as was stated in the quote from Miller Furniture at last week's meeting. Total carpet expense for the Clerk's office and the Jury room is quoted at \$15,000 pending any possible re-testing or leveling areas. Commissioners unanimously agreed to appropriate \$20,000 in the CCD fund 2010 budget to cover known and possible re-testing requirements.
 5. In reference to the election budget personal services recommendations; salaries for the election board members was \$1,500 in 2009 but needs to be \$3,000 as 2010 as that will be an election year. She requested a \$1,500 increase to the 2010 election budget. Commissioners unanimously approved.
 6. Clerk's Conference went well. State Board of Accounts has cancelled their meeting due to no significant changes this year.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. Reviewed the Commissioners' funds for the 2010 Budgets. Ridgeway made three (3) recommendations: 1) adding \$10,000 for possible improvements to the courthouse phone system, 2) increasing Social Security and PERF contributions for the additional \$30,000 in Personal Services, 3) adding \$7,500 for the DLGF phase II certification required for each county to test the property tax data systems and process. Hauptert advised the Courthouse Complex building repair and maintenance account should be raised from \$20,000 to \$175,000. Ridgeway stated she would make the requested changes and send revised budgets to them for further review.
2. Dils has requested clarification from Attorney Downs regarding compensation for an Assessor's deputy holding a Level II Certification. County Coordinator Dils has also contacted the SBOA who indicated the Indiana Code is not clear and the issue should be reviewed by the county's attorney.
3. The DLGF 2010 Budget workshop has been set for July 17th.
4. Presented a transfer of funds request totaling \$2,100 from CCD Fund - Capital Outlay: Courthouse Roof Project to Capital Outlay: Computer Equipment. Commissioners reviewed, approved, and signed transfer request.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items;

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for the pay period ending 6-13-09

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 6-15-09

Government Consulting & Services Contractual Agreement – Budget Cycle Review 2010 – *Commissioners would hold this until the next Council meeting, June 22nd, to review with Council*

Indiana Department of Transportation – FHA #24 Award - \$464,000

Dexter- Axle – Sixth Amended Notice of Entire Plant Closing

Department of Corrections – Notice of \$25,121.66 for the County Misdemeanant fund for FY 2008-2009

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Letter from National Pork Board requesting permission to give a 15-minute presentation on the pork industry

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved - June 22, 2009