

JUNE 22, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 22, 2009. Vice-Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with two members present: Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. [Chairman Brian K. Hauptert joined the meeting AT 10:00 A.M.] The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve with a change clarifying the 2010 salary change request from election board; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent, reported;

1. In 1949, a contract agreement was made between Wabash County and resident Mabel C. Hoover. It stated a portion of Hoover's land at 2488 W 400N would go to the county to widen 400 N and in exchange the county would build a bridge for Hoover over Paw-Paw Creek giving access to her land. After the bridge was completed, the agreement notes Hoover will maintain the floor of the bridge. Fred Hoover, brother of the current owner, stated in the 1960's work was done on the bridge by county employees. Hoover requested assistance to obtain an inspection and to complete any required repairs to said bridge. Givens stated this should be researched and submitted to County Attorney Downs for review.
2. Embarq requested permission to bury a cable at 9117 S 700 E. Commissioners approved and signed the request.
3. Received a contract grant from INDOT for the railroad and crossing improvements on CR 800 N. Amones stated Wabash County requested a hearing to decide if arms needed to be placed at the crossing. County Attorney Downs stated he had contacted INDOT multiple times with no response. Amones stated there is no deadline date to submit by but the funds do need to be spent by May 31, 2010. Amones gave the contract to Downs to pursue clarification with INDOT.
4. The appraisal on CR 1400 N was presented to the land owner, Leon Albright. Albright is in agreement with the appraisal but had two requests: 1) reimbursement of approximately \$800-\$850 for crop damage, 2) requested a fence be placed at the area. Albright stated he would split the cost of the fencing. Amones stated he did not have a price on the proposed fence. Amones said his next step is to do test digging to determine solidity of the ground.
5. Presented a bid from City of Wabash Street Department to purchase a 2001 GMC single axle truck with hitch from Wabash County Highway Department totaling \$12,000. Givens made a motion to accept bid from City totaling \$12,000 for the purchase; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. (This was presented and action taken after 10:00 A.M.)

JUNE 22, 2009 CONTINUED

6. Requested permission to present an additional appropriation request to Council from Local Road and Street Fund for the 1400 N project. Commissioners unanimously approved request.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 85.09.
2. Air conditioning unit caused water to run down on the west end of the jail. Dick Smith, Commissioners' Custodian has cleaned the area and is checking to make sure no further problems exist.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported on the WEC (Wind Energy Conservation) ordinance: a new amendment will be added to the existing zoning ordinance. Downs stated this requires a public hearing by the Plan Commission. Givens stated a notice needs to be placed in the paper by the Plan Commission. Downs said the whole ordinance does not need to be published. Downs said he would contact Mike Howard, Planning Director, on publication of the notice.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported:

1. Requested Commissioners declare the Ford Crown Victoria as excess property and receive bids. Eppley made a motion to declare the EMA Ford Crown Victoria as excess property for bids; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote.
2. Exercise at Peabody Retirement was successful.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Inquired regarding the policy on payment requirements for Level two (2) certification. Downs stated he would review this week.
2. Health Department information will be presented at the Council meeting tonight. Generator installation will be discussed this evening. Dils wanted to make sure Commissioners are in agreement with the recommendation to use grant monies to install an emergency generator. Bill Feldheiser, Indiana State Department of Health, will be present to speak on behalf of the Health Department.

Nancy Hoffman, Executive Director, Wabash County ARC, reported on their 2010 Budget. Challenges this year include: Inadequate funding – have been able to block a new formula with Family and Social Services that would have cut their budget 40%. Poor economy has had a significant impact on subcontracting in the workshop. The roof will need to be replaced this year. This is a necessity, but also an extra cost that cuts into the budget.

1. Accomplishments:
 - a. Only a 9% increase in employee health care costs this year.
 - b. Parking lot will be sealed this year.

JUNE 22, 2009 CONTINUED

- c. In March, the Indiana Department of Labor completed an inspection for OSHA compliance. They found only one concern and it was taken care of before they finished their inspection.
 - d. CARF – an independent accredited organization required for employment programs found no citations on their inspection. CARF stated only 3% of all inspected receive such high marks.
2. Review of Programs:
- a. Community-Based Sheltered Work Program takes six to eight (6-8) workers with one staff member in an actual company to work.
 - b. Community Employment Follow-Along services seven people.
 - c. Community Integration Program focuses on all kinds of activities in the community. Twelve (12) in this program are currently volunteering in the community through this program.
 - d. Supported Living Program places individuals into their own residence and staff works with them to perform daily activities.
3. Hoffman requested a 2% increase on 2010 Budget a total of \$57,630. Givens thanked Hoffman for her hard work. He said Commissioners would request this increase in the budget but could not confirm it would be approved.

Received Bids for County Bridge #175 – Richvalley – rehab

At 10:00 A.M., Givens made a motion to close bids for County Bridge #175 - Richvalley; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 3-0.

Primco	Fort Wayne	\$443,497.13
American Contracting	Jeffersonville	\$398,566.66

Givens made a motion to take under advisement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – May 31, 2009

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – May 31, 2009

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

Governmental Consulting & Services Contractual Agreement – Budget Cycle Review 2010-*Eppley made a motion to approve entering an agreement with GCS to provide training for a total expense up to \$1,200; his motion was seconded by Givens, passed with a 2-0 vote, and signed by Givens.*

City of Wabash, Hearing Notice for unsafe building – 290 Sherman Street

Norfolk Southern Insurance Compliance – Final Notification of Deficient Coverage – Railroad liability

Weight and Measures Monthly Report – June 15, 2009

Dexter- Axle – Amended Notice of Entire Plant Closing

US Bank letter – Wabash County Indiana Subordinate Economic Development

Solid Waste Facility Revenue Bonds – North Manchester Ethanol, LLC

Transfer of Funds Request – Courthouse lawn mower

2010 Budget review

Letter from the Casino Association of Indiana

AIC Pamphlet describing responsibility and power of county officials

2010 4-H Budget Request

JUNE 22, 2009 CONTINUED

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 29, 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 29, 2009