

JUNE 29, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 29, 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 June 22, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent presented a request from Verizon to bury cable at 487 E 250 S. Commissioners reviewed and approved request to bury cable.

William H. Mitting, Wabash County resident, stated that a portion of his land at 5802 S Old State Rd 15 is eroding along the ROW by his fence line about 250 feet north of his home. In 2003, a .319 acre ROW piece was obtained by the County. Mitting stated this is the area that is causing the problem. Commissioners will review and take under advisement.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 89.57.
2. Striker presented the contract with Lieberman Technologies. Striker stated this has been reviewed by County Attorney Steve Downs. Givens made a motion to approve the contract with Lieberman Technologies as representatives managing the Sheriff's Mortgage Foreclosure Sales; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Striker stated he is planning to look at changes the salary and wage committee will be making to current evaluations of county employees positions. Striker would like to mirror some of these new policies at the Sheriff's Department. Evaluations are an important part of helping staff understands their own strengths and weaknesses. It also ensures each position is being performed at a satisfactory level.
4. Striker presented the 2010 E911 Landline Fund and Wireless Fund budgets for Sandy Beeks, E911 Director. Commissioners reviewed and approved to go before Council.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported that ID cards have been made for all employees at the courthouse. Employees at the Judicial Center do not have ID cards. Brown stated this is currently a voluntary process. Brown asked Commissioners to consider whether they would like ID cards as a policy requirement. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:

1. Downs spoke with Mike Williams of ITI, drug and alcohol testing, regarding possible testing for county highway employees. Currently testing is performed at Wabash County Hospital. Downs and Amones

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will work together to determine whether to recommend a change in provider.

2. Downs presented a list of pending legal matters and assignments he is working on for Commissioners.
3. Eppley presented the Hoover Bridge project request. Downs stated he will review this matter.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Inquired regarding the payment requirements for Assessor's Level II certification; if only a portion of the year is worked. Attorney Downs stated he has reviewed the Code and Wabash County's practice has been to pay a pro-rata amount of time worked. Eppley stated this should be added to our employee handbook policy. Downs stated he would prepare a draft for review.
2. Presented three (3) natural gas generator quotes for the Health Department grant project approved by Council.
 - a. Two Brothers: \$15,890
 - b. Elmer's Electric: \$16,000
 - c. J & J Electric: \$17,490

Eppley made a motion to approve Two Brothers totaling \$15,890; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

3. Presented three (3) quotes for the concrete work to be done at the Jail and Community Corrections entrances:
 - a. Gaunt & Son Asphalt Inc; \$8,905
 - b. Mike Paul Construction; \$9,470.
 - c. Schlemmer Masonry Inc; \$7,410 (This bid was not complete)

Givens made a motion to accept Gaunt & Son Asphalt Inc. quote for the Jail and Community Corrections entrance totaling \$8,905; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. Dils, Amones, and Commissioners also discussed possible stairs on the south side of the Judicial Center and the rip-rap below the south edge of the parking lot. Commissioners tabled these items for clarification and further review.

4. Presented three (3) quotes for a commercial vacuum cleaner for the courthouse:
 - a. Karnes' Sweeper: \$315.89
 - b. Vacorama.com: \$269
 - c. Allbrands.com: \$259.94.

Eppley stated even though Karnes' is the highest quote, they are a local vendor and would be available for maintenance on the vacuum. Eppley made a motion to approve Karnes' Sweeper totaling \$315.89; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

5. The minimum wage will be increasing from \$6.55 to \$7.25 on July 24th. Wabash County is in compliance with existing salary structure.
6. An Appeal Request has been submitted regarding Noble Township Assistance Action, Vanpelt. Dils stated a hearing needs to be set within ten (10) days upon receipt of notice by Commissioners. Downs stated

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the appeal specifically states ten (10) working days and excludes holidays. This notice was received on Thursday June 25th. Commissioners set hearing for Monday, July 6th at 11:00 A.M.

7. Scarce & Rudisil, architectural firm for the Courthouse Door Project, has reviewed and approved the most recent change order which reduces proposed costs by \$9,665. Commissioners reviewed and signed the change order.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented a quote from Visionary Web Design totaling \$2,808.30 for three (3) computers and software to replace existing eight (8) year old computers that are failing in the Probation Office. This will be purchased through Adult Probation User Fees (fees are collected from offenders and do not come out of County General Fund). Duggan stated this is the only quote due to the fact Probation already has hours available for set-up without extra cost with Visionary. Givens made a motion to approve request to purchase three (3) new computers and software with Adult Probation User Fees from Visionary Web Design totaling \$2,808.30; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners recessed at 10:00 A.M. for a special Drainage Board Meeting. At 10:30 A.M. Commissioners reconvened.

Bill Konyha, President and CEO, Wabash County EDG presented a contract for professional economic development services between Wabash County and Economic Development Group (EDG). Konyha stated identical contracts have been presented to the City of Wabash and the Town of North Manchester. Konyha stated EDG'S intention is to be seen as a vendor not an extension of the county. The contract is an agreement for EDG to provide; Business recruiting, retention and expansion, Infrastructure Development, and other related tasks. The contract is set up to begin July 1, 2009 and continue through December 31, 2010. The cost for the first six (6) months of the contract will not exceed \$30,000 and the remaining twelve (12) months will not exceed \$60,000. If services continue beyond reaching the compensation amounts, EDG will continue with services set forth in the contract without further financial reimbursement. Konyha stated this will be billed semi-annually and an accounting of how time is spent will be submitted to each specific contract holder. Konyha stated this contracted has been reviewed by County Attorney Steve Downs, Wabash City Attorney Doug Lehman, and North Manchester Attorney Matt Mize. Givens made a motion to approve contract for professional Economic Development Services with EDG; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. Hauptert stated the Capital Improvement plan needs to be looked into. Konyha stated he is aware of this and it is being addressed.

Plan Director Mike Howard presented the 2010 GIS Fund Budget. Commissioners reviewed and approved to go before Council.

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Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. Made bond payment on Friday, June 26th. Ridgeway requested permission to go to Council to request a transfer and inform Council that Commissioners will need to pay ambulance services out of General Fund in the future. The original budget appropriations changed by Council were contrary to the Bond Issue Ordinance and Ridgeway corrected.
2. Presented Commissioners with their 2010 Budgets for review. Commissioners approved and signed the 2010 Budget requests for the Commissioners' General Fund Budget; the Courthouse Complex Budget (combining the former Courthouse and Memorial Hall budgets); the Wabash County CEDIT Budget; and the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund Budget.
3. New legislature does not require publishing claims for Commissioners' approval except for court claims per HEA 1230. A Claim Docket will still be made of the claims, sent to Commissioners for advance review and posted on the web site: www.wabash.in.gov /Commissioners/Pending Claims.
4. Two (2) properties in Twin Lakes were in the 2007 tax sale and have not been redeemed; Tax Sale Certificate No. 8527150 and No. 8527151. The properties are owned by Thomas and B. Avon McKee. McKees are requesting they be allowed to redeem these properties with the understanding that they are responsible for all current and back taxes. Givens made a motion to allow McKee to redeem the two properties in Twin Lakes; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.
5. Ridgeway attended the State Board of Accounts County Council meeting on Saturday, June 27th in Indianapolis. She reviewed with Commissioners new HEA laws that are in affect as of July 1, 2009 and discussed the HEA bills that are pending.
6. A release has been sent to us from SRI for invalid tax sale reimbursements for the 2007 Tax Sale. SRI did not do a required follow up notification in regards to some of the properties sold; this made several properties throughout Indiana invalid. Ridgeway stated only seven of our properties were declared invalid. Refunds done for this were paid out of the General Fund – Commissioners' Budget. The release from Baker & Daniels, representing the insurance company for SRI, is \$870 less than Ridgeway had requested. The difference is a subsequent tax payment. SRI assumed the taxes would be placed back on a particular property and the amount due would be reimbursed by the property owner. Ridgeway stated she will investigate more on this to make sure all funds are collected prior to the Commissioners approving the release.

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The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:
Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 6-27-09
Indiana Farm Bureau – Memo: protests and County Fairs
Mediacom – Changes in local cable TV lineup
Letter: Board of Commissioners Sullivan Co. – requesting a Statewide
Extraction Tax
INDOT Transportation Enhancement “Call for Projects”
Wabash County Tourism Commission – Minutes of April 20
GIS Budget – presented by Mike Howard Planning Director

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2009 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written on July 6, 2009.