

JULY 20, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 20, 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 July 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed. One spelling typo was noted in the Sheriff's briefing. Eppley made a motion to approve the corrected minutes; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reviewed the first half of EMA Volunteers' contributions this year for Wabash County: a total of 3,485 hours which are 560 more hours than last year. Volunteers assisted on 47 accidents, 21 fires, 7 escort/parades, 3 hazardous material incidents, 5 severe weather occurrences, 9 other uncategorized situations, and participated in a District Exercise. Brown stated the total incident hours were 1,261; total training hours were 890; and total administrative hours were 1,334. Brown said this speaks highly of the great efforts and dedication of the citizens of Wabash County. Commissioners thanked Brown for all his and the volunteers' hard work.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent reported:

1. The chip & seal roadwork starts tomorrow, July 21st.
2. A meeting was held with American Contracting Services, Inc and Butler Fairman & Seufert Thursday, July 16th regarding the contract on Bridge #175 at Richvalley. ACSI would like to completely close the bridge. This would save money on signaling workers, temporary striping, and widening approaches. ACSI stated they would work overtime and would use a quick set concrete which is more expensive than the current contracted concrete. The current contract calls for a three (3) to four (4) month time frame. By closing the bridge, the project would be completed in three (3) to four (4) weeks. Amones said the total savings would be \$20,000 to \$30,000. Amones stated the tentative date of completion would be August 15th. This would be done before harvest and possibly before school starts so as not to interfere with the bus routes. Commissioners unanimously agreed to close the Richvalley Bridge #175. Amones stated work would start one week from today, Monday, July 27th. Commissioners signed original contracts. Amones stated an addendum for the above changes will be added to the current contract.
3. Hauptert stated the guardrail at 150 W & 300 N has been hit by semi-trucks unable to make the turn. Amones stated he would look at the area.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 95.71.
2. Completed audit with the State Board of accounts. The audit went well.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Presented quotes for an annual inspection on the sprinkler system in the Judicial Center;
 - a. VFP Fire Systems Ft Wayne \$1,025
 - b. Simplex Grinnell Elkhart \$1,094
 - c. Liniger Mechanical Contractors installed the system and was contacted. They are no longer in business.Dils stated we currently work with Simplex Grinnell who maintains our smoke detectors and fire alarms. Hauptert stated since we currently work with Simplex Grinnell, he would like to continue that relationship. Givens requested Dils present the idea of a package deal with Simplex Grinnell. Eppley made a motion to approve Simplex Grinnell for the annual inspection on the sprinkler system in the Judicial Center totaling \$1,094; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. There is an issue with the heating and cooling system in the Extension Office. Hauptert stated late last Friday, Surveyor Cheri Slee contacted Hauptert to inform him the Extension Office was at 84 degrees. Hauptert contacted Quality Electric to work on the problem. Dils stated this morning the thermostat had no reading. Dils stated he would contact Quality Electric on this issue.
3. Dils presented quotes from Advertising Specialties Company for both the American and Indiana flags to be placed in the Commissioners room:
 - a. US Flag set eight (8) ft \$125.50
 - b. Indiana Flag set eight (8) ft \$115.74
 - c. US Flag Set nine (9) ft \$197.52
 - d. Indiana Flag Set nine (9) ft \$204.48Eppley made a motion to approve the purchase of an eight (8) ft Indiana flag totaling \$115.74 and an eight (8) ft American Flag \$125.50 plus shipping to be paid from the CCD Fund; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. The Joint Special Session has been set for August 11th at 5:00 P.M. in the Commissioners meeting room to continue discussing the jail feasibility study.
5. Dils requested Commissioners look at the sidewalk near the Lincoln statue. Several portions of the sidewalk in that area are damaged and in need of replacement. Commissioners agreed to look at the area following the Drainage Board Meeting.
6. Hauptert requested an update on the Courthouse Door Project. Dils stated the shop drawings were received and approved by the architect, Scarce Rudisil. Dils stated he expects a late August or early September installation, but no date has been set.

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Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported:

1. Draper has collected an additional \$1,866 from EAGL Collections for Child Support docket fees. This brings the total collection to \$13,322.
2. Our Child Support office does an excellent job but, there are a few areas that need improvement. Draper stated she would like to have one employee come in one day a month to work just on Child Support and complete extra reports. Draper stated this may take some time to make improvements on some of the programs in the Child Support Office. Draper stated this extra process will help keep CS from running into docket fee collection issues in the future. Draper stated the salary will be covered through the IV-D Fund. Commissioners unanimously approved request to pay an employee one day a month to work on Child Support reports payable through the IV-D fund.
3. Draper stated she would like to attend two (2) meetings: The Northern District meeting to be held in Shipshewana (Draper and one other employee would be attending); the second is a Child Support meeting to be held in Indianapolis. Both meetings will be an overnight stay. Draper stated cost will be paid from the IV-D Fund. Commissioners approved the requests.
4. The Clerk's Office is still having issues with wrinkled carpets. Draper stated they also are having issues with the linoleum tiles peeling up. Commissioner Custodian Dick Smith has been working to glue the tiles down.

Phil Dailey spoke to Commissioners regarding his concerns with go cart, golf cart, and four (4) wheeler regulations.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. Attended a budget workshop on Friday with the DLFG. The State is informing all counties that next year revenues are expected to be 10-12% lower.
2. Last Thursday, July 16th, we did our first preliminary roll of assessed values. Before the Auditor's Office can certify them to the State and local Taxing Units, we have to wait 45 days after taxes have been sent out for questions or appeals on properties to the Assessor's Office. Ridgeway stated she is planning to certify ASAP in early August.
3. A memo was received from the Indiana Department of Health regarding speedy dispersing of public Health Emergency Response Grants Funds. The memo also stated a meeting will be held August 4th in Wabash County to discuss plans for the upcoming influenza season and how to implement safeguards against the H1N1 flu.

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4. State Board of Accounts finished their 2008 audit and reviews were favorable. A final exit interview will be scheduled. The new reporting format will require the Auditor's office to complete not only the Annual Financial Report, but also the Financial Statements as well as the Notes to the Financial Statements; previously the statements and notes were done by the field examiners.
5. The State is extending deadlines to November 1, 2009 for counties establishing LOIT, but not counties altering existing LOIT.
6. E-911 Director Sandy Beeks presented a quote from Verizon to upgrade the Public Safety Answering Points in Wabash City, North Manchester and the Sheriff's Department for a total of \$20,597.81 at last week's meeting. Beeks informed Ridgeway she would like Commissioners to wait on further action until she is able to investigate other quotes to insure the most competitive price. Beeks will obtain and present updated information on PSAP costs.
7. Commissioners will have transfer and additional appropriation requests to present to Council at the July 27th meeting concerning returning the Judicial Center Bond payments to be paid from CEDIT and the City and Ambulance to be paid from County General.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 7-20-09

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report - June 30, 2009

County Treasurer's Monthly Report - June 30, 2009

Monthly Report - Clerk of the Circuit Court - June 30, 2009

Indiana Casino Gaming Newsletter - July 2009

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written - July 27, 2009