

AUGUST 31, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 31, 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 for Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the August 24, 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, Highway Superintendent, stated it is time for the annual bid process. The State does not require that we take bids and has not for several years. Amones requested permission to shift to a firm quote process. This would alleviate the time and cost of the bond requirements for contractors. Amones stated the quoted prices for materials and equipment rental would be set for the year. Petroleum products would be the only items to fluctuate in price. Amones stated he will work with County Attorney Steve Downs to determine what type of form will be required along with creating quote procedures for the contractors. Commissioners unanimously agreed for Amones to move forward with the quote process as it will be more efficient for both the county and the contractors. Amones stated he would work with Auditor Jane Ridgeway to ensure all requirements for the State Board of Accounts are addressed.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 83.27.
2. Repairs are nearly complete on a vehicle involved in a recent accident. The last item to be completed is the striping.
3. Hicks will meet with County Attorney Steve Downs today at 11:00 A.M. to discuss county ordinances on curfew and noise. Hicks stated the current State ordinances do not address specific issues in Wabash County. Local ordinances may need to be drafted.
4. At last week's meeting, Hicks stated; the administration at the Heartland Career Center Vocational School requested the speed limit be lowered on 200 W from US 24 north to Division Road. Haupert requested a formal petition be sent to Commissioners from the administration at Heartland Career Center. Hicks stated a petition will be presented at the next meeting.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:

1. Meeting with Major Hicks to review the noise and curfew ordinances; create a possible draft for Wabash County.
2. Will work with Amones on requirements for the Highway Department's annual quote process.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

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1. The Highway Department is completing the concrete sidewalk work around the courthouse. It has been done in a professional manner. Givens stated the Highway Department will be completing several additional concrete projects around the jail and the judicial center that will save the county thousands of dollars.
2. On Thursday, August 26th, the fire pump sprinkler system in the judicial center was run through certification testing. There were a few minor problems. Two leaks resulted from the systems inability to handle the pressure during the testing. These have been repaired. The system is certified. Simplex Grinnell will return at another time to run further testing on the back-flow preventers.
3. Reminder: there is a jail committee meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:00 P.M.

Paul Pearson from SpyGlass presented a revised contract agreement with a nine (9) month time frame. Commissioners, Dils, and Downs reviewed the contract agreement. Downs stated the entire savings identified by SpyGlass will need to be paid upfront. Pearson stated there will be a cost only for the recommendations that are implemented. If Wabash County decides not to implement any of the recommendations, there is no cost. Pearson stated the review process will include all county departments. Givens made a motion to approve contract agreement with SpyGlass; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services, Inc – Annual Report
IDEM: CAFO Renewal Notice –Rosen Farms, Inc – Farm ID# 690
IDEM: CAFO Renewal Notice –Daniel J. Dale – Farm ID# 3596
IDEM: CAFO Renewal Notice –Roger Tate – Farm ID # 1947
IDEM: CAFO Renewal Notice –Gene Michel – Farm ID# 801
IDEM: CAFO Renewal Notice –Max Highley – Farm ID# 3399
IDEM: CAFO Renewal Notice –Dan Schaeffer – Farm ID#3496
Letter from Duke Energy requesting original ST109 Utility Sales Tax Exemption Certification

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.