

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 8, 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 August 31, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Supervisor, reported:

1. The purchase agreement with Mr. Albright has been signed. Martin stated the land has a few soft areas that may need to be built up.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 84.16.
2. Hicks met with Downs last week on noise and curfew ordinances. Downs is currently working on preparing draft copies.
3. Accidents over the weekend: a young man fell off of hanging rock; a female had to be flown out by Good Samaritan after a horse accident and a two car collision at 400 S and SR 13 resulted in two (2) individuals being flown out by Good Samaritan and a third person injured.

Keith Walters, EMA Assistant Director, stated an EMA vehicle was sold for \$400. Walters requested permission to go before Council with an additional appropriation request to use the \$400 toward maintenance work on another EMA vehicle. Eppley made a motion to approve request to go before Council for an additional appropriation request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:

1. Council has requested Downs attend the meeting tonight for the LOIT review. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. The next step on the 1400 N project is to have the title work completed. Commissioners unanimously approved Downs to move forward with contacting a title insurance company.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. The Highway Department has finished the concrete work at the courthouse at a cost of approximately \$1,200 for supplies. The Highway also completed the sidewalk in front of the old jail which should cost approximately \$700 in supplies.
2. Gaunt and Sons Asphalt Inc. plans to be on site this week to complete the project quoted on this summer; concrete work and handrail replacement at jail entrance and concrete work and new handrail installation at the Community Correction entrance totaling \$8,905. The type of handrail was in need of clarification; powder coated steel vs.

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aluminum vs. anodized aluminum. Gaunt and Son stated bare aluminum is subject to corrosion from salt and other de-icing agents. Long term the best option beyond 15 to 25 years would be to use the anodized aluminum at an extra cost totaling \$490 for both rails. Commissioners unanimously agreed to the anodized aluminum at the extra cost of \$490.

3. County Custodian Dick Smith had requested the purchase of two (2) new fiberglass step-ladders; one (1) eight foot (8') and one (1) ten foot (10'). Dils presented three (3) quotes:
 - a. Builders Mart: \$118 (8') and \$190 (10') totaling \$309
 - b. True Value: \$139 (8') and \$209 (10') totaling \$348
 - c. Lowes: \$140 (8') and \$207 (10') totaling \$347

Auditor Ridgeway stated the purchase would be paid from Janitorial Supplies. Dils stated the ladders will be stored at the courthouse but usage would be for the courthouse, jail and judicial center. Givens made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) ladders from Builders Mart totaling \$309; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

4. US Census Bureau has requested that the Board of Commissioners issue a proclamation supporting the 2010 census. Dils presented a draft proclamation similar to what the City of Wabash has signed. Commissioners will take under advisement.
5. Requested permission to proceed with the annual fire alarm inspection at the judicial center totaling \$1,442. The cost is a 3.5% increase from 2008. The inspection is tentatively set for October. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
6. Dils requested a recommendation from the Commissioners regarding the next step for the jail feasibility study. Hauptert stated we need to meet with Umbaugh to discuss financial issues. Hauptert stated we need put them on a regular meeting agenda to present revised numbers based on the presentation at the last jail committee meeting. Givens stated a letter needs to be sent to Miller's Merry Manor with a written response of "no interest" in their vacant building. Commissioners will write this letter.
7. The jail committee had set \$7,000 as the total projected expenses to be paid to RQAW regarding the jail feasibility study. The time spent on this project by RQAW has caused the total expense to exceed that limit. Dils requested an additional \$2,500 for continued work by RQAW on this study. Givens stated \$5,000 needs to be set aside though only \$2,500 is the agreed amount. Ridgeway stated she will acquire confirmation from the Council at tonight's meeting to move forward with this process.
8. Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper informed Dils that $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cost of the carpet replacement at the judicial center may be paid from the IVD Fund. The cleaning cost on the portion of the Clerk's office used for IVD work will be paid from the IVD Fund as well.

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9. County Attorney Downs asked how the Personnel Manual was progressing. Dils stated it is currently on hold. Dils, Auditor Ridgeway, Commissioners and Attorney Downs discussed the time that has been taken to revise the manual and the necessity of finalizing a completed manual for 2010. Dils stated he would attend to this matter.

Mike Howard, Planning Commission, reported:

1. Presented a request from the US Census Bureau on what they call the new home site. This would be submitting to the USCB all updated address information that has been recorded since 2007. Howard recommended this be done. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. The GIS committee has established a policy not to sell Wabash County data. Howard stated a request has been received to download our parcel data. Howard requested permission to send a formal letter of denial stating our policy. Howard stated parcel information is on our website. Auditor Ridgeway said according to the State, if data is available in a public form, we are not required to create a specific form for a vendor. All data is available in the Wabash County Courthouse offices 8-4 Monday through Friday. Commissioners unanimously agreed that Mike should send a letter of denial regarding the request to download county data.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor, reported:

1. AV's to be recertified due to issue with Manatron regarding the TIF Districts. Umbaugh was instrumental in finding and assisting with the MVP Software problems. We will be receiving an invoice from Umbaugh for the TIF Neutralization forms and assistance and she was advised to check with EDG and the Wabash City Redevelopment Commission about payment as there are no TIF funds yet for the three new city TIFs.
2. Hauptert requested Ridgeway review a letter concerning land parcels that Wabash County may hold in Kansas.
3. 2010 Budget update: Our estimated max levy amount is close, but we have no certified levy from the State yet. Council has made no major cuts. Eppley asked if any cuts need to be made. Ridgeway stated she does not think so, but will know more on this after tonight's Council meeting.
4. Ridgeway asked about the financial plans for the Grossnickle Drain project. Commissioners stated they have spoken with State Representatives and it is waiting in line for stimulus money which we have received no word on at this time.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:
Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended September 5, 2009

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Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket including Court Claims advertised for payment
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Tort Claim Notice – Powell

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission – Agenda for September 9, 2009 & Minutes of July 15,
2009

Steve Downs Invoice

AT&T Invoice totaling \$18,880 – regarding the North Manchester POET project from 2008 – Ridgeway
will investigate

Indiana Statistical Info from Farm Bureau

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular
session on Monday, September 14, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room
on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – September 14, 2009