

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 14, 2009. Chairman Brian Haupert called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with two members present: Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded for Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed with a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Supervisor, reported:

1. Heartland Career Center has requested the speed limit on 200 W from US 24 to Division Road be lowered to no more than 40 mph. They have also requested this area be designated as a school zone. Highway Department recommends a 35 mph zone for this portion of roadway. Commissioners agreed. County Attorney Steve Downs stated he will begin an amendment to the County Sign Ordinance.
2. Haupert informed Martin that Steve Jones, United Consulting, will be here at 10:30 A.M. this morning to present an LPA-Consulting Contract on the 250 W project. This contract is in regard to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 resurfacing project.
3. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the highway department for all the work done at the courthouse, jail and judicial center. They also wanted their appreciation extended to Ben Black of Black Concrete Construction for the use of his equipment and to Commissioner's Custodian Dick Smith for coordinating schedules to make the projects go smoothly. Commissioners will view the completed areas following the meeting.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 82.26.
2. The concrete work at the front of the jail has been completed. The back area will be finished later this week.
3. Officers were present for the Roann festival with only a few minor incidents.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, stated the Health Department has Personal Protective Equipment coming from the State that will need a secure storage area for safe keeping. They have requested the use of the EMA basement area for this secured area. Brown presented three (3) quotes to install a gated chain link barrier:

1. Kroft Construction; \$2,000
2. Draper Construction; \$987
3. Jack Craig \$700

Brown stated EMA and the Health Department have discussed a cooperative effort to fund this project, but no specifics have been set. Haupert requested details from the Health Department on the funding before a decision is made.

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Brown stated this needs to be done by the first of October. Givens asked if there will be enough H1N1 vaccine for all school students. Brown stated he was not sure.

Ridgeway stated \$3,947 has been received of the H1N1 grant so far.

Kelley Schenkel, County Assessor, reported:

1. Presented an amendment to the reassessment contracts; start date will be July 1, 2010 instead of July 1, 2009 and the finish date is March 1, 2012 instead of March 1, 2011. Commissioners signed amended contracts.
2. Requested permission to increase bond from \$8,500 to \$15,000. Commissioners agreed. Ridgeway stated there will be requests for bond increases also from Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff and Auditor. Ridgeway also stated there are sufficient funds in the Commissioners' budget to cover the cost. Attorney Downs asked if the departments have the same bond company. Ridgeway stated they all have there own separate bond holders. Downs asked if it would be more cost effective if they were all done by one company. Givens requested Ridgeway collect all bond holder names for each department along with the premium costs and compare.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:

1. He has reviewed and approved the SRI Services Master Agreement and addendum regarding the tax sale set for October 21st at 10:00 A.M. Ridgeway stated it is the same as the contract held with them two (2) years ago. Ridgeway stated preliminary certification shows 257 properties are eligible for tax sale. The first advertisement will be in the newspapers on September 16th. Commissioners signed the agreement and addendum.
2. Received a letter from the Sheriff's Merit Board requesting a review of the Wabash County Police retirement plan and the changes that are required by the IRS. These changes are to be adopted on December 31st.

David Cox, State of Indiana Department of Natural Resources, presented information on land currently owned by the DNR. The DNR acquired approximately 150 miles of railroad land one year ago from the Penn Central Railroad who changed their name to US RailRoad Vest Corp. Cox stated several of these parcels throughout Indiana are contiguous. The DNR is working with counties to create a trail system with these connected parcels. Cox stated there is federal funding available to help with the cost of the developing these trails. Cox stated Wabash County is one of the counties were the parcels are not contiguous and trail development would not be an option. In this case, the parcels would become surplus and would be offered to adjoining property owners. Givens stated he has already been contacted by several adjoining owners who would like to purchase the land. Cox stated he would like to have these names so that when it goes to surplus, DNR can

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contact them. Cox stated he would continue to work with Auditor Ridgeway and Treasurer Shaw. Cox stated they have both been very helpful and knowledgeable.

Cox also stated there are some parcels owned by the DNR that have not been transferred out of the name of US RailRoad Vest Corporation and are on the tax sale list for the October 21st sale. Cox stated these properties need to be pulled from the list by a vote from Commissioners. Givens requested Cox present a list to Treasurer Sharon Shaw of the US RailRoad Vest Corporation parcels to ensure their removal from the upcoming tax sale.

Robert Bucher, Perry Corp, presented a proposal for a county wide print audit. Each printing device: desktop inkjets, lasers, copy machines, fax machines and any other print device would be identified then a cost analysis would be done. Bucher stated there is a software program available that will collect data without any need for physically going to each networked machine. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Presented the Spyglass authorization letter of access. Attorney Downs stated the letter was acceptable. Commissioners signed agreement.
2. Presented the RQAW additional fund request agreement totaling \$2,500. Commissioners agreed and signed agreement.
3. The air conditioning unit at the health department has been down for several weeks. Dils contacted Quality Electric to replace the compressor for a total of \$2,090. The new compressor will be installed on Wednesday, September 16th. Commissioners agreed.
4. Commissioners' Custodian Dick Smith cut and laid sod on the southwest corner of the parking lot. Smith found an opening in the curbing for drainage on the west side but it is built up with silt. Dils requested permission to ask the highway department for assistance in the removal of this build-up. Dils had spoken with Highway Department Superintendent Phil Amones who agreed to help. Commissioners agreed.
5. Gaunt and Sons finished up the concrete project at the front of the jail and will finish the back area later this week. Handrails will be installed when available. Commissioners will review this area after the meeting.
6. Questioned the procedure on the flags being lowered to half-staff? Would it be permissible for all offices, on a request by the Governor, to lower flags without permission from the Commissioners? Hauptert stated Commissioners do not need to be contacted if the Governor or President gives a directive.
7. Todd Samuelson, Umbaugh and Associates, will be here next Monday at 11:00 A.M. regarding financial information on the jail feasibility project.
8. Jack Krouse, Construction Controls Inc, has request to meet with Commissioners next week following Samuelson's presentation.

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Treasurer Sharon Shaw stated she had spoken with David Cox, DNR, regarding the properties owned by the DNR but still titled in the name of US RailRoad Vest Corp. Shaw requested permission to remove these properties from the tax sale until further clarification can be obtained. Commissioners agreed.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

SRI Agreement for 2010 Tax Sale: October 21, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

Recorders' Bond Endorsement by Commissioners

Additional Appropriation Request for Jail Feasibility study totaling \$5,000 for RQAW

CPI Supply request for 2010 County Bid Specifications

Follow-up on Lyon County, Kansas property

Council on Aging – Amended 5311 Budget

IDEM – Renewal Notice – CAFO Permit: HI Grade Egg Products

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda – September 9, 2009

Tort Claim – Powell

Intrasect Technologies Quote for Extended Service Agreement – GIS Server totaling \$502; Givens made a motion; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 2-0 vote – and firebox – firewall replacement totaling \$2,462 Givens made a motion to approve; his request was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 2-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.