

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 21, 2009. Chairman Brian Haupert called the meeting to order at 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 September 14, 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. Eppley did not attend the September 14th meeting.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a notice of Tort Claim to County Attorney Steve Downs for review.
2. Received a request from Marlin Bechtold, who lives on Farr Pike (100 S) north of SR 24, to place a school bus stop sign in this area. Amones stated in order to place a sign it would have to be in the State right-of-way and the State would not allow this. Amones stated there is no room for a sign in that area and there is no history of incidents. Commissioners unanimously agreed to deny the request.
3. Received a notice from INDOT to proceed with engineering through Norfolk and Southern Railroad to install lights and arms at the 50 N Treaty railroad crossing.
4. Ridgeway stated the \$9,500 claim previously submitted by Norfolk and Southern, regarding signage, has been unofficially cancelled. Amones stated he had requested a detailed print out on the claim. After a review by Norfolk and Southern they found it to be in error.
5. AT&T has also submitted a claim totaling \$18,689.80 that states Wabash County agreed to pay this bill for the 800 N project. Ridgeway stated Amones is helping investigate this charge.

Mark Henderson, Jail Commander:

1. The population in the jail this morning is 80. The average daily population last week was 82.81.
2. The cement work is almost complete. The work is excellent and is much appreciated.
3. Ridgeway thanked Sheila Rhoades of the Wabash Plain Dealer for the article on the highway department's exemplary work around the courthouse and jail.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway revisited bids submitted at last week's meeting by Bob Brown, EMA Director, who was attending a Public Safety meeting in Indianapolis. The bids were in regard to the construction of a secure gated area for the Health Department in the EMA Department of the courthouse. The bids were as follows:

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

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The Health Department has agreed to cover \$450 from the H1N1 grant. EMA would contribute \$250 from the Repairs and Equipment account. Givens motioned to approve the low bid from Jack Craig totaling \$700 if the bid meets all requirements of the Health Department and EMA; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote. Hauptert asked if the H1N1 funds needed to be appropriated. Ridgeway stated \$7,000 of the \$15,000 was already appropriated for supplies at the last council meeting.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts:

1. At one point, the county tried accepting credit card payments through the jail but it was discontinued. Draper stated the Clerk's Office would now like to try this for the collection of traffic tickets on-line through Doxpop. Doxpop currently has the court records on-line. Draper stated Doxpop is a part of CSI Systems of Indiana which is the computer system maintenance vendor for the Clerk's Office. Draper stated all on-line service expenses would be paid by the ticket holder and there would be no cost to the County. Givens asked Draper to verify if there is a daily deposit fee, electronic transfer fee, computer fee, or statement fee. Givens motioned to approve accepting ticket payment on-line with a credit card through Doxpop if there are no fees to the county; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to purchase new office chairs for the Clerk's Office with the old Clerk's Incentive Title IV-D funds. Draper stated she has obtained a wide range of pricing. Commissioners gave unanimous approval for the purchase of new chairs.
3. Draper noted the research room computers are having issues. She would like to use the old Clerk's Incentive IV-D monies to replace two computers in her office and then place those computers in the research room. Draper stated she would like to do this within the next six (6) months. Draper stated they would be purchased through CSI. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
4. There will be a Title IV-D Support Conference in Indianapolis on November 2nd. Draper stated she would like two of her employees to attend. Commissioners unanimously approved. This will be paid from IV-D monies.
5. The Election Conference mandated by State is set to be held in December.
6. Passport change: we now have to send passports to the State by registered mail. This is an extra cost to the county and is additional work but is a benefit to county residents we want to continue to offer. Draper stated we are still making money on the process at this time.
7. Auditor Ridgeway stated the old IV-D account was a part of the General Fund. Ridgeway stated she is working with Draper to verify the current balance that will be moved to a new separate Clerk's Incentive Title IV-D account.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney,

1. Ridgeway, upon Down's recommendation, has compiled a list of all bond holders for the county offices. There are five (5) different companies represented with average pricing ranging from \$75 to \$100. These will be reviewed to see if compiling them would be a financial benefit for the 2010 year.
2. Ridgeway also thanked Downs for his assistance on a deposition regarding a deed in the Auditor's office. The case has been closed with no further action needed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Asked if the Commissioners are ready to sign the 2010 Census Proclamation he presented on September 8th. Attorney Downs reviewed and found it acceptable. Hauptert stated we need to support this cause. Commissioners signed the proclamation.
2. Robert Bucher, Perry Corp, inquired on his presentation regarding a print audit for Wabash County at last week's meeting. Hauptert stated this is still under advisement. Dils will convey the message to Bucher.
3. Employee meetings were held last week for persons interested in enrolling or asking questions about the deferred comp plan with Hoosier START of Indiana.
4. Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company will be holding employee meetings the week of September 28th to discuss employee open enrollment. An announcement will go out with the payroll to all full-time employees on Wednesday, September 23rd.
5. The EEO-4 form was completed by Payroll Deputy Linda Conrad. The county must submit this equal opportunity report every two (2) years.
6. A retirement party will be held today for Mary Lou Carpenter. She has been a part-time Veterans' Services Office employee since November 2000. Dils requested permission to help Veterans' Services Officer Max Reed move forward finding a replacement. He will advertise for this position. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Christa Stroup, Wabash County Circuit Court Reporter, requested permission to distribute a questionnaire to county employees. Stroup attends classes at Huntington University in Wabash. She is compiling data for a research project which focuses on improving communications between department heads and employees. Hauptert stated this could provide good feedback for our county. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Reported that a Grand Jury will be convened on Tuesday, September 22nd. Dils stated there has been no indication of any need for special parking restrictions.

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2. The annual Commissioners Conference will be held December 1st-3rd in Indianapolis. Ridgeway stated she would be glad to handle reservations for anyone who will be attending.
3. Ridgeway stated she will be attending the AIC meeting on September 29th and 30th in French Lick, Indiana.
4. Presented the State Holiday schedule for the 2010 calendar year. Ridgeway suggested the Commissioners set the 2010 Holiday schedule for Wabash County. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Commissioner Givens stated an individual was having trouble with the link availability on the Wabash County Animal Shelter website. Ridgeway stated she would contact Darren Bates of DataPitStop to address this concern.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for Pay Period ended 9-19-09
Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 9-21-09
County Treasurer's Monthly Report – August 31, 2009
Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – August, 2009
Weights and Measures Monthly Report – September 15, 2009
IDEM – CAFO Approval Renewal – Eric Fleck – Farm ID# 3238
IDEM – CAFO Approval Renewal – James O Keffaber Farm ID# 4249
IDEM – CAFO Approval Renewal – Ken D. McKillip Farm ID# 4730
IDEM – CAFO Approval Renewal – Nelson Dyson Farm ID# 4196
IDEM – CAFO Approval Renewal – Bill Urschel Farm ID# 695
IDEM – CAFO Approval Renewal/MMP Renewal – Andrew & Jenifer Rice – Farm ID# 4667
IDEM – Notice of Decision: Approval – Air Quality Permit: Manchester College Inc
Letter from Russ Reid: Federal Funding for Wabash Co. Economic Development Initiatives
IACC – Annual Conference of County Commissioners: December 1-3, Indianapolis
County Government Statistical Report – 2009 – Copies received for Commissioners
Pyramid brochure

Commissioners broke for Drainage Board Meeting at 10:00 A.M. and reconvened at 11:00 A.M.

Todd Samuelson, Umbaugh and Associates, met with Commissioners, County Coordinator Dils, Auditor Ridgeway and Jack Krouse, Construction Control, Inc. to discuss financing options for the proposed construction of a new minimum security/community corrections facility. Commissioners requested that Samuelson return for a follow-up presentation at a proposed Joint Special Session on Monday, October 19th.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2009 in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.