

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 28, 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 September 21, 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:

1. Presented a request from Verizon to bury cable at 270 N 2nd Street in Liberty Mills.
2. There was road damage on 100 E between 200 N and 300 N and between 400 N and 500 N on one of the unofficial detours from INDOT projects this summer. Amones has measured the area. The Highway Department will require one hundred and seven (107) tons of mix to fix these two (2) locations. Amones presented two (2) contracts with INDOT for the repairs. Commissioners approved and signed the contracts.
3. Presented a request to lower the speed limit to 30 MPH on 1400 N from 100 W going east for 4/10^{ths} of a mile. County Attorney Steve Downs will prepare a speed limit ordinance.
4. The annual Commissioners Conference will be held on December 1st – 3rd. Amones stated he will register the Commissioners.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 81.35.
2. The cement work at the front of the jail looks great. Hicks stated he was not sure if the back area had been completed. County Coordinator Jim Dils stated the railing had to be ordered and may be installed later next week.
3. A few of the fleet cars are having mechanical issues. Repairs are being completed.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Will be on a leave of absence on September 30th and October 1st.
2. Construction has started on the secured storage area in the EMA. Brown stated the project should be completed later this week. The one outlet in the area is not connected to the generator. Dils asked if it is practical to invest in hooking this to the generator or just use an extension cord, if there is a need to connect to an outlet that is generator ready. Brown stated none of the outlets in that area seem to be on the generator. Commissioners requested this be investigated before any further action is taken. Brown and Dils will review the issue.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney, stated he is working on several speed limit ordinances for the Sheriff's Department and Commissioners as well as bidding policies for the Highway department.

Lori Draper, Clerk of Courts, stated she had spoken with a chemist from Indianapolis regarding the carpet issue in the Clerk's office. The chemist stated the process we are using to chemically wash the floors is the best procedure for this type of issue; moisture and PH balance. He stated that once the chemical wash dries, it will have no odor. More odor will come from the glue used on the carpet. He stated the use of an ozone air filter machine would only intensify any chemical odor. He recommended fans be used to dry the area as quickly as possible. Also, Miller Furniture stated we should not use carpet squares. The adhesive would not hold on the floor and the back of the squares are dense and would not breathe well causing condensation to form between the carpet and the concrete.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Dils stated five (5) of the six (6) Council members who contacted him could attend a Joint Special Session on October 19th at 8:00 A.M. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. On July 1, 2008, the State of Indiana increased the mileage reimbursement from \$.40 per mile to \$.44 per mile due to a significant increase in the gas prices. Since then, gas prices have declined. Effective October 1, 2009 the State will lower the mileage reimbursement from \$.44 per mile back to \$.40 per mile. Eppley made a motion to implement the revised State mileage reimbursement of \$.40 per mile for Wabash County effective October 1, 2009; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. At last week's meeting, Commissioners reviewed the State Holiday list for the 2010 calendar year. Dils requested Commissioners revisit the idea of setting Wabash County's 2010 calendar year holidays. Dils said the State will also observe the 2011 New Year's Day on Friday, December 31, 2010 due to the 1st being on a Saturday. This actually places a 2011 holiday in the 2010 calendar year. Givens made a motion to adopt the State Holiday Calendar for the 2010 year for Wabash County; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.
4. The installation of the emergency generator for the Health Department was through a grant. There are, however, additional costs for maintenance, insurance and gas usage. The Health Department has received bills and asked if the Commissioners were going to cover these costs. Haupert stated it is the result of a benefit capital purchase. All generator bills will be covered by the Commissioners.
5. The Health Department air conditioner compressor was damaged during a power outage in July. The compressor has been replaced.
6. The clock on the South side of the courthouse was not working. Dils and Commissioners Custodian Smith were able to repair it.

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Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. In the 1970's, a project was started to close several unimproved roads in several townships throughout Wabash County. This project was never completed. In 2002, this project was restarted and everything was completed except the actual recording of the ordinance to close the roads: General Ordinance 2002-7. Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd has researched the Commissioners minutes, deeds and GIS mapping that pertain to this project and feels all other necessary steps have been taken to close the roads. Ridgeway recommended the ordinance be recorded to complete the process. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Hauptert filed the LifeMed 2nd Quarter Financial Report he had received with Auditor Ridgeway.
3. Ridgeway stated she continues to work with AT&T regarding a 2008 invoice received totaling \$18,689.80; allegedly a part of the CR 800 N - POET Project in the North Manchester TIF District. She is seeking more detail and authorization for Wabash County to be charged for this expense.
4. Ridgeway will be attending the AIC c on September 29th and 30th in French Lick, Indiana.

Matt Konow, Branch Manager and Brian Medek, Account Executive, Oce North America, presented a detailed analysis on Wabash County's expenditures related to printing equipment. Konow recommended:

- 1) Oce Print Management Systems Division run a cost comparison and propose solutions to reduce cost per copy of network printers;
- 2) Meeting with Department Heads to review findings and alternatives to consolidate equipment and reduce costs on network printers. Konow stated he would work with Wabash County IT service providers on this process. Konow also stated this process would be at no cost to the county. Commissioners agreed to move forward with the continued analysis and asked Dils to continue to work as liaison on this project.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Maximus Claim submitted for 2007 Indirect cost Allocation Plan - \$ 5,800.

Tax Sale Property Questions – Downs will review

IDEM – Ford Meter Box Company – Notice of Deficiency Closure

Indiana Casino Gaming News monthly publication

Central Time Coalition – return Indiana to Central Time Zone

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

- Approved as written – October 5, 2009