

## OCTOBER 19, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 19, 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 October 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Highway Superintendent Phil Amones stated in reference to the proposed purchase resolution for the Wabash County Highway Department, Amones' name should be replaced with Highway Superintendent in two (2) places when referring to the authorized purchaser for the Highway Department. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes with the one amendment as presented; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent:

1. Amones requested permission to change the date to receive annual supply and equipment rental bids to November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 A.M. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Requested signatures for the invitation to bid annual supplies and materials for 2010. Commissioners signed the invitation.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff:

1. Introduced students from the Heartland Career Center law enforcement curriculum program observing today's meeting.
2. The average population in the jail last week was 71.31. This lower number is partially due to the EHD work release and home detention programs, the Department of Correction, as well as the courts and the Prosecutor's office working together to expedite cases. Striker stated the year-to-date daily average inmate population is 95 compared to 97.25 last year.
3. Presented the Council and the Commissioners with a packet of information during the Joint Executive Session held earlier in the morning. It contained data regarding inmate numbers, cost concerns and ideas for the proposed minimum security/Community Corrections facility. Striker stated he is aware that Wabash County needs a new facility. One of the main issues is overcrowding. Striker stated he has a few items of concern and ideas for the Commissioners to consider as they move forward with this project:
  - a. How will the monies be spent?
  - b. How will the current facility and old jail to the east be utilized in the future?
  - c. The annual debt for loan payment and operating expenses are a concern for a new facility.
  - d. One idea would be to have a consolidated facility that would be a minimum security/Community Corrections including Central Dispatch and/or EMA. This could help offset costs.

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- e. Until the county is ready to build a new facility, could work to ensure lower numbers in the current facility by setting up a fund to cover the costs of transferring inmates out another contracted facility.

Hauptert thanked the Sheriff for his input and agreed that moving forward is a necessary step. There are financial deadlines with the federal government that must be implemented in a timely manner.

4. He would like a copy of the salary and wage study completed in May 2009 by Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates.\* Commissioners will take his request\* under advisement.

Bob Brown, EMA Director,

1. Attended the Indiana Emergency Response Conference in Indianapolis. The Wabash County Local Emergency Planning Committee was given two (2) awards for outstanding work in commodity flow study of hazardous material and the outreach program maintained through the emergency responders.
2. Received a mutual aid request from Miami county for a 24/7 detail traffic control project. Grant, Howard, Miami and Wabash Counties will be involved in this project. Brown requested permission to send units out of the county for this detail. It will start on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and run thru Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Givens stated this will be a good training exercise. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

Steve Downs, County Attorney,

1. Presented Resolution # 2009-85-05 Adopting Rules Regulating Public Purchases for the Wabash County Highway Department. Givens made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-85-05 Adopting Rules Regulating Public Purchases for the Wabash County Highway Department; his motion was seconded by Eppley and was adopted by a 3-0 vote.
2. Discussed the proposed General Ordinance No. 85-12, 2009 imposing a curfew for minors. Givens requested Downs review the Wabash City curfew ordinance to make sure the county's hours would be consistent with the city's hours. Downs stated he would acquire that ordinance and review.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented a change order reducing the cost on the door project a total of \$694.
2. There will be an additional charge from SimplexGrinnell who recently completed the test on the fire security system; a smoke detector and all back-up batteries for the entire system need to be replaced for a total cost of \$880. Commissioners approved the expenditure. Ridgeway stated she would review which account will fund this expense.
3. The generator at Solid Waste required repairs totaling \$321.72. In the past, the repairs were paid for by the E-911 budget. State regulations

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will no longer allow E-911 to cover the cost of this expense. Givens stated monies were allotted to the Sheriff's Department for this type of expense. A claim needs to be completed from the Sheriff's budget for this expense. Commissioners unanimously agreed payment for generator expense totaling \$321.72 to be paid from Sheriff's budget.

4. Informed Commissioners that Jeff Kumfer of Searce Rudisel Architects will be attending the Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting at 10:00 A.M. to discuss a proposed remodel of the Commissioners meeting room.
5. Presented a selection of stain options for the new courthouse doors. Commissioners unanimously agreed to choose the stain recommended by Searce Rudisel Architects.

Mark Van Allen, RQAW, discussed with Commissioners the need to move forward with the jail feasibility project.

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

Beverly Ferry, Wabash County Council on Aging, presented the 2010 5317 New Freedoms Grant and the 5311 Operating Grant. Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed the 2010 5317 New Freedoms Grant and the 5311 Operating Grant applications.

Steve Jones, United Consulting, presented a level one design exception request for Wabash County Bridge #645 (North Manchester covered bridge). The request declares that the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has reviewed and approved the design exception for roadway width, structural capacity, roadway cross slope and vertical clearance on the rehabilitation of the North Manchester covered bridge. Commissioners reviewed, unanimously approved and signed the level one design exception request for Bridge #645; the North Manchester covered bridge.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented a request from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for the appointment of a representative to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Michael Beauchamp currently serves as Commissioners' appointed member. Eppley made a motion to reappoint Michael Beauchamp to the WRHC Commission; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Beauchamp's willingness to serve.
2. Presented two (2) court ordered Grand Jury witness fees to be paid from Unappropriated County General Funds. Givens made a motion to approve Grand Jury witness fees totaling \$6,088.18; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

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The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 10-17-09

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 10-19-09

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – September 30, 2009

County Treasurer's monthly Report – September 30, 2009

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – October 15, 2009

IDEM – Notice of Public Comment – Ford Meter Box

IDEM – Notice of Decision – Approval – Air Quality Permit: Metal Source, LLC

IDEM – Notice of Decision – Approval – Air Quality Permit: Wabash Valley Landfill

Tax Refund – Richard E. Siders: \$37.52

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as amended 10-26-09