

OCTOBER 26, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 26, 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 19, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes with one amendment with reference to the Sheriff's request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent, presented a request from Verizon to bury cable at 2363 Lukens Lake Road. Commissioners approved and signed the request as presented.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 66.52.
2. Acres Land Trust informed the Sheriff's Department that they would like to request that the speed limit by Hanging Rock near Lagro be reduced. The current limit is 55 mph. Following discussion, Hicks stated he would inform Acres Land Trust that a written request needs to be presented to the Commissioners.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Presented the Third Quarter Volunteer Hours Report for EMA which totaled 1,917 hours. The total for the year, through September 30th, was 5,443 hours.
2. The "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" project in Miami County is going well. Twelve volunteers are currently working on this project.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented General Ordinance 85-10, 2009 regulating traffic on county highways; 200 W, US 24 to Division Road, speed limit/ school zone. Eppley made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote. Eppley then moved to suspend the rules for the second reading and to adopt General ordinance 85-10, 2009; his motion was seconded by Givens and the ordinance was adopted by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented General Ordinance 85-11, 2009 regulating noise for Wabash County. Downs stated it is an abbreviated version of the City ordinance. Givens stated he wanted to make sure this would not be used by residents against a farming business that may use a dryer for crops. Hicks stated this ordinance will be for unusual disturbances not related to a company's normal operating procedures. Eppley made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0. Eppley then moved to suspend the rules for the second reading and to adopt General Ordinance 85-11, 2009; his motion was seconded by Givens and the ordinance was adopted by a 3-0 vote.
3. Downs stated proposed General Ordinance 85-12, 2009 needs a few changes. Downs will present a draft at the next meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, presented Application to Pay #3, for the courthouse door project, requesting a \$4,406.00 payment for labor and materials. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Ben Beer & Sheri Hinds, USI Consultants presented marketing literature on the capabilities of USI Consultants. USI has submitted a LOI (Letter of Intent) for the Wabash County Bridge Inspections.

Jeff Kumfer & Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan, Scarce Rudisel Architects:

1. Updated Commissioners on the current courthouse door project. Commissioners did a walk-through of the project.
2. Discussed ideas for the proposed renovation of the Commissioners meeting room.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Requested permission to set up a meeting next week with Department Heads regarding the Business to Business Program provided by Staples. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Reported on the Tax Sale held Wednesday, October 21st by SRI. Twenty-seven (27) properties sold for a total of \$34,304.30. One hundred and twelve (112) properties eligible for tax sale, were paid prior to the sale, which brought in another \$222,177.77.
3. Several individuals inquired about a Commissioners Sale for the properties that did not sell at the tax sale. Ridgeway stated she would ask SRI to contact the Commissioners after the first of next year to discuss scheduling a date.
4. Presented the Letters of Interest received for the RFP 2010 Bridge Inspections. Companies that submitted LOI's are as follows:
 - A. Clark & Dietz
 - B. Janssen & Spaans
 - C. Butler, Fairman & Seufert
 - D. RQAW
 - E. Level Five (5) Engineering, LLC
 - F. DLZ Indiana LLC
 - G. United Consulting
 - H. USI Consultants
 - I. BLN, LLC

Commissioners will take under advisement.

The Commissioners reviewed the following items:

- Indiana Finance Authority – American Recovery and Reinvestment projects filed
- Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes of 9-21-09
- Certificate of Insurance received: United Consulting, Inc
- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission
- IDEM – Renewal CAFO: Jerry Briner, Farm ID# 3237
- IDEM – Renewal CAFO: Randie Kopkey, Farm ID# 3461
- IDEM – Renewal CAFO: Dennis Biehl, Farm ID# 3995
- IDEM – Renewal CAFO: Jack Michel, Farm ID# 805
- IDEM – Renewal CAFO: James F. Lyons, Farm ID# 4423
- IDEM – Renewal CAFO: George Schneider, Farm ID# 4758

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Brian K. Hauptert, President

Scott E. Givens

Barry J. Eppley

ATTEST: _____
Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor