

NOVEMBER 2, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 2, 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 26, 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. Auditor Ridgeway read the October 19, 2009 Joint Special Session minutes for review. Givens made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent: Auditor Ridgeway submitted to Amones four (4) Letters of Interest received in response to the RFP's for Bridge # 24. Companies that submitted LOI's are as follows:

1. United Consulting
2. Level 5 Engineering, LLC
3. Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc
4. Beam, Longest & Neff, LLC.

Sandy Beeks, E911 Director, requested approval and signatures for a Verizon Maintenance Agreement. This is paid monthly from E-911. Dils stated there is no surcharge for the monthly payment. The total is \$359.82 monthly (\$4,317.83 annually) for the Wabash County Sheriff's Department and \$257.33 monthly (\$3,088 annually) for the North Manchester Police Department. Eppley made a motion to pay the Verizon maintenance agreement on a monthly basis for a total of \$617.15; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented a proposed ordinance imposing a curfew for minors in Wabash County. Eppley made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented; his motion was seconded by Givens. Eppley then moved to suspend the rules for a second reading and adopt this as General Ordinance No. 85-12, 2009; his motion was seconded by Givens and adopted with a 3-0 vote.
2. Downs stated Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper had presented him a court payment facilitation contract agreement with DoxPop; allowing fines, charges and court cost payments by credit card. Downs had reviewed and approved the contract agreement. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract agreement with DoxPop; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented a letter from the Indiana State Public Defender Commission regarding case load standards according to Standard J. The letter stated that two public defenders, Joseph Eddingfield and Alan Zimmerman, case loads exceed the standards set by the State. The county has ninety (90) days after the receipt of this letter, to seek compliance or the

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county's non-capital public defense cost reimbursements from the State will be in jeopardy. If a county cannot financially implement a fix within the 90 day period, a letter of proof must be submitted with a plan of action including a timetable for completion by December 16th. Downs stated Superior Court Judge Goff will be meeting with the IPDC this week and will report his findings.

4. Downs reviewed a letter of proposal from Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG of Wabash County regarding a plan to assist Harvey Industries in securing a working capital loan between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. This would allow Harvey Industries to increase production, capacity and hire new employees. A local bank would hold the loan; the City of Wabash and the County would guarantee 5% of the loan and State and Federal agencies would guarantee 75%. Downs stated he would get clarification on what the 5% fully entails. Konyha requested a letter of conditional commitment with the Wabash County Commissioners to pledge CREDIT dollars to cover 5% with no payment unless Harvey Industry fails. Hauptert stated it does not require expenditures on our part but it does require us to commit and acknowledge the final loan amount and hold the 5% amount in our CREDIT fund. Eppley made a motion to approve the request guarantee of 5% and provide a letter of conditional commitment subject to final paperwork and adoption; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
5. Ridgeway presented notice of a Planning Commission public hearing for the proposed Wind Energy Conservation System (WECS) Ordinance set November 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Mike Howard, Planning Director, stated this meeting was advertised as an informal public hearing.

Mike Howard, Planning Director, presented a notice of retirement for Jennifer McColley effective December 3, 2009. Howard stated he may need extra funding for training costs.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Inquired if the Commissioners had requested that the lights inside the main courthouse be placed on a single switch. Dils had received a quote totaling \$1,800 for this proposed change. The Commissioners stated they had not requested this and do not wish to proceed. Dils stated the current plans are for the switches to be individually placed in the archway at no additional cost.
2. Phyllis Gates of RP Murphy and Associates has requested a Letter of Intent from Commissioners regarding obtaining a planning grant totaling \$30,000 from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. It would be for a feasibility study on the Laketon Sewage project. Commissioners unanimously agreed and Hauptert signed the LOI.
3. Staples will hold a meeting Friday November 6th at 1:30 P.M for Wabash County Department Heads and other county agencies regarding the Business to Business program.

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4. Regarding the current courthouse door project:
 - a. The new concrete on the portico has been sealed.
 - b. The door installation is on hold until the hardware arrives.
 - c. There will continue to be access through the west, north and the east entrances for the public through the November 10th property tax collection. The south entrance will be closed.

The Auditor presented the Board the following for review and approval:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 10-31-09

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 11/02/09

Initial application for a Grant from Steve Hicks through the Indiana criminal justice institute – Hauptert stated he had received this from Hicks

Court ordered witness fees to be paid from Unappropriated County General Funds - Givens made a motion to approve witness fees totaling \$1,500; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

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