

## NOVEMBER 9, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 9, 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 November 2, 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 notification/request agreement from Wabash Valley Power Association. WVPA is in the planning process of placing a new transmission line and a substation for REMC on old SR 24 at 400 W and is inquiring whether there are any improvements set for this road and if there are any permits required for them to build in the right of way. Commissioners stated there are no current projects for the area and no permits are needed. Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed the easement agreement.
2. Presented an LPA from INDOT for Bridge #24 on Ogden Rd south of SR 114. Commissioners reviewed and signed.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 72.14.
2. The Animal Shelter would like to update their county ordinance. Hicks stated he has spoken with County Attorney Steve Downs who will be assisting in the changes.
3. Requested permission to move forward with the process of acquiring two (2) new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department in 2010 from Wabash Valley Chrysler. Hicks stated the Dodge Charger is the vehicle of choice. The QPA for the Charger from the State is a \$22,537. WVC quoted the charger at \$22,496. The Sheriff's Department would like to go through WVC. WVC has served the Sheriff's Department well in the past and keeping the purchase local is good for Wabash County. Hicks stated they may consider one 4-wheel vehicle. If that is the case, they will inform Commissioners of any changes. Eppley made a motion to grant permission to purchase Dodge Chargers from Wabash Valley Chrysler in 2010; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, was present with nothing to report.

Kelly Schenkel, County Assessor presented a contract agreement for a new AS2 Sales Disclosure Program. Two years ago the State mandated all counties use

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their sales disclosure program. The State has decided to no longer provide this free service. Schenkel stated the current program will be run through a university by college students for a fee. Schenkel stated she would rather go with AS2. AS2 currently maintains the personal property data. AS2 has created a Sales Disclosure program which is very similar to the current state program including the on-line access. AS2 will convert all State data and the old Doxtech data as part of the cost. AS2 would give a \$1,000 trade for the old system. The total start-up cost would be \$11,500 with a yearly maintenance program totaling \$3,500 set to begin in 2011. Schenkel stated both the new program and the maintenance agreement can be paid from the Sales Disclosure Fund. Schenkel stated all counties need to let the State know by the beginning of 2010 if they are going to continue with the current State system. Commissioners stated they would have County Attorney Downs review the contract. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts:

1. On July 20<sup>th</sup> Draper had requested Laura Cartwright, part-time employee in Clerk's Office, work with Child Support one day a month. Draper requested Cartwright now work one day a week to help in Child Support. Payment will come from the IV-D Program. She will still be part-time. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Miller Furniture did another round of testing and results should be in this week. Miller is trying to find glue that will be strong enough to adhere to the cement.
3. Draper will be attending the Election Conference in December.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, discussed the hallway heaters:

1. Quality Electric did a service call for the extension office and replaced the freon for a total of \$152.50. Dils stated this will be a temporary fix. The coils in this unit may need to be replaced next year and there may also be a second unit that has the same problem. The offices that have had coils replaced have had no problems since.
2. The east and the south hallway heaters have stopped providing cooling late this summer. It may have happened when there were electrical issues in the courthouse that took out a compressor in the health department. Dils stated he had requested information from Quality Electric on the issue. Dils requested permission to move forward with replacement of the compressors and payment of service calls for a total \$1,254. Auditor Ridgeway stated payment would come from the CCD fund - building repairs and maintenance. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Otis R. Bowen Center – Second half 2009 appropriation request: \$81,930

Tiede, Metz & Downs, P.C. – Invoice for October, 2009

Wabash Valley Power – Proposed project for REMC: Consent and License Agreement request

DNR Information on Timber Sales on State Forests within Wabash County

Wabash Co. Planning Commission: Request for Additional Appropriation

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.