

## NOVEMBER 30, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 30, 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 23, 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 requested that all Highway Department Supplies and Materials Bids and Construction Equipment Rental Bids for 2010 presented at last week's meeting be accepted. Givens made a motion to accept all submitted bids; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, requested Hauptert's signature on a proxy letter for the District Planning Oversight Committee (DPOC) meeting to be held Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in Fort Wayne. Hauptert stated he would sign for Brown.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present: no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Spoke with Scarce and Rudisel concerning the courthouse window replacement project. The target date to accept bids is confirmed for 10:00 A.M. on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. Negotiated price with Tower Clock Company for the annual maintenance agreement for the courthouse clock. The total is \$375.
3. Received an invitation for all for a retirement party for Plan Commission Secretary Jennifer McColley; Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4 P.M.
4. The new Plan Commission Secretary Tonya Blair started work today. Blair will be cross train with McColley through December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway reviewed the DLGF "1782 Notice of Final Budget Recommendations" received for the 2010 Budgets; along with Notes and Reports for important information about the 2009 Circuit Breaker Credits and reductions in 2009 property tax revenue. This notice is sent to the taxing units and each has 10 calendar days to respond with requested changes (as specified in IC 6-1.1-17). If no response is received the budgets rates and levies will be certified by the State in the final budget order. Wabash County was one of the first nine (9) counties to receive this preliminary declaration of the 2010 Budgets and Tax Levies. The General Fund, Cumulative Capital Development, Reassessment, Health and Local Road & Street Funds were all approved as submitted. The Highway or MVH Fund was cut by \$226,790 but can be offset by reductions of \$230,000 in 2009 appropriations for trucks that Amones does not intend to purchase this year. Amones can also reduce a total of

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\$1,758,885 in the 2009 Cum Bridge Fund appropriations from projects that have been completed or will not be started in 2009. That, along with eliminating \$532,000 in the proposed 2010 budget (which was a duplication of an appropriation this year anyway) will total reductions of \$2,291,885 and will more than offset the DLGF cuts of \$1,873,091 in the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Ridgeway will present these changes to the DLGF and to the County Council for approval. The DLGF has set 1:00 P.M. on December 7<sup>th</sup> to hold the public Budget Hearings for all Wabash County taxing units at the courthouse.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:  
Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended: November 28, 2009  
Year end transfer requests for Commissioners funds: Janitorial Supplies, Unemployment  
IDEM – Receipt of Air Permit App- SRT Investments, LLC dba/ G&S Metal Consultants

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

The Wabash County Council will be meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009 in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 5:00 P.M.