

DECEMBER 7, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 7, 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 30, 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, was present: no report.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, stated the average daily population in the jail last week was 79.42.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, invited Commissioners to the annual EMA workshop on December 17th to be held in Fort Wayne at the Public Safety Academy.

Steve Downs, County Attorney informed Commissioners that he would be attending the Council meeting this evening. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mike Howard, Planning Director:

1. Presented the Wind Energy Conservation System Ordinance. Howard stated the Plan Commission Board held a public hearing on the wind ordinance in both November and December; no one from the public attended. The Plan Commission Board recommends the WECS Ordinance be passed as presented. Downs stated he would review the Ordinance. Commissioners will take under advisement.
2. Presented a nondisclosure agreement for the Wind Energy Study by APEX Wind Energy, Inc. Howard stated there were two (2) changes recommended by Attorney Downs: 1) "Apex will pay the County's actual costs in assembling the data in electronic format." 2) "The county makes no representations and warranties with regard to the accuracy of the data and expressly disclaims all warranties of every kind of nature, including but not limited to, warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose." Commissioners unanimously agreed and Hauptert signed the agreement.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Requested guidelines for the disbursement of keys to the new courthouse doors. Hauptert stated he would like access to be restricted to the west door entrance. Givens stated the Department Head's should determine who receives a key in their offices. Ridgeway stated there needs to be an account of the number of keys available and a list noting who holds those keys. Hauptert stated he would like to keep limited keys

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distribution to the main level access. Dils stated he would contact Department Heads and find out how many keys will be necessary for each department for the west door entrance and would move forward having keys made to the west entrance that are numbered.

2. Stated Courthouse Custodian Bob Sriver has requested a gas powered leaf blower for removal of light snow on the courthouse steps. Commissioners requested quotes on this purchase. Dils stated he would obtain pricing.

Trisha Hanes, AACTION committee, presented the proposed Drug-Free Communities Fund grants for 2010. There were requests for \$35,270; \$23,895 was approved; \$705 is set aside for additional requests that may come up during the year. Hanes stated there was one change: Manchester College requested a breathalyzer; otherwise the grant is the same as last year. Red Ribbon week for drug free activities is set at Manchester High School; this adds an additional \$100 to their requested amount over the other schools. Givens asked if AACTION has looked into addressing the younger kids: 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Hanes stated this is currently being considered. Hanes stated that currently the only thing offered to the younger ages is a Quiz Bowl for the 5th and 6th graders that addresses alcohol and drug questions. Givens made a motion to approve the grants to go before the County Council in January, 2010; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Discussed the DLGF Phase II Certification – Tax Assessing and Billing Software Systems. Ridgeway stated she, Assessor Kelly Schenkel, and Treasurer Sharon Shaw participated in a conference call on Friday, December 4th with the DLGF regarding certification requirements. Ridgeway said the call created a great deal of questions for all counties. Less than 1/3 of the counties have a plan in place because of the questions that still exist. A plan has to be set in place by December 31, 2009. Ridgeway stated certain companies have been approved and certified by the State as Third Party Testers. Ridgeway said they were informed by the DLGF that the firms will not be performing the testing but these testers will oversee the project as the county employees do the testing demonstrations. Ridgeway stated that vendor representatives from Pro-Val, MVP Tax and AS2 would need to be present or available remotely and that could involve extra costs for the project. In addition our IT support: Darren Bates of DataPitStop and Tom Polk of Intrasect Technologies may need to be part of this process; again at possible extra costs. There is a training session in Indianapolis on Wednesday, December 9th, that Ridgeway, Shaw and Schenkel will be attending; they hope this will help to answer questions regarding required procedures by the State for this project. Ridgeway stated that after this meeting they will bring a recommendation for the Commissioners.

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2. Presented invoices from Umbaugh and Associates for work completed in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Ridgeway stated the invoices cover several projects. Ridgeway and Commissioners discussed the need for more detail for payment from various funds or entities. Ridgeway submitted a copy to County Attorney Downs for review. Downs agreed an itemized invoice needs to be requested. Commissioners expressed frustration with the lack of communication from Umbaugh concerning accrued costs. Commissioners requested this data be presented to the Council for review at tonight's meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 12/07/2009

Notice of Tort Claim – Lance Hodge

Amended 2010 Salary Ordinance for Council Approval

Purdue Cooperative Education Service Contract for 2010 –*Commissioners will take under advisement*

Wabash County Convention & Visitors Bureau Appointment Requests – *Commissioners will take under advisement*

IDEM: Notice of Public comment – G&S Metal Consultants

LTAP County Bridge Conference – January 20-21, 2010

CAFO/CFO Application Received: Midwest Veal/Michigan Veal #2

Maximus Contract to provide cost Allocation Plan for Wabash County

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Council will meet at 5:00 P.M. this evening in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.