

JANUARY 3, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 3, 2011 to reorganize for their first meeting of the New Year. County Coordinator Jim Dils called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Barry J. Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The first order of business; Dils opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2011. Hauptert made a motion to nominate Givens for Chairman; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to close the nominations; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to elect Givens as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote. Dils turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Givens. Givens opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Eppley made a motion to nominate Hauptert at Vice Chairman; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 2-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to close the nominations; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 2-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to elect Hauptert as Vice Chairman; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 2-0 vote.

The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Deputy Auditor Mariah Odman. The minutes of the December 20 and December 30, 2010 meetings were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the December 20th minutes as written but stated there was one correction to the December 30th minutes; the vote for CREDIT funds to the Wabash County Historical Museum; 2-0, Hauptert abstained; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent: was present with no report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 12/30/10. The daily average population was 77 with no inmates at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated the Health Professionals LTD two (2) year contract is up for renewal at the same cost. HPL has extended the current contract until the new contract is finalized.
3. Requested a copy of the Lieberman Sheriff Sale Contract. County Attonrey Downs stated he would get a copy to Land.
4. Stated his bond has been filed with the Auditor's Office.
5. Requested part-time employee Jacob Dials move to a full-time position that has been vacated at the jail with date of hire on January 2, 2011. Eppley made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Commissioners welcomed Land as the new Sheriff and stated they are looking forward to working with him.
7. Introduced the new Chief Deputy Randy Miller and invited the Commissioners to visit their offices at any time.

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Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Stated he will be attending an exercise planning committee meeting in Columbia City on Tuesday, January 4th for a Task Force Mobilization-Demobilization exercise to be held on January 8th at the Hometown Fire Department.
2. Stated he will attend a training class in Fort Wayne on January 10th and 11th at the Public Safety Academy for the District 3 Task Force.
3. Presented a resolution draft that would adopt a countywide Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan which allows a smooth reimbursement process from FEMA for public and private individuals who do not carry adequate insurance. This was part of a grant program from the federal government in 2008. This will also be presented to Wabash City Council and other boards which may be eligible for FEMA dollars. Attorney Steve Downs will review.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated he presented a new draft for two (2) ordinances to the Planning Commission for review at their January meeting: 1) Regulating Weeds and Rank Vegetation; 2) Regulating the Accumulation of Junk, Trash and Debris. Downs stated the most recent draft allows a 30 day period for the property owner to remedy the situation before any penalties are assessed.
2. Stated he is reviewing a proposed Solid Waste User Fee Agreement from SWD Board Attorney Doug Lehman.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, Health Department, stated the H1N1 Grant has been given an extension by the State. Carter-Lower stated all proposed grant budget items have been reviewed and approved. The State is working on putting the contracts together. Approved items are: 1) A server for the Health Department with a back-up system totaling \$12,361.75; 2) Viewwise Document Management Solution by Computhink – from Perry Corporation totaling \$21,710.00 and 3) Identisys Security Identification System totaling \$23,760.00 – this is in coordination with Wabash County EMA. The total of the H1N1 Grant extension is a total of \$57,831.72. Carter-Lower requested permission to go before Council. Hauptert made a motion to approve grant request to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with no report.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

Weights and Measures Report – December 15, 2010

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda January 12, 2010

Freedom from Religion Foundation Letter; stated there is no need for a response

IDEM – CAFO Renewal: Kevin Bechtold, Midwest Poultry Services – Farm #436

IDEM – CAFO Renewal: Kevin Bechtold – Farm #687

IDEM – Town of North Manchester Permit for Sanitary Sewer Extension

IDEM – Manchester Metals, LLC – Receipt of Air Permit Application

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No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2011 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – January 10, 2011