

## JANUARY 18, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Givens, Barry J. Eppley, and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Givens offered the county's appreciation for the many years of service given by former employee Maxine Howard. Everyone then observed her passing with a moment of silence.

Tom Polk, IntraSect Technologies stated converting the last server to a virtual server was set originally to be completed on January 21<sup>st</sup>. However, on January 13<sup>th</sup> due to a bad spot on the hard drive and a large group of PDF files in that area of the hard drive, it locked up every hour when it updated. As a result, IntraSect came on site that day and has been working on the final conversion to the new server ever since. This conversion is part of the original server conversion started in October 2010. Ridgeway extended her appreciation to IntraSect for their quick response to the problems this past week.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a Memorandum of Understanding for an unofficial detour on State Road 124; the unofficial detour is from 100 W to 700 S. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated a request has been submitted to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph at the historical Hanging Rock landmark site. Hauptert made a motion to take under advisement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by 3-0 vote.
3. Stated he was informed at the State Bridge Conference that there is seam distress on box beam bridges in the State of Indiana that are failing quickly due to water entering and rusting the beam. Martin stated Wabash County has 63 bridges of this type. Wabash County's bridge inspection firm, United Engineering, has requested permission to re-inspect 15 of these bridges to check for possible deterioration. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff, presented the jail report to the Commissioners for the week ending 1/16/2011:

The average daily population was 69.12; no inmates are being held at the Miami County facility.

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Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Presented the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 2011-85-01. Hauptert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-85-01; his motion was seconded by Eppley and was adopted on a 3-0 vote.
2. Thanked Highway Superintendant John Martin for Highway Department's assistance to unload equipment for EMA.
3. Stated there is an E-911 Board meeting on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M. in the courthouse EMC.

Steve Downs, County Attorney,

1. Stated he is working on ordinances regarding alley vacations that were completed in December 2010.
2. Stated the ordinances Regulating Weeds and Rank Vegetation and the Accumulation of Junk, Trash and Debris are still under review by the Plan Commission. Commissioners stated there were a few changes they would like to see made regarding the height of vegetation. Downs stated he would address the changes.
3. Stated he will submit the unsafe building ordinance draft to the Plan Commission for their review.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator: stated there is a mandatory pre-bid meeting today at 1:00 P.M. for the commissioners' room remodel project. Representatives from the architectural firm of Searce and Rudisel and prospective bidders are expected to attend.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO:

1. Presented the Wabash County EDG Annual Report. Konyha stated EDG worked on five (5) projects last year with a capital investment of \$70,387,000.00 that created 472 new jobs and generated \$369,531.78 in local income taxes.
2. Konyha stated there are currently 10 active attraction projects in 2011.
3. Extended an invitation to Commissioners to attend the March 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting; invitations to follow.
4. Requested that the annual North East Indiana Regional Partnership dues totaling \$14,032 be covered by the Commissioner's CREDIT Funds. Konyha stated that in all other counties the Commissioners cover this cost. Givens stated this has been budgeted in 2011 from the CREDIT Funds. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Auditor Jane, Ridgeway:

1. Presented the INDOT Report of Contract for final Inspection SR-32400; 250 S Dora Road ARRA Project, Martin confirmed that the project is complete. Hauptert made a motion to approve final inspection; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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2. Presented the Region III – A DR2-09-124 Semi-Annual Wabash County Novae Corp Project Report. Commissioners reviewed; Givens signed report.
3. Presented Notice of Appointment request from Veteran Service Officer Max Reed for the continuation in his current position as the Wabash County Veteran Service Officer. Eppley made a motion to re-appoint Max Reed as Veteran Service Officer for 2011; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners' confirmed their board assignments for 2011:

- a. Hauptert: E-911, EDG, EMA, Region III-A
- b. Eppley: Council on Aging, Community Corrections, GIS
- c. Givens: Plan Commission

### **Commissioners reviewed the following items:**

Wabash County Convention and Visitor's Bureau – 2011 Festivals/Events calendar listings

IDEM – Open House – January 24<sup>th</sup>: Hoosier Heartland Project – Faith Community Center, Lafayette, IN

Wabash County Plan Commission – Annual permit fee summary for 2010

Cancer Society request to decorate a tree on courthouse property in honor of cancer awareness for two weeks in February – *Commissioners unanimously approved.*

Common Construction Wage Hearing to be held Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Carroll St and Glenn Ave.  
Storm Sewer Improvements Project

Treasurer Sharon Shaw and Auditor Ridgeway discussed several Solid Waste Recycling User Fee payment concerns and options with the Commissioners.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2011 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

Wabash County Council will meet in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2011 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 5:00 P.M.

- Approved as written – January 24, 2011