

JANUARY 24, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 24, 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 County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting was reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

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

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 1/23/2011. The average daily population was 70; no inmates jailed at the Miami County facility.
2. Stated the line item: Inmate Transfers was not placed in the 2011 Jail budget. Requested permission to go before Council to request this line item be put back in the budget with an appropriation of \$20,000 for 2011. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, Assistant EMA Director:

1. Stated EMA helped with two (2) structure fires and assisted the Sheriff's Department with several road slide-offs for a total of 40 volunteer hours over the weekend.
2. Presented a letter from the USDA received January 14th showing drought declaration in 52 counties in Indiana in 2010. Walters stated this is the starting point for possible financial assistance.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported that the State has amended portions of the administrative code provisions which affect Wabash County's Sewer Ordinance. Downs stated he is working on proposed changes in the ordinance with the Health Department and will submit at a later date.

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

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented the Wabash County 2010 Annual Financial Report of Cash, Receipts, Disbursements and Balances
2. Presented the Annual County Wage Report for 2010
3. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 1-22-11. *Commissioners unanimously approved.*
4. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for review to be paid 1-24-11. *Commissioners unanimously approved.*
5. Presented copies of the Council packet for tonight's Council meeting.

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6. Asked for a correction in the January 10th minutes: “both marriage license and passport applications will be limited to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays” by Clerk of the Courts Elaine Martin.

Kenneth Jones, President of Wightman Petrie, reviewed the services available from Wightman Petrie Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors.

At 10:00 A.M. Givens opened the floor for the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Wastewater Infrastructure Facilities for the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District. Those in attendance were: Stan Bagley, Laketon Sewer Committee, Ken Jones, President of Wightman Petrie, Robert Murphy of R. P. Murphy Associates Planning Consultants and Travis Goodwin of RCAP. Jones stated Laketon currently has a common drain that 180 stand-alone residents and 16 residential equivalents disperse 56,000 gallons of untreated wastewater into the Eel River. The goal is to show IDEM that there is progress on this project and alleviate any notice of violations. The proposed engineering report recommends the vacuum sewer collection process and treatment of collections either by hooking into North Manchester’s system or by the repurposing of the Laketon Refinery. The total cost of the project will be \$3,925,300 with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs totaling \$1,766,385. The monthly cost to residents will be \$55-\$60 per month. Bagley stated the Laketon Sewer Committee is in complete agreement with Wightman Petrie’s recommendations. Goodwin stated RCAP is also in agreement and is assisting on the project. Resident Kenneth Kreider stated he is in support of the project. Hauptert made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:10 A.M.; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Murphy presented a resolution approving the preliminary engineering report for the Laketon Regional Sewer District Plan. Eppley made a motion to approve as Resolution 2011-85-2; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts for December, 2010

Auditors Financial Report and County Treasurer’s Monthly Report for December, 2010

Weights & Measures Report – January 15, 2011

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, January 31, 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 31, 2011