

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 7, 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 31, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written; 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 2/6/2011. The average daily population was 63.85 ; no inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Auditor Ridgeway stated Land submitted an additional appropriation request to go before Council totaling \$10,000 for Motor Vehicles. Land stated the budget had been at \$60,000 in the past but was requested at \$50,000 for 2011. Land stated the Sheriff's Department would need the additional \$10,000 to cover the cost of two new vehicles and equipment. Commissioners unanimously approved request go before Council.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated EMA accumulated over 50 volunteer hours assisting with the ethanol truck rollover spill.
2. Stated that Wabash County is at a Level 3 snow emergency. Brown requested permission to lift the snow emergency. Highway Superintendent Martin agreed. Commissioners unanimously approved request.
3. Reported the State is reviewing various weather advisory designations in hope of developing a uniform system for all counties.

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk of the Courts:

1. Stated Title IV-D funds are monies collected through a part of the Social Security Act that enforces child support collection after it has been ordered by the court. There are two (2) types; Clerk Incentive Fund and ARRA reimbursement fund; both are provided by the federal government but use is restricted to IV-D equipment and designated employees. The incentive fund allotment is based on how many cases a county has and how well the collection of funds is enforced by the county. ARRA is a system that reimburses the incentive funds when they are used for IV-D activities. Effective October 1, 2010 the federal government will no longer be reimbursing the incentive funds. Once they are spent, there will be no return of funds from the federal government. Martin stated currently there is approximately \$35,000 in the Clerk Incentive Fund and \$9,000 in the ARRA Reimbursement Fund. Martin stated one of her IV-D deputies is paid from the Title IV-D monies as was approved for the 2011 budget. Martin stated she could continue to pay that employee out of the IV-D

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funds for 2011 and then place that employee in the General Fund Budget in 2012 with a 66% reimbursement to the County. Commissioners unanimously agreed with Martin's plan and stated that this could be reviewed at any time if there was a need in the 2011 year to use the IV-D funds.

2. Stated 60% of Clerks use a vendor to track and report IV-D spending. The State has informed Clerks throughout Indiana that the IV-D is not accurately being reported. Martin stated she is looking at different vendors who provide this service. Auditor Ridgeway stated we are currently contracted with Maximus who does an indirect cost recovery for the Wabash County Commissioners and a second contract with them may provide a cost savings. Commissioners requested Martin to contact Maximus. Martin agreed. Martin also stated this could be paid from IV-D funds or could be paid from the General Fund with a 66% reimbursement. Commissioners will take this under advisement.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented General Ordinance 85-09-2010 to vacate an alley in Speicherville which was adopted on December 20, 2010. Commissioners signed ordinance.
2. Stated General Ordinance 85-10-2010 is waiting on a survey before completion concerning vacating an alley in Liberty Mills.
3. Presented Ordinance 85-01-2011 to vacate a portion of the Blue Star Highway for a second reading. Resident John Divine was present and asked the Commissioners what portion of the land he would receive. Downs stated Indiana law grants from the center line of the road half of the property being vacated goes to each adjacent landowner. Richard and Gail Whitenack are to receive part of the southern portion of the vacated Blue Star Highway. Divine stated individuals are driving around the guard rail on his property and requested permission to place a lockable gate on his portion of this property. Downs stated he is able to do what is deemed reasonably necessary to keep individuals off of his property. Eppley stated a gate could be put on his side from the center line of the road to ensure access. Ridgeway stated mailings were sent to both parties, Divine and Whiteneck regarding the vacation; Whiteneck's certified mailing was returned unclaimed. Hauptert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 85-1-2011 vacating a portion of the Blue Star Highway on the second reading; his motion was seconded by Eppley and Resolution 85-01-2011 was adopted by a 3-0 vote.
4. Givens presented and reviewed the unsafe premise order submitted by the Plan Commission. Downs stated it is an adoption of the State statute. Downs stated he will work with Plan Commission Attorney Larry Thrush on the order.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator, stated the Purdue Extension Office is changing their internet service to Comcast. Comcast requested permission to run their cable today. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 2-05-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 2-07-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Jim Becher, MicroAge Networks of Fort Wayne reviewed the IT services available from MicroAge Networks.

Commissioners recessed at 10:00 A.M. for the Drainage Board Hearing to review the Clarence Schuler Drain and reconvened at 11:00 A.M

Jeff Kumfer of Searce Rudisel Architects:

1. Reported on the bids received for the remodel of the Commissioners' meeting room. Kumfer stated all bids had exceeded the budget for the project. Kumfer sent a request to the two (2) lowest bidders to resubmit bids with possible cost modifications in five areas:
 - a. Removal of performance/payment bond requirements
 - b. Ceiling title "B" only
 - c. Remove three (3) ceiling bulkheads and one (1) pendant light
 - d. Drop ceiling by dropping crown mold
 - e. No sales taxAfter these changes, the bids were within the budget for the Commissioners' room remodel. Kumfer recommended D&C Construction for the remodel of the Commissioners' Room remodel for a total of \$65,820. Commissioners will take under advisement until the bid can be reviewed and approved by County Attorney Steve Downs.
2. Discussed chair options. Commissioners chose the Americana dark brown chairs with padding. A total of 51 chairs will be placed in the room; 11 with arms, 40 without arms for a total of approximately \$7,500.
3. Stated the only cost not in the bid pricing is for the electronic devices for the room: sound system, projector, wiring, etc.

Steve Jones, United Consulting, Inc, presented an update on the Bridge Inspection Contract.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

Tiede Metz & Downs, P.C. – Invoice for January, 2011
Bulk user fee request – Downs stated he would review.
Butler Fairman Seifert dinner invite for road school
Unsafe Premise Order

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No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2011 in the Commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – February 14, 2011