

## FEBRUARY 21, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 21, 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 February 14, 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.

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

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff, presented the jail report for the week ending 2/20/2011. The average daily population was 56.42; no inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, was present with no report.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder:

1. Requested permission to move forward providing two on-line records programs through Fidlar. The programs are: 1) Tapestry which provides a one-time search which will be paid by credit card and handled by the site dealer and 2) Laredo which is for searchers and Wabash County will collect the payment – Fidlar handles the use of credit card processing including the credit card fees. All funds will be placed into the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Auditor Ridgeway read an e-mail from County Attorney Steve Downs stating he had reviewed the agreement with Fidlar and found it acceptable. Draper presented the agreement with Fidlar for Laredo/Tapestry/Property Fraud Alert. Eppley made a motion to approve agreement with Fidlar; his motion was seconded by Hauptert, passed by a 3-0 vote and signed by Commissioners.
2. Requested permission to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fidlar Technologies Education Seminar, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated a meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> (with Gallagher Benefit representatives) to discuss renewal our group health care plan. Dils invited the Commissioners to attend.
2. Stated the Commissioners' meeting room remodel project will be re-bid. Changes will be made to the original drawings/specifications which should lower the cost of the total project. Dils stated he spoke with Jeff Kumfer, Scarce-Rudisel Architects and they decided to delay the proposed timeline for the north façade window project. It will be pushed back until late summer/fall.
3. Is meeting with Steve Corona from JobWorks this morning regarding the training and placement services they could provide in Wabash County.

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Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay period ended 2-19-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 2-21-11. Stated the Wabash Plain Dealer printed the advertisement for claims submitted to Commissioners on the wrong date. It did not run on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> as was requested; but did run in today's paper. The North Manchester News Journal advertisement appeared correctly on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented the Wightman Petrie, Inc – Final Invoice for the Preliminary Engineering for the Laketon Area Sewer District for \$12,000.
4. Presented the Laketon Sewer Planning Grant Closeout, the Claim Voucher for the second draw from the grant totaling \$11,520 with local match of \$480 for a total of \$12,000 to be paid to Wightman Petrie and an invoice for R.P. Murphy and Associates totaling \$2,000 to be paid from local match for the grant planning process. Hauptert made a motion to approve both claims; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Chairman Givens signed the Financial Statements and the Status Report.
5. Stated Ford Meter Box TIF District growth is a negative. This is due to the fact that the assessed value for the base year of the TIF was changed by the PTABOA Board after 2009 pay 2010 taxes were collected and the 2010 June settlement payment was made to the bond trustee. The base year for the TIF was 2008 pay 2009 but the original value set at that time cannot be lowered and this will cause the growth to be negative unless the assessed value increases. Ridgeway stated they have worked with the State Auditor's office, Umbaugh and Associates, EDG and Ford Meter Box to attempt to remedy the situation. Ford Meter Box sent a refund on their June settlement to help with the reconciling process. Ridgeway stated the TIF may need to be resolved and recreated at the lowered assessed value as it cannot continue with negative growth; they are confident that Umbaugh and Ford Meter Box will work out a solution.

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

Auditor's Financial Report and County Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2011

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts – January 2011

Invitation to attend the Indiana Vector Control Association Conference March 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>

Request from the Republican Women to meet in Commissioners' Meeting Room on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. - Commissioners unanimously approved.

### **Reminder:**

- **GIS: Committee: County Orthos Meeting – Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 A.M.**
- **Health Insurance Renewal Update Meeting – Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 A.M.**

## **FEBRUARY 21, 2011 CONTINUED**

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2011 in the Commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

The Wabash County Council will meet in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2011 in the Commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 5:00 P.M.

\*Approved as written – February 28, 2011