

MARCH 7, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 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 February 28, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a request from Frontier Communications to bury cable at 175 E at 10690 N. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented an Additional Appropriation Request totaling \$24,000 regarding Noble Bridge #67 on 150 W south of 400 S. Martin stated the road is one lane due to a partial failure of the structure. It has been recommended that the box be replaced with an arched culvert pipe. The amount requested includes removal of the current structure, purchase and installation of the new culvert pipe and repair of the asphalt road. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request to go before the Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested that the date to receive salt bids be set for April 11, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff,

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 3-6-11. The average daily population was 76.28; no inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Presented the Health Professionals LTD contract and a work agreement. Land stated the contract price is the same as last year but this is only a one (1) year contract. HPL originally stated they would offer a two (2) year contract. County Attorney Downs stated he would recommend requesting the two (2) year contract as originally agreed. Downs will review the work agreement as it is a new contract.
3. Stated according to the State Board of Accounts any future vehicles purchased need to be titled to the Commissioners. Land stated the current vehicles are titled to the Commissioner and/or the Sheriff's Department but most to the Sheriff's Department. Any previously purchased vehicles can remain as is. Land also stated all original titles are to be kept in the Auditor's Office.
4. Stated there is an inmate with hepatitis C, who has had a liver transplant and is insulin dependant. He is currently on Medicaid which will end on March 28, 2011. Land stated there are two options: admit him to a hospital with a 24-hour guard; Wabash County would be responsible for health care costs. The second option would be to qualify him for safe keep at the Department of Correction medical facility. He would still be separate from other inmates and Wabash County would still be

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responsible for health care costs and a \$150 per day housing fee. Land stated he has enough medication for a one month period. He has presented this information to HPL and is awaiting a cost analysis. Land stated he will keep the Commissioners apprised on any new information.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented a Bulk User Agreement form for the Recorder's Office. This allows the Recorder to hold an agreement with any company with stipulations on data obtained and distributed to customers and the fees set. Hauptert made a motion to approve the form; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated the Recorder has requested permission to utilize a current part time county employee to assist in the Recorder's Office when one of the two (2) employees has time off. A \$7,000 amount was placed into the 2011 budget for this purpose. Commissioners unanimously agreed
2. Stated Aflac now has its open enrollment available for all current benefit plans along with a new critical illness benefit. Dils stated this is a one time only guarantee issue that allows any full-time employee to sign-up with medical questions. Dils stated Aflac requests all employees hear a 15 minute presentation or sign a waiver if they are not interested. Presentations are set to be held the week of March 14th and the 21st. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
3. Stated the heating and cooling unit in the Commissioners' room failed to work properly last week. After investigation by Quality Electric, it was found that the one evaporator coil has failed. The quote to replace the coil is \$1,940. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director, Wabash County Council on Aging:

1. Presented the 5311 and the 5317 Grant Agreements and reviewed them with the Board. Commissioners approved and signed agreements.
2. Stated Public Mass Transit Funding is in jeopardy. Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Jeff Espich, has presented a bill that will cut the PMTF by 17.7%. Ferry stated one of the biggest concerns is that the urban areas have multiple sources of funding but the rural areas do not. Ferry presented a flier that is available to the public to inform them of this possible change and how to contact State Representative Rebecca Kubacki and Espich regarding concerns and to show support for this program in Wabash County.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended 3-05-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 3-07-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.

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3. Presented Commissioners an Internal Transfer for the E211 2010 Grant totaling \$1,616. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
4. Presented a claim for the first half of CEDIT funding for the Economic Development Group of Wabash County totaling \$30,000. Commissioners unanimously approved.
5. Stated the Perry Corporation six (6) month review was held on Wednesday, March 2nd. The total pricing was lowered by approximately \$400 per month which will more accurately reflect each department's usage.

Treasurer Sharon Shaw discussed an insert to be included with tax statements. She stated she would like to use one 8½" X 11" sheet of paper to show both tax and the Solid Waste Recycling Fee information. Shaw stated the printer suggested using 1/3 of a sheet for the five (5) year tax comparison information and the remainder of that same side for the solid waste information. Auditor Ridgeway stated use of one side of the 8 ½ X 11 for all 1,800 parcels will cost approximately \$1,620. Commissioners and Steve Johnson, Solid Waste Executive Director, agreed SWM would assist with a portion of the cost. Commissioners stated if there is not extra cost they would like the color of the paper to be green. Commissioners, Shaw, Ridgeway and Johnson drafted wording for the flier. Shaw stated she would submit the information to the printer and obtain actual pricing.

Surveyor Cheri Slee presented an Additional Appropriation request totaling \$2,000 for a lease agreement for a new copier from the Perry Corporation. Eppley made a motion to approve the request to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

Tiede Metz & Downs, P.C. – Invoice for February, 2011

NPDES CAFO – General Permit Renewal: Liberty Swine Farms # 3736

Oracle Elevator: 2.95% rate increase

Mediacom – “transfer rate” notice

Genealogical information request: presented to Hauptert

Laketon Regional Sewer update: public hearing set April 5, 2011 at 7:00P.M. at the Laketon Fire station

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 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 – March 14, 2011