

MARCH 28, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 28, 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 March 21, 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:

1. Presented a Memorandum of Understanding from INDOT for an unofficial detour on State Road 16. INDOT is replacing a drainage structure approximately six (6) miles east of State Road 13 on State Road 16. The unofficial detour will be 500 E to 700 N to 650 E. No date has been set at this time.
2. Stated the guard rail at 3047 S Old State Road 15 was extended over 100 feet per request of the property owner.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 3/27/2011. The average daily population was 71.71; no inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Presented a copy of the Health Professionals, LTD agreement for inmate health care services for Wabash County effective January 1, 2011-December 31, 2012.
3. Stated the Medicaid and Medicare coverage for the current inmate with extreme medical conditions will expire as of today. Land stated HPL will cover the first \$1,500 on medications the remainder of up to approximately \$5,500 per month have to be covered by the county. Land stated he continues to look at other options for care and financial assistance.
4. Stated he has been contacted by RQAW who did a proposal for the jail study committee regarding new jail construction. Hauptert stated Commissioners will work with Land to update him on past history. Commissioners also stated currently there are no plans for any expansion to the current jail or the creation of a new jail.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Requested permission to attend an All Hazard Type III Class in Indianapolis on April 5th, 6th and 7th. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Stated Heartland Career Law Enforcement Instructor Leroy Striker has requested a student shadow Brown on April 12th, 13th and 14th as he performs his EMA/Central Dispatch Director duties. Brown stated he has participated in the past and felt it was very successful.

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Jeff Hobson, Director Community Correction, requested permission to hire for two (2) vacant part-time positions at Community Corrections. Hobson stated in the past Community Corrections held four (4) part-time positions for house checks with home detentions. Hobson said that last year due to the economy the number of home detentions dropped and the number of part-time positions were lowered to two (2) individuals. Hobson stated currently home detentions numbers have increased. As of July 1, with the new grant there will also be more requirements for the full time staff which will not allow assistance with the house checks by full time staff. The salaries for these positions are in the July 1, 2011 grant. Hauptert requested Hobson work with County Coordinator Dils to ensure proper hiring procedures. Hobson agreed. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Elaine Martin, Clerk of the Courts and Secretary of the County Election Board, stated this year's election is a municipal election where the towns and city reimburse the county for election costs. Due to this fact the Election Board is given a minimal budget. Martin stated the clerical line item typically has funds to help cover the costs up front but there are no funds available this year. Martin requested permission to go before Council for permission to transfer funds for additional clerical pay. Hauptert made a motion to approve request go before Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator: was present with no report

Habitat for Humanity representative Larry Manning requested the Commissioners to pass a resolution to make a property at 490 Ferry Street, Wabash available for the Habitat for Humanity organization. Manning stated under Indiana Code 6-1.1-24-6.7 the County Commissioners have the authority to transfer property under their control to a non-profit organization due to non-payment of taxes for the good of the community. This property is currently to be a part of the Commissioner Certificate Tax Sale. Ridgeway stated the assessed value of the property was lowered by the Assessor's Office in 2007 due to a fire and all buildings were demolished in 2008; no demolition lien is certified on the property, however, there may be other liens on the property; a lien search was not completed. Ridgeway stated that property taxes totaling \$790.98 are due on the property. Commissioners gave permission to move forward in the process and asked County Attorney Steve Downs to review the information and prepare a resolution draft.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Stop-loss Year End Contract for Employee Health Claims. March 31st is the last day of the contract and a \$10,000 advance was needed to cover any additional stop-loss claims this week. Dils stated of that \$92,000 of health claims paid last week approximately \$54,000 will

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be reimbursed. A final check run will be processed and sent on Tuesday. The new contract begins on April 1, 2011.

2. Presented a request for the Alcohol Beverage Board re-appointment of Stewart Hawley. Hauptert made a motion to re-appoint Stewart Hawley; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented the IDEM Notice of Violation and Proposed Agreed Order for the Laketon Sewer Project of Wabash County. County Attorney Downs recommended Commissioners not sign the agreement. Downs stated a compliance plan must be submitted 30 days after signature. Downs stated he will contact IDEM to request a settlement conference and will contact Wightman-Petrie to assist with the compliance plan. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
4. Presented a letter of request by the Wabash County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors requesting Commissioners rescind the appointment of Dawn Reed to the CVB Board as there are other nominees to review. Eppley made a motion to rescind the appointment made last week; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens signed the letter of request.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

IDEM – Request for Approval Voidance Confined Feed Operation – Donald Roser Farm #4361

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – March 15, 2011

Wabash Marketplace, Inc. – Super Saturday Event – May 7, 2011 at 10 A.M to 1:30 P.M.

DNR – Notice of Nomination – Historic District of Wabash

Application

Clerk's Report – February 2011

Harvey Hoover tax sale monetary request

Mike Howard, Plan Commissioner Director, presented a nondisclosure agreement between Transfinder Corporation and Wabash County. Transfinder has requested an electronic format from the county's geographic information system (GIS) for the purpose of using the information to evaluate the potential sites for the location of the MSD bus route programming. Eppley made a motion to approve agreement; his motion was seconded by Hauptert, passed by a 3-0 vote and signed by Eppley.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – April 4, 2011.