

APRIL 4, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 4, 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 28, 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.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor, was present with no report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff presented a jail report for the week ending 4/3/11. The jail population this morning was 71; he is in the process of transferring one female to the Miami County Jail.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director asked for input on preparing the EOC room for Commissioners' meetings during the remodeling of their room.

Larry Manning, representing Habitat for Humanity, was present to inquire about the Commissioners' decision regarding the property at 490 Ferry Street that is up for the Commissioners' Tax Certificate Sale this month. Eppley made a motion to remove the property from the Certificate Sale to allow for hearings to be scheduled. Hauptert seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. County Attorney Steve Downs will draw up the necessary documents and notices then schedule the required hearings for the Commissioners to offer this property to a non-profit organization.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, had nothing else to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported on the following items:

1. Nate's Lawncare will mow the eastern slope at the courthouse from the steps to Main Street for \$25. This would be in addition to again mowing the southern slope at both the courthouse and judicial center for \$65. Hauptert made the motion to approve mowing both slopes for a total of \$90; Eppley seconded the motion and it passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. One downspout on Memorial Hall is rusted and in need of repair. Quotes received were as follows:
 - a. Wabash Valley Restoration will replace damaged section for \$195.
 - b. Atlas Building Services will replace entire section for \$1,940 or replace all similar downspouts for \$8,740.
 - c. There was no response from the third bidder contacted.Hauptert made the motion to approve the \$195 repair; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Updated the board on the remodeling project for the Commissioners' meeting room. It will begin today and last for 6 to 8 weeks. The wooden "pew" benches were removed by the Highway Department last week and

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are being stored for the surplus property auction in June. He will contact department heads in the courthouse for suggested uses of the four (4) large tables and twelve (12) brown "jury" chairs.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay period ended 4-02-11 – *Commissioners approved as submitted.*
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 4-04-11- *Commissioners approved as submitted.*
3. Presented a Tax Abatement Refund for Bulldog Battery totaling \$ 20,532.66.
- This abatement for 2008 and 2009 had been issued by the City of Wabash and was reinstated by Wabash City Council by a Waiver of Non-Compliance (Resolution #18-2010). It has been approved by Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Treasurer Sharon Shaw and Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. *Commissioners also approved and signed the Tax Refund request.*
4. Presented the Region III-A Claim Voucher for CEDF Grant: Novae Corporation Project - \$397,784.31.
- Ridgeway asked the Board about the local match noted in the Claim Voucher and said she was not aware that the county had committed to the local match for this grant. *Following discussion, the Commissioners also wanted verification as to how the local match was to be handled: Ridgeway will contact Bill Konyha, Executive Director of Wabash County Economic Development Group and also Region III-A for clarification prior to the Board's approval.*

Commissioners also reviewed the following items:

Prosecutor's Managed Print Services Agreement Request

Annual Report for the Public Defender Board of Wabash County for 2010

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2011 in the EOC room on the lower level of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

NOTE: *Beginning April 11th and until further notice, due to the Commissioners' room remodeling project, future meetings will be held in the EOC room on the lower level of the courthouse.*

- Approved as written – April 11, 2011