

APRIL 18, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 18, 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 April 11, 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 cover letter and an application for federal funding to rehabilitate Bridge #510 on Harrison Avenue. Hauptert made a motion to approve the application; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Butler, Fairman & Seufert asked permission to for Commissioners to sign application papers for Bridge #155 on Meridian Road; applications are due on Friday April 22nd Commissioners unanimously approved for BFS to move forward with the application process.
3. Recommended acceptance of the low salt bid from Cargill Deicing Technology at \$69.38 per ton. Hauptert made a motion to approve recommendation for Cargill at \$69.38 per ton; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Re-visited the Hanging Rock Road speed limit request; lowering the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph. Martin stated the request is in regard to school bus activity in this area. Commissioners asked County Attorney Steve Downs to work with Martin on creating an ordinance.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 4/17/11. The average daily population was 82.85 ; with no inmates housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated two (2) new officers graduated from the Police Academy on Friday, April 15th. They will be on a six (6) week training schedule and will then be placed into the department's rotation.
3. Stated he planned to trade in a couple of the fleet cars but after further review has decided to hold off on any trade-ins at this time.

Mike Howard, County Planning Director, presented a revised proposed Ordinance Regulating Weeds and Rank Vegetation. Howard stated the ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the Plan Commission. There were two (2) changes; the original was for all Wabash County excluding municipalities, farms over three (3) acres and incorporated towns with their own ordinance. The revised ordinance deals specifically with unincorporated towns and eliminates rural country areas. County Attorney Steve Downs stated the ordinance stated unincorporated "areas" which is vague and could leave questions on certain cases. The second change is the addition of Circuit or Superior Court possibly requiring the responsible party to cover attorney costs

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and fees of the Plan Commission. The fees are set at \$2,500 for first offense, \$7,500 for second offense and the third is the addition of attorney fees as previously stated. Eppley made a motion to approve the first reading of the proposed Ordinance Regulating Weeds and Rank Vegetation as presented; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules to allow a second reading; his motion was seconded by Eppley and also passed 3-0. Hauptert then made a motion to adopt as Ordinance 2011-85-01; seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated he had reviewed the salt bids received last week and found them acceptable.
2. Stated the contract for R.P. Murphy as grant writer/consultant for the Laketon Area Sewer Project needs to be signed by the Commissioners. Commissioners approved and signed the contract.
3. Presented a resolution draft regarding 490 Ferry Street, Wabash identifying property for consideration of transfer to a non-profit corporation for the public good. Eppley made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 2011-85-04; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners set May 23rd at 10:00 A.M. for the Public Hearing where applications will be taken by any non-profit organization for acquisition of said property. Auditor Ridgeway stated she will advertise the public hearing.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, County Health Deputy/Registrar/Office Administrator: presented an Additional Appropriation Request totaling \$850 for a portable refrigerator/freezer approved by the CDC and the Indiana Department of Health. This unit will be used to store vaccines as needed throughout the county. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented an application for payment to Kroft Construction for payment #1 on the Commissioners' room remodel totaling \$21,081. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated questions have come up regarding the Commissioners' room project: the old judges' desks were to be restored and joined but they are different styles. Commissioners expressed concern with trying to alter these desks. Givens asked what the difference in cost would be for new desks. Dils stated, based on a previous estimate, the difference would be around \$50. Jeff Kumfer, Architect Scarce-Rudisel stated he will look into pricing options for the desk project. The second concern is the wall texture. The east and north walls are sand painted, the west and south

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are smooth; question is do we skim coat the rough walls so they are all smooth? Kumfer stated he will look into the cost of smoothing out the east and north walls and review the budget to see if this will fall within the parameters. The third concern is the wood trim and pilasters; do we use white pine or poplar? Kumfer stated pine will not accept stain as uniformly as the poplar. Commissioners stated if there is no significant cost increase they would like to use poplar. Kumfer stated he would do a cost comparison.

3. Stated he received a call from a Wabash County resident regarding an issue along Enyeart Creek near State Road 524; the creek is moving in a natural progression of erosion which the resident states is encroaching on her property. Martin stated this is a creek not a county ditch. Eppley stated he will contact the resident to review the situation.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended 4-16-11. Retired judicial center Security Officer BJ Cantrell will receive his benefit payout from the Rainy Day Fund which will be paid over three (3) pay periods.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 4-18-11. Commissioners unanimously approved. Also reviewed the Tiede, Metz and Downs – Invoice for March, 2011 totaling \$1,567.50. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. The Wabash County Commissioners will not have a quorum on June 6th. Ridgeway requested permission to move claims approval to May 30th which is a 5th Monday for that month. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Items for Commissioners' review:

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

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts – April 2011

INDOT – Multi-model Planning and Policy – Rail Office Program Information

Tort Claim Notice Pursuant to I.C. 34-13-3-6 & 8: Prater

Tort Claim Notice of Closure: Pearman

U.S. Census Bureau – 2010 Census Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program

Moonlight Garden Club is paying for Hoffman's Nursery to plant a tree for Earth Day on April 22nd – invited Commissioners to the planting at 5:30 P.M. on that day

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2011 in the EOC room on the lower level of the Wabash County Courthouse* starting at 9:00 A.M.

Reminder:

County Offices will be closed for Friday, April 22, 2011 for Good Friday State Holiday

Wabash County Council Meeting: Monday, April 25th – 5:00 P.M. in the Crystal Room of the Honeywell Center

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Wabash County Commissioners met in Executive Session on Monday, April 18, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. in the EOC room on the lower level of the courthouse. Commissioners Scott E. Givens, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley met with Bill Konyha EDG Executive Director, County Attorney Steve Downs and Auditor Jane Ridgeway to discuss economic development matters.

*Approved as written – April 25, 2011