

MAY 2, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 2, 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 25, 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.

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

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 5-1-11. The average daily population was 80.28; with no inmates housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated Officer Darrin (Butch) Iden will retire in June. Land stated he is planning to hire two (2) new officers by August. The last day to receive applications is May 26th. Land currently has 51 applications.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections, presented the 2011-12 Grant Contract from the Department of Corrections (DOC). There are no changes in the funding requirements regarding the County. The contract is due May 15th.

Commissioners requested Attorney Steve Downs review the contract. Downs agreed.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated he was advised by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security that 60 emergency weather radios will be issued to Wabash County at the end of the month. Brown stated a top priority will be to distribute the radios to mobile home parks.
2. Will meet this evening with the Lagro Town Board to finalize the last resolution for the County Mitigation Plan.
3. Stated EMA has been monitoring the river levels:
 - a. Eel is currently at 6.36 feet; on April 27th it was at 10.8 feet; the flood stage is 9 feet
 - b. Wabash River is at 9.23 feet; on April 27th it was at 16.65 feet; the flood stage is 14 feet
 - c. Also reported on the status of the J. Edward Roush Reservoir in Huntington and the Salamonie Reservoir
4. Stated Commissioners have been invited to the National Level Exercise on Thursday, May 19th in Butlerville, Indiana. Sheriff Land stated he has officers who will be attending.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated Roger Grossnickle of Liberty Mills has requested assistance to fill pot holes and to stone a portion of his driveway. Grossnickle stated that two (2) school buses use the drive two (2) times per day and the County Highway trucks use the drive rather than backing up on 2nd or 3rd Streets when plowing snow. Grossnickle stated he has no problem with allowing the use of his drive and has covered the maintenance cost for several years but is now requesting assistance. Commissioners requested Highway Department Superintendent Martin review the area. Hauptert made a motion to take under advisement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated when Doug Kroft of Kroft Construction submitted his bid on the Commissioners' Room he provided a cashier's check in the amount of \$2,825; in lieu of a bond. Now that a contract has been signed Kroft has requested that the cashier's check be returned to him. Downs stated since the cashier's check is in lieu of a bid bond, it is appropriate to release the cashier's check. Hauptert made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Stated that County Health Officer Dr. Joseph Dean Gifford has submitted his resignation to be effective May 31, 2011. This is a paid part-time position. Hauptert suggested discussing this opening with the Wabash County Hospital Chief of Staff because it must be filled by a licensed physician. Downs stated he would contact the President/CEO of the Wabash County Hospital concerning possible candidates.
4. Stated Scarce & Rudisel Architect Jeff Kumfer continues to work on estimates on the technology bids. Doug Kroft presented projected costs for a new desk structure using the front panel from one of the previous judge's desks. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor,

1. Presented Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay period ended 4-30-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 5-2-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented the ARC of Wabash County Second Quarter 2011 Allocation totaling \$14,125. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented two property tax refunds for David L & Virginia R Stevens totaling \$37.19. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the refund.
5. Presented the 2011 Annual Report on Condition of School Funds notice stating that no funds are being held. Commissioners signed notice.
6. Presented the Region III-A Claim Voucher for the CEDF Grant Draw #3 for the Novae Corporation Project \$9,427.74. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley, passed by a 3-0 vote and was signed by Eppley and Ridgeway.

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7. Presented the Personal Property Contract from Auctioneer Tony Stout for the County Surplus Auction to be held on June 17, 2011. The contract states that the county will cover advertisement costs of up to \$170. The Auctioneer shall receive 15% of gross sales up to \$6,000, 10% up to \$10,000 and 7% over \$10,000. Stout requested photographs of items for the sale. Ridgeway stated payment for items purchased at the sale is requested in cash or with a cashier's check. Eppley made a motion to approved request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Ridgeway stated notification will be sent to all departments this week.

Items for Commissioners' review:

IDEM – Removal from NPDES CAFO Gen. Permit – M & E Whitesel Farm # 6475

Reminder:

County Offices will be closed on Tuesday, May 2, 2011 for Municipal Election Primary Day

Commissioners: Small Business Week Recognition Event – May 13th - 3:00 P.M. - Courthouse

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

*Approved as written – May 9, 2011