

## MAY 31, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 31, 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. Haupert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a request from Frontier Communications to bury cable on Old State Road 15 at 3610 S. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a Memorandum of Understanding for an unofficial detour on SR 16 at the bridge over Eel River 4.38 miles east of SR 19. The unofficial detour is on River Road and CR 700 W. Haupert made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented a request from residents on River Road to post "No Commercial Vehicle signage" to prohibit commercial vehicles from traveling on the road. Martin stated there is an official detour using SR 19, SR 114 and SR 15. Commissioners will ask Downs to draft a temporary ordinance for signage to be placed at this location.
4. Stated an employee has resigned; requested permission to hire a replacement. Commissioners unanimously approved request.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 5/29/11. The average daily population was 85.42; with four (4) inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, one (1) at Kosiosko County and one (1) female pending transfer.
2. Stated he has received sixty-six (66) applications for the two (2) deputy positions. After testing is completed on June 25<sup>th</sup> Land will meet with the Merit Board to decide which of the applicants qualify for interviews.
3. Stated the Sheriff's Department has taken possession of two (2) new vehicles. Requested permission to trade in cars 503 and 500 both are 2005 Crown Victorias; one (1) with 161,000 and the other with 181,000 miles. The trade-in value will be \$1,500 per vehicle. The cost of each vehicle after the trade-in credit will be \$34,000. Land stated the original approved expense for the vehicles was \$60,000; the difference, \$8,000, will be taken out of Commissary Funds. Haupert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Worked with County Attorney Steve Downs on the "bath salts" ordinance. Land stated an ordinance was passed by the City of Wabash on May 26<sup>th</sup> effective that same day. Land stated the city ordinance holds true to the State ordinance which will take affect on July 1, 2011. Both ordinances attached bath salts to the K2 ordinance. Land stated there is not enough time for the county to pass an ordinance before the the new State law

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takes affect. The State ordinance addresses all concerns and will cover all of Wabash County.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder, stated the Fidler agreement is still under consideration due to band width and cost/revenue clarification.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, Office Manager – County Health Department, stated the Health Officer position will be open as of midnight tonight. Two (2) Health Board Officers, Dr. Jeffrey Pyle and Dr. Robert Becket are working with a possible candidate today. This nominee will need to be approved by the Health Board and then by the Commissioners. Commissioners agreed to meet June 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to certify the appointment. Carter-Lower stated one (1) board member suggested he might be able to temporarily fill the position if the candidate does not take the position by June 1. Carter-Lower stated if a Health Officer is not appointed; no death certificates can be issued until an officer is in place. Also, the previous Health Officer Dr. J Dean Gifford voluntarily lowered the salary for the position from \$12,000 to \$6,000. Carter-Lower requested to go before Council to gain permission to increase the Health Officer's salary back to \$12,000; this will require Council approval and an amended salary ordinance. Eppley made a motion to approve the Health Department going before Council to request an additional appropriation for the pro-rated amount up to \$12,000 for the year; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Ridgeway stated she would send an e-mail to Council members so they are aware of the situation prior to the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Revisited the issue of cooling the courthouse computer room. Dils stated two (2) vendors were contacted in 2010 for quotes but none were submitted. Dils stated these vendors have been contacted again and one (1) was on site to review the situation. Dils stated he will submit recommendations / estimates at a later date.
2. Stated general construction has been completed in the Commissioners' Room. Carpet installation is set for Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Dils stated the room may be available for use by the end of June but all equipment or furniture may not be installed or in place.
3. Requested permission to move forward with the north window façade project. The budget allows a maximum of \$150,000. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay period ended 5-28-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.

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2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 5-31-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated the final pay was sent to Novae Corporation on Friday, May 27, 2011 totaling \$9,427.47.
4. Presented the Financial Statement and Close Out Document for the Laketon Sewer Grant. Givens signed the document.
5. Presented an INDOT – Bridge Replacement over Paw Paw Creek. Highway Superintendent Martin stated INDOT is requesting any historical information as the replacement process begins. The letter states comments must be submitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of letter. Commissioners will take under advisement.
6. Stated she had attended the Auditor's Conference last week: They discussed incentive funds, LOIT, assessed values, annual reports and budgets now being required to be entered on the State website and Riverboat Revenue Sharing. The Riverboat funds are to be separate from the County General Fund. This will be presented to the Council in June. Separating this fund will help with our tax levy also. Three (3) other new funds will also need to be created per the State. Work is also progressing on the new Uniform Chart of Accounts that needs to be in place for 2012.

Stan Bagley, Laketon Regional Area Sewer District Committee, requested Commissioners' appointments to the new Sewer Board. Bagley recommended a member from Commissioners or Council and the Surveyor, Cheri Slee be appointed. Bagley stated the time commitment is one meeting a month. Hauptert made a motion to approve Councilman Ted Little and Surveyor Cheri Slee to the Board; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Bagley stated he needs an official document for the Council and Commissioner appointments. Ridgeway will create the form for Bagley.

Toby Stephen, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, requested Commissioners' signatures on the Title Sheet for Bridge #61; CR 700 W over Bachelor Creek, approved.

### **Items for Commissioners' review:**

IDEM – Laketon Refining Corporation – Notice of Public Comment  
IDEM – Receipt of Sanitary Sewer Permit Application – Town of Lagro  
KC Online Rewards Department Letter

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, presented the 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant – Salaries Sub-Grant Agreement CFDA #97.042 EDS# C44P-1-369 A. Commissioners approved and signed agreement. Brown also submitted a Uniform Conflict of Interest ethics disclosure statement.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will re-convene on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in Special Session in the Records Room off of the Commissioners' Meeting Room to meet with Health Department officials.

Approved as written – June 13, 2011