

AUGUST 1, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 1, 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 July 25, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes; with the addition of “unanimous approval on tax refunds” and “transfer only of Laketon Sewer funds”; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Adams, Highway Supervisor, attended the ADA (Americans with Disability Act) Transition Plan Workshop in Fort Wayne on Monday, July 25th. Adams stated all Indiana counties were to have an ADA Transition Plan completed in 1995. However, many counties including Wabash have not completed a plan. The deadline has been extended through December 2011. Adams stated he will work with County Coordinator Jim Dils to finalize the ADA Transition Plan by the December 31st.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 7/31/11. The average daily population was 80.42; seven (7) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated seven (7) interviews will be held on August 10th and 11th for the two (2) merit deputy positions. Land stated he would present his recommendations to the Commissioners and Council by August 18th.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated he renewed a Memorandum of Understanding between EMA and United Way of Allen County for the 211 service providing communication in a disaster circumstance at no extra cost.
2. Presented a GIS data sharing agreement with Huntington, Fulton, Kosciusko, Grant, Whitley and Miami Counties for mapping data that would assist Central Dispatch. Brown stated this is a regional mapping system identifying addressed road numbers, emergency areas and the city, town and county limits for areas outside the county. Brown stated it has been reviewed by Plan Commission Director Mike Howard. Brown will submit to County Attorney Steve Downs for review.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented the third application for payment from Kroft Construction for the Commissioners’ meeting room remodel project totaling \$9,519; change orders are still to follow and retainage is being held. Dils stated the room will be ready for the Non-Binding Budget meetings to be held beginning Tuesday, August 2nd. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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2. Received two (2) written requests to fill position openings:
 - a. The Purdue Extension Office Manager resigned in early July. A letter was submitted by Purdue Extension Director Teresa Witkoske requesting approval to hire a full-time replacement and to re-title the position as Administrative Assistant. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
 - b. Health Department Public Health Nurse Jane Skeans will retire on September 31, 2011 after 25 years of service. The Health Department has requested permission to advertise for a replacement. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented the renewal contract for the fire alarm service agreement with SimplexGrinnell which would take effect October 1st for annual testing and inspecting of the system. Dils stated there was an \$82 increase from last year for a new total of \$1,569. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Stated Prosecuting Attorney William Hartley Jr. has presented a letter requesting that his department be removed from the Perry Corporation MPS Agreement as of August 31, 2011. Givens requested Dils notify Perry Corporation Representative, Robert Bucher as soon as possible. Dils stated he will contact Bucher today.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 8-01-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented an Order from the City of Wabash to Remove an Unsafe Building located at 816 E. Hill Street. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented the Wabash County Historical Museum request for ½ of it's 2011 allocation totaling \$7,500. Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 2-0 vote. Hauptert abstained.
4. Presented an Internal Transfer Request totaling \$500 as approved at last week's meeting regarding financial assistance for the Lake Sewer District grant expenses. Commissioners signed transfer request.
5. Presented a notice from Region III-A for the 2012 dues totaling \$12,445. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented a Request For Proposal to be sent to the State of Indiana to receive reimbursement from the State for conducting drug testing on Department of Child Services clients. Commissioners signed the RFP.

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Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director, stated Region III-A Technical Services Director Dave Gee will be attending the Plan Commission meeting Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Howard extended an invitation to Commissioners.

Items for Commissioners' review:

INDOT – Public meeting for Hoosier Heartland Project:

Proposed design modification SR 25 in Carroll County August 4, 2011 6:00 P.M.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County Council On Aging, Inc.:

1. Presented the 5311 & 5317 2nd Quarter Wabash County Transit reports.
1. Stated the budget is precisely as planned.
2. Added an evening driver.
3. At next week's meeting will present a request for additional funds for the 5317 out-of-town transports. This is matched by Medicaid.
4. New Transit Manager Erica Cain and is doing a great job.
5. The 5310 program will not have the 20% match in 2012 instead it will have ARRA funds.
6. Trip denials are being monitored to make sure transit requests are fully public and there is no discrimination due to a disability. Out of fifteen (15) denials only one (1) was for a disabled individual and it occurred due to over capacity concerns.
7. Stated there is a financial audit today. This is the first year with the software tracking.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, August 8, 2011 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – August 8, 2011.