

OCTOBER 3, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 3, 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 September 26, 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, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented the annual invitation to bid for materials and equipment rentals for the Highway Department. Commissioners signed the forms.
2. Stated the railroad signals on 50 E just north of SR 15 S have been installed and are operating.

Randy Miller, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 10/2/11. The average daily population was 86.14; four (4) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated a reimbursable grant was approved by the Office of Justice Programs – Bureau of Justice Assistance for bullet proof vests totaling \$3,141. The total cost of the vests is \$6,282, (nine (9) vests at \$698 each). Once the vests are purchased OJPBJA will reimburse Wabash County the awarded amount. Commissioners unanimously approved purchase of vests at \$6,282 with the understanding that grant funds will reimburse \$3,141.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director,

1. Introduced Cassidy Sausaman, a student from the Heartland Career Center, who will be job shadowing him on Monday and Tuesday.
2. Stated he will be at conference this week Wednesday, October 5th thru Friday, October 7th.
3. Requested permission to hire a new full-time employee at Central Dispatch as approved by the Wabash County Council at the September 12th meeting. Brown stated the plan is to start this individual during the last three (3) pay periods of 2011. Commissioners unanimously approved the request.
4. Asked permission to take a Transfer Request to Council for a total of up to \$17,000 for the new position at Central Dispatch and for part-time help. Haupert made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Stated a radio problem still exists at Central Dispatch which AT&T states is their issue and they continue to work on the matter. Brown stated they thought it was working last week but difficulty arose over the weekend. Brown stated the service is working; it is just not working at optimal level.

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Christa Stroup, Circuit Court Reporter, requested permission to purchase a new refrigerator for the jury room. The current "dorm" size refrigerator does not provide enough space for the lunches of jurors. Commissioners requested Stroup present at least one additional quote. Stroup stated she will acquire at least one more quote.

Elaine Martin, Clerk of the Courts, presented two (2) ordinances regarding the redistricting of election districts. Martin stated one (1) goal is to keep the Commissioners' townships together; Noble Township is now one (1) district. Commissioners approved and signed the following:

1. Ordinance 2011-85-05 establishing County Commissioner Districts
2. Ordinance 2011-85-06 establishing County Council Districts

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated D-T Construction Services has presented Payment Application #1 for the north facade window project totaling \$2,341. Commissioners unanimously approved payment.
2. Stated the insulation was installed above the ceiling of the Commissioners' meeting room last week by Kroft Construction.
3. Stated approximately 135 boxes legal documents which were approved for destruction were taken to PaperWorks last week.
4. Stated there was a large response to the advertised part-time position at the animal shelter. Dils stated he will be reviewing applications this week.
5. Stated the Health Department will be dispensing flu shots for county employees on Tuesday, October 4th for \$20.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 10-1-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket to be paid 10-3-11. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented the proposed agreement for permission to use the Roann Covered Bridge. Eppley made a motion to approve the format of the agreement for future requests as well as the request approved on September 12th for a wedding to be held October 22, 2011; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented the draft application for a Transient Merchant License. Commissioners will take under advisement.
5. Requested permission to attend the Annual Auditor's Fall Conference on Wednesday, October 26th thru Friday, October 28th. Commissioners unanimously approved request.
6. Stated the City of Wabash has requested the Brownfield RFQ which was completed last week be placed on the county website. Ridgeway stated it is now available by clicking on Commissioners/News Articles/Environmental Consulting Services for Brownfield Redev.

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7. Stated County Attorney Steve Downs has requested an Executive Session to be held on Monday, October 31st regarding the acquisition of real estate. Commissioners requested the Executive Session be held after the Commissioner's regular meeting at 10:00 A.M. Ridgeway will relay this information to Attorney Downs.

Items for Commissioners' review:

IDEM – Notice of Public Comment: Air Quality Permit – G & S Metals

NACo Membership for 2012 – \$751; Commissioners unanimously agreed not to join or pay fees

Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. Educational Dinner Event – October 6, 2011 in Indianapolis

U.S. Census Bureau Government Units Survey (GUS), First phase of 2011 Census

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – October 11, 2011