

JANUARY 23, 2006

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse on January 23, 2006 with all members present. President Brian Haupert called the meeting to order following the Wabash County Council meeting. Minutes of the January 17th meeting were approved as written on a motion by Templin, seconded by Haupert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Jeff Kumfer of Scarce-Rudisel reviewed bids for the Prosecutor's office complex. The Commissioners moved to accept the low bid from Helser Carpet at \$5732. The cost of the carpet will be paid from both the Cumulative Capital Development Fund as part of the project and also from the Prosecutor's Incentive Funds as previously agreed.

IT Consultant Thomas Polk Wabash Electric Information Technologies introduced Glen Hitze, system administrator for Comteck of Sweetser Telephone who discussed wireless internet service for the courthouse at no cost to the county. Hitze offered the service in exchange for placing a box on top of the courthouse to be used to provide service for the Wabash area. Haupert stated that the Commissioners were interested in the project and would need a written proposal for the Commissioners Attorney to review. Also discussed were needed firewalls for safety and costs involved to separate the judicial center and courthouse systems.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice gave his weekly report to the board.

1. Rice attended the Bridge 13 project meeting in Fort Wayne last week and could not get out of the county paying for part of the delay costs in the project. Due to the extension of time there will be a change order of additional costs. Matt Bobay of BFS will explain the change order in further detail.
2. A Request to Bury cable on 350E at LaFontaine behind the convenience store for 200' was presented and approved on Rice's recommendation.
3. Also a Request was presented and approved for 3220' at Somerset 381' from State Road 13.
4. Rice also reported to the Commissioners damage being done to county roads by Kokomo Gravel hauling sand across them from their Miami County plant. It was recommended that they be notified they must "quit hauling or continue to pay for some of the damages". Rice stated that they had hauled material for repair in the past.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern reported concerning proceeding with a Commissioner's Sale of Unsold Delinquent Tax Sale Property. Mattern had previously recommended that the Commissioners seek approval from the Wabash County Council to sale properties eligible as the law requires any

valued over \$50,000. The Wabash County Council approved the sale of the qualifying properties at their meeting this morning by signing the joint Resolution prepared by Mattern and the Commissioners signed the joint Resolution also.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the weekly reports of Wabash County Sheriff LeRoy Striker to the Judges of the Courts: for the week ending Monday, January 9th, the average jail population was 92 and for the week ending Tuesday, January 17th, the average jail population was 75.

The Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. Weights and Measures Monthly Report December 16, 2005 – January 15, 2006.
2. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ended December 31, 2005.
3. IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval for John T. Lynn Confined Feeding Operation.
4. IDEM NPDES CAFO Information concerning letters of objection to a Confinement Animal Feeding Operation by Rod Merrick of Homestead Pork, L.L.C.
5. IDEM Business Permit # 812 for Greg Harnish of G & L. Plumbing

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, January 30, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.