

FEBRUARY 06, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on February 06, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the January 30th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Les Templin, seconded by Darle Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Larry Rice questioned the Snow Emergency Ordinance procedure. He feels there is a need to establish who notifies the media.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average of 82 in jail population this week. He discussed Law Enforcement Liability Insurance. He stated that Mike Beauchamp and Jackie Hurst of Beauchamp & McSpadden Insurance Company had worked diligently to get insurance coverage. Great appreciation was given to them for their efforts and work. There is a one year plan in place that is contingent on addressing the problem of "over-crowding" in the Wabash County Jail. Sheriff Striker stated "every county around us except Kosciusko is over populated." Community Corrections is working to help with problem-possibly with State planning. Also the National Sheriff's Association is working on a plan. Conclusion: We have insurance coverage in place for the year 2006 but Wabash County needs to have a plan in place to deal with the over crowding for the future.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reviewed the revised Snow Emergency Ordinance. Bob stated EMS could handle notification. Highway Superintendent, Larry Rice, delegated media notification to the EMA Director. In other matters, Templin stated that the shelving for downstairs has been ordered and should be in this week which should assist in moving the EMA plans forward. He also stated that the problems with the new generator at the highway are not quite corrected.

Tim Lacy, Account Manager with Manatron was present. Many concerns were discussed:

1. Whose responsibility is it, Manatron or Wabash County, for the changes mandated from the State level regarding data reporting changes?
2. With the old VAX system, until new software is installed, is there proper assistance available with support lines, team, and problems with the software?
3. The Assessor's Office currently has the new 18 digit parcel number. Is there a plan to deal with VAX inability to support these 18 digit numbers? How will this affect the roll-over for tax values?

Beverly Ferry from the Wabash Council on Aging spoke on Transportation grants. She requested 4th Quarter reimbursement of \$15,333. She also stated their goal is to have transportation available to all who are in need. They are working with volunteer agencies and Wabash County Hospital to provide transportation for special need cases.

Glen Hitze of Comteck of Indiana, Inc. was present at the meeting. Hitze brought a contract/agreement that allows Comteck to place a wireless internet on the top of the courthouse and in turn give Wabash County free wireless internet use. A motion was made by Templin to accept and approve this agreement. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote. The contract was signed by Commissioners.

Approval was given on a grant application from the Prosecutor to comply with the Victims of Crime Act, the S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Act. Signature was given by Brian Hauptert as President of Wabash County Commissioners.

The Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor requested a donation for the year 2006. The request was denied. No funds are available at this time.

The American FundWare, Inc. License Agreement for the new financial software was approved and signed with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners approved a bid from Wabash Electric on a firewall for the lowest bid of \$2,252.00. Templin made the motion to approve, Dawes seconded and it was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Jennifer McColley of the Wabash County Plan Commission presented an amendment to the Ordinance # 94 passed by the Plan Commission on February 2, 2006. Templin moved to approve and accept the amendment presented, seconded by Dawes and approved 3-0.

Wabash County Health Nurses Jane Skeans stated currently the Health Department puts out temporary signs for parking on specified shot days. Skeans requested a permanent sign for a designated parking spot for persons obtaining shots from Health Department.

The Board of Commissioners also reviewed and approved the following:

1. Claims and Allowance docket for claims advertised for payment- February 6, 2006.
2. Custodian D. Smith hours worked.
3. The Wabash County Highway Annual Report and Inventory as of December 31, 2005.
4. IDEM – Bill’s Sewer & Septic Tank Service Business Permit # 346.
5. IDEM – Deeter Farm’s Inc. – Confined Feeding Operation.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, February 13th, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.