

FEBRUARY 21, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on February 21, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with the absence of Darle Dawes. Minutes for the February 13, 2006 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Les Templin, seconded by Brian Hauptert with a 2-0 vote.

Scarce-Rudisel Architect Jeff Kumfer reviewed a punch list from the Prosecutor's Office project and noted that Child Support is moving today. Templin mentioned walking though yesterday and noting some touch-ups needed by the painter. The punch list review was accepted by the Commissioners on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 2-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Larry Rice reported to the Board the following:

1. He would recommend the Commissioners deny a request to cut road 1400N ¼ mile west of CR 400N. This request was submitted by Todd Floor and was not considered necessary in this situation. Templin moved to deny the request, seconded by Hauptert and denied by a 2-0 vote.
2. Rice presented an inquiry of averaging Natural Gas Prices and following discussion the board agreed they were not interested in this program at this time.
3. Rice then reviewed the bids for equipment received last week and made the following recommendations:
 - A. In reviewing the Bids received: Bonds were all okay and all bids had proper forms.
 - B. Recommended Cab & Chassis: Weir's International –with delivery 45-60 days.

<u>Single</u>	<u>Tandem</u>
\$52,146.55	\$61,604.51

Rice stated that Erik's had bid 2006 equipment and Denney's had bid 2007.

Les moved to accept the bids of Weir's International, Brian seconded with a 2-0 vote.

C. In reviewing the bids for the bed and equipment, Rice stated they did not "spec anyone out" but not all specifications were met by all of the bidders. The one bid that met all specifications and had a letter of certification was WA Jones.

D. Recommended Bed and Equipment: W. A. Jones Truck Body & Equipment for

both the single and tandem:	<u>Single Axle 10'</u>	<u>Tandem Axle 13'</u>
	\$40,985.00	\$43,985.00

Templin moved to accept the bids of W.A. Jones Truck Body & Equipment,

Hauptert seconded and the bids were accepted with a 2-0 vote.

4. Rice discussed obtaining a credit card for the Highway to use to expedite payments

A discussion followed with the Auditor approving the practice and noting previous approval from the Commissioners and the State Board of Accounts. The Auditor also reminded Rice and the board that with the new Financial Software now being installed in her office, they are seriously considering paying claims twice a month rather than just once as has always been the practice which should help to shorten the time expenditures are incurred and when they are paid.

5. Rice also mentioned the Employees Security Company had performed the Workmen's

Compensation audit at the Highway Department.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported to the Commissioners as follows:

1. An average daily population of 87 in Wabash Co. Jail this past week.
2. He presented the board the report from the Annual Jail Inspection held February 15th.
3. Also, due to the number of claims in his department, Sheriff Striker stated his support and appreciation of the Auditor's office working to process claims twice per month.
4. Striker stated that the new insurance company had done an inspection of the jail on February 20th and he will report to the board when their recommendations and issues are received.
5. Striker reported that the Workmen's Comp Audit had also been performed at the jail and commended on their initial recommendations.
6. Accounts Payable claims paid from the County Misdemeanant Fund were presented for review and Striker stated he will continue to use that fund for repairs while available before using the county's Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund appropriation.
7. On a final note, Striker informed the board that he will be presenting a request for a new server to replace one that has failed. This purchase will be paid with commissary funds.

Steve Biggerstaff of Cinergy Metronet presented a proposed franchise agreement to the Commissioners for cable TV installation in Wabash County. The board stated they will have their attorney review this agreement for consideration.

The Board of Commissioners then addressed the advertised appointments to be made to various boards as follows:

1. Re-appointed to the Wabash County Hospital board was Dr. James Duncan on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 2-0 vote.

2. Bonnie Fearnow was present to express her interest in the Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau Commission. The board thanked her for her interest and suggested she contact Trula Frank for various ways to serve with the bureau. They then re-appointed Louella Krom and Randy Fruitt to the commission board and appointed Marvin McNew to replace Rosemary Eppley who will serve as an ex-officio board member. All three appointments were made on a motion by Templin, seconded by Hauptert and a 2-0 vote.
3. To the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board, the Commissioners re-appointed Thomas J. Pinson on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 2-0 vote.
4. For the DNR recommended appointment for the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, the board re-appointed Ernie Passwater on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 2-0 vote.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown reported on the grant applications he had presented to the Commissioners earlier this year and stated he will confirm the quotes for proposed purchases when the grants are approved. Brown also discussed the proposed amended snow ordinance which will be prepared for the Commissioners' approval.

Jennifer Swango Environmental Health Specialist presented the amended Health Ordinances for approval. These amended ordinances had been reviewed by the Commissioner's Attorney Tom Mattern and rewritten by the Health Board's Attorney Larry Thrush.

1. The Hotel Ordinance fee schedules will be re-submitted to the Health Board for their April meeting. The fee schedule will be submitted separately.
2. The Sewer Installation Ordinance has been amended to include a reasonable fee as state law requires that the county must be able to show actual financial costs for programs and testing. Templin made a motion to allow the Health Board to regulate sewer installations with an amended initial registry fee for installers of \$75.00 annually. Hauptert seconded the motion to accept the Sewer Disposal Ordinance and it was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported to the Commissioners about battery back-up problems with her offices computers, shelving which has been installed for the voting machines and a request to transfer part-time money for Voter Registration staff which she will be submitting to the Wabash County Council. The board gave their unanimous approval for the request.

The Board of Commissioners also reviewed and approved the following:

1. Custodian D. Smith and R. Harris hours and claims for payroll.
2. Weights and Measures Report as of February 15, 2006.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, February 27, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the Wabash County Council meeting.