

MARCH 6, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on March 6, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with Darle Dawes absent. Minutes for the February 27, 2006 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Les Templin, seconded by Brian Hauptert with a 2-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Larry Rice reported the following items:

1. Division Rd at the Nipsco Station has been repaired by Nipsco. When weather permits, the County will finish the asphalt patching.
2. Bridge 13 is about 2 weeks to completion.
3. Old St Rd 15 is progressing well for the size of the project.
4. Bridge 910's deck was unable to be poured last week. Expect to pour deck this week.
5. Now that Alloys strike is over and settled, Old State Rd 24, at Wabash Alloys, will return to 55 miles per hour. Commissioner's Attorney, Tom Mattern, will draft a new ordinance to cancel existing speed limit ordinance and reinstate the 55 mile per hour speed limit.
6. A petition requesting chip and seal on road 100E between 700S and Old 15—Templin moved to have Rice schedule this road project, Seconded by Hauptert, approved 2-0.
7. Bridge 56 on County road 300E about ¼ mile north of 700N is in need of repair. On Monday, March 13, 2006, this portion of the road will be closed for 1 week to pour a concrete deck.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average daily population of 84 in Wabash County Jail this past week.

Emergency Management Agency Director, Bob Brown reported:

1. A request to proclaim March 5-11, 2006 Severe Weather Week in Wabash County. Templin moved to approve, seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote. On Wednesday, Brown stated there would be a state wide tornado "drill" to check equipment, and proper procedures.
2. Scheduling the moving of books from the Clerk's storage for the EMA expansion.
3. Quotes are being received for the Old State Highway building repairs. Ford Meter Box donated mercury vapor lights for the Old State Highway building. Also Brown will co-ordinate with Auditor's Office on cost and billing on providing dusk to dawn lights at the building. Rice stated that the Highway Department may have an existing light to use instead of having to purchase one.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, stated he had reviewed the Ordinance for sewer installations. Mattern saw no problem with the ordinance prepared by the Health Department's Attorney, Larry Thrush. General Ordinance (85-3) was signed and approved by Commissioners; Templin motioned to approve, seconded by Haupert approved by a 2-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Wabash County Courts, reported:

1. The dumb waiter in her office is repaired.
2. Quality Electric put in two new electrical circuits for \$240.00.
3. State will be here this week to move the server to one of the new circuits.
4. Draper needs a phone for the micro-film room and 3 headsets. Jane Skeens, Health Department, was present and also requested 2 phones for her department. Commissioners requested that Auditor Jane Ridgeway, check into pricing for the requested phones.
5. Draper also requested payment for a new computer for Circuit Court 4D hearings. Funds would be paid from 4D Incentive fund. The cost for the new computer would be \$1,553.00. Templin made a motion to approve the purchase. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 2-0 vote.
6. Draper informed Commissioners she would like to attend a Clerk's Conference and take one employee with her. They gave their permission.
7. For upcoming Election, Draper requested approval from the Commissioners to go to County Council with the request for transfer of funds for postage and mileage. Draper will be moving some voters to new precincts in primary election and in the fall elections. She will need postage to send mailers to inform voters of this change. Mileage is for election related travels.
8. A small table top copier is to be replaced by J-TAK.

Nancy Gribben, Wabash County Recorder, requested an electrical conduit on her office floor be moved. Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor, expressed her office has the same problem. A quote from Quality Electric for \$270.00 was presented for the Records Office. Templin requested that Auditor also get a quote for her office and try to combine the quote/project into one for both offices. Gribben also presented 3 quotes for a new Copier machine: Imagistics, Kyocera, and Office Concepts Inc. The cost would be paid from the Recorder's Perpetuation fund. Templin moved to approve the Imagistics purchase. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 2-0 vote. The quote from Imagistics was \$2193.00 plus the first year's maintenance fee of \$275.00. The price includes delivery, installation, set-up, and training.

The Auditor, presented a payment application for the Prosecutor's office and the Surveyor's office from Scarce & Rudisil. This includes payment for the architect and contractor work. Commissioners decided to hold off on approval until final walk through and punch lists are completed for the projects.

Linda McCammack, representing her brother, Neil Rish, Jr. requested approval from the Commissioners to fly the American Flag at the Wabash County Courthouse on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in honor of Mr. Rish. Rish is a Wabash Native who will be retiring from the U. S. Navy after 27 years of service. That flag will then be used as a part of his official retirement ceremony in August 11, 2006 aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin. Commissioners stated that they were honored to approve this request by Mr. Rish. Max Reed, Veterans Service Officer, will assist in the raising and lowering of the flag. Linda McCammack will attend representing the Rish family and be presented the flag on behalf of her brother.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

1. Dick Smith's custodial hours.
2. Claims allowance and Docket advertised to be paid March 6 with the following exceptions:
  - a. Pillar Corporation will not be paid for utility bills of \$728.45;
  - b. Circuit Court \$41.00 to Love Bug will not be paid;
  - c. Wedcor was advertised for \$50,000.00— only \$25,000.00 will be paid at this time.

The Board of Commissioners also reviewed the following:

1. Grant Agreement for Wabash County Council on Aging presented by Bev Ferry.
2. An IDEM Application for a confinement feeding operation for Ryan Rosen.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.