

MARCH 13, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on March 13, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with Les Templin present and Darle Dawes absent. Minutes for the March 06, 2006 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin, seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 2-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Larry Rice gave his weekly report to the Commissioners as follows:

1. CR 300E is closing today between 700N and 800N for repairs.
2. CR 1400N between 100W and 200W is also closed today and will be the rest of the week.
3. The Bridge 13 project is moving along and is open with flagmen.
4. Bridge 910 just north of LaFontaine had the deck poured last Friday and the project is a little ahead of schedule at this time due to the weather and next will be replacing a concrete box culvert.
5. Bridge 10 (Twin Bridges) have plates and rebar will be in this week and they expect to pour concrete soon.
6. The Ferry Street bridge (Bridge 505) project has documents delivered to Cathy Compton of the Historic Landmark Foundation. They have 30 days to reply.
7. Requests from MSD for school bus turn-around repair received this week have already been done.
8. Concerning a request from Manchester Community Schools for a school bus turn-around repair, the property owner has been notified that they need to replace the culvert before the County Highway department can fix the turn-around.
9. Rice discussed plans with Harry Beckel concerning expansion of his dairy operation and has established the route for the concrete delivery trucks.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average of 85 in jail population this week.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern presented an ordinance to restore normal traffic speed limits to the area around Wabash Alloys now that the strike has been settled as discussed in last week's meeting. Templin moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 2-0 vote. Mattern said the ordinance will need to be advertised. He also reviewed an agreement from SRI, Inc. to conduct a Commissioner's delinquent property tax sale for the county. He suggested the Commissioners may want to change an automatic renew clause that will continue the agreement unless a notice of cancellation is given 30 days in advance.

Templin asked the Auditor to contact SRI about amending this item (#4 on Page 2).

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper reported that the rolling file cabinets in her office are damaged and will have to be taken apart for repair which will be an expense to the county. She also inquired about the request for a phone in her microfilm room. The Auditor reported she had inquired about the cost for an additional phone in the Clerk's office as well as the ones requested by the Health department nurses. Templin moved they go ahead with the installation of the three additional phones. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 2-0 vote.

Deb Wagner of Deb's Cleaning Service inquired about washing the windows inside and out in the Judicial Center and Memorial Hall as well as the original Courthouse. Templin told her Council had cut their request for funding for window washing this year.

Bob Brown, Emergency Management Director, discussed National Response Plan compliance.

Katherine Carter-Lower of the Health Department reported on Health Board appointments and it was decided that she should notify the media of the Board openings in the fall prior to her board's October meeting in order for appointments to be made prior to January 1, 2007. She also discussed the Health Department fee increases that have been established by the County Health Board and approved by the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Computer Policy and Vacation and Overtime directive distributed to Department heads this week.

The Board of commissioners also reviewed and approved the following:

1. Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ending March 11, 2006.
2. Claim Voucher for CASA
3. IDEM Notice of Decision – Approval – Manchester Metals, LLC

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, March 20th, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.