

APRIL 3, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on April 3, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members present: Les Templin, Darle Dawes, and Brian Hauptert. Minutes for the March 27th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin, seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent gave his weekly report to the board concerning the Highway Department. Concerning the bids reviewed and accepted last week for overhead door at the old state highway building, Rice stated that the accepted bid of Fairmount Door for \$5458.00 was submitted in error as it did not include all needed components. Their amended quote for \$6008.00 was higher than the submitted quote from Overhead Door of Marion for \$5800.00. Templin moved to rescind the acceptance of the misquoted bid from Fairmount Door and to accept the bid of Overhead Door for \$5800.00. His motion was seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote of the Board. The Commissioners then signed a request for Additional Appropriations from County Council for this project which is to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The request will be presented at the April 24, 2006 County Council meeting.

Rice continued his report as follows:

1. Bridge #87 located just south of the Hopewell church is closing 500E today for a week from 200N to 300N for a deck replacement.
2. Rice presented a request for new tile replacement from Tony Krum on 500N approximately 504 feet west of 300W. The Commissioners approved the work which the county will do for a cost to the property owner of \$400.
3. A Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance for the Bridge 208 Rehab was received INDOT. Following review, Rice recommended approval and the Board of Commissioners approved and signed the inspection report.
4. Supervisor Rice then gave a brief report for the Purdue Road School noting that counties are noticing a 12.6% reduction in MVH distributions, which is about \$270,000 for Wabash County. He also noted that the new Major Moves money will now go to the MVH fund rather than LR&S. Receipts to date from the state for LR&S funds are also down approximately 6%.

Wabash County Jail Commander Mark Henderson reported for the Sheriff's department:

1. An average daily population of 84 in the jail this past week with a peak of 87 and 79 in the jail today.
2. He commented that jail door maintenance work is being done as time allows.

Bob Brown, Emergency Management Director, reported to the Commissioners:

1. The new EOC program room is set up and working well. There have been seven meetings in the new room to date. Only three were for EMA as other officials in the courthouse have been able to use the room for meetings and demonstrations as well.

- 2, Brown also reported on the EMAC grants from Homeland Security that have been approved for the projects he submitted to the Commissioners for approval and that the State Homeland Security LETPP grants will pick up the difference on the funding of the projects. Brown said the State Area Coordinator will be in Wabash County tomorrow to go over the details of the actual grant. Commissioner Templin stated that this board has already approved the preliminary grant projects and Brown said he would be back with the details of the grant. Templin moved to accept the grant projects subject to the approval from the state. His motion was seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote of the board.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, reported a tort claim filed against the county this past week would be best discussed in Executive Session. The Commissioners decided to meet in Executive Session next week, April 10th at 8:30 A.M. prior to the regular weekly meeting.

Mattern also reviewed the agreements received concerning Commissioner Certificate Sales and Delinquent Property Tax Sales. The board decided to contract with SRI Inc. for a one year period at a commission of \$60.00 per Tax Sale property sold and \$50.00 per Commissioner Certificate Property sold. Templin moved to accept the agreement with SRI, Inc. seconded by Dawes and approved for the year 2006 sales by a 3-0 vote.

Jennifer Swango, Environmental Sanitarian of the Wabash County Health Department, presented a revised fee schedule passed by the Health Board which included a new fee for septic systems of \$100.00 for a new system installation permit and \$50.00 for a system repair permit. Swango reported an informal survey of approximately 52 other Indiana counties showed an average of \$50-\$75 for new septic systems and \$15-\$45 for repair. A letter from Larry Thrush, Attorney for the Health Board, confirmed the approval of the Commissioners is needed for the establishment or changing of the fees charged by the Health Department.

The Board of Commissioners can approve or reduce the fees. Following discussion the Board decided to return the fees request to the Health Board to consider a reduction in the proposed fees. Reporting from a recent state conference, Swango stated that the county will need to establish a swimming pool ordinance this year also.

Jeff Kumfer, representing Scarse-Rudisil Architects was present to review change orders submitted by D-T Construction for both the Surveyor's Office Project and Prosecutor's Office Projects.

- A. Extra work for EXIT lights in the Prosecutor's office project. + \$400.
- B. Extra jack added for the Prosecutor's office telephones. + \$125.
- C. Credit for a change order in cabinets for the Prosecutor's office. - \$240,
For a net change order of \$285. - Approved.

D. Additional work order for repairs to the former Judge's restroom on the second floor of the courthouse. Add on + \$1475. - Approved.

E. Repairing three soft spots on the floor of the Surveyor's office. + \$1053. - Approved.

F. Adding 16 additional electrical outlets for the Extension office on the second floor of the Courthouse. This request was tabled for further information and discussion with Dennis McKee of D-T Construction and Larry Hoover of Quality Electric. It was noted that Quality Electric had to be called back to add ground wire to the outlets that were installed in the Extension Office remodeling. It was also noted that some of the windows in the Prosecutor's office have broken seals. Kroft Construction will be contacted about the broken seals as the windows were purchased and installed by them and should be under warranty. As to a crack in one of the windows, it was the consensus that D-T Construction should be contacted concerning the crack as it was not noted prior to the remodeling. Templin moved for approval to pay D-T Construction the above approved change orders subject to a final check with Jeff Kumfer and the Auditor for a total \$2813.00. His motion was seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Kumfer was asked to continue with the estimates and plans for the Courthouse roof and gutter repair. He was asked to use local contractors and suppliers as much as possible for this project. Kumfer was also asked to continue with the signage project for the offices in the Courthouse complex. The Commissioners asked him to contact Bob Brown of EMA who was also working on signage needs for the Courthouse for compliance and codes required and to also check into having the historic lettering on the transoms of the Courthouse offices changed in keeping with the changes in the location of the offices.

The Commissioners reviewed an amendment to the contract with MJV for cleaning the judicial center offices to include the Prosecutor's offices. This amendment was approved on a motion by Templin, a second by Dawes and a 3-0 vote.

The Board of Commissioners then reviewed quotes and proposals for the renewal of the employee health care policy as presented recently by Carol Sipes of Strategic Health Plans, Inc. The new policy premiums will reflect an increase of approximately 16% for the policy year beginning April 1, 2006 due to a high volume of large claims during the past year. Adjustments will be made in the next few weeks for the necessary increase and options available to employees.

The Commissioners will have to request Additional Appropriations for the premium increases probably by July 1, 2006 to have enough funding for the counties share of the premiums.

As noted last week, the Commissioners re-appointed John (Jack) Miller to serve as their representative on the Wabash City Economic Development Commission for another term.

The Board of Commissioners then reviewed the following:

1. Quote from Quality Electric to repair or replace the water cooler on the second floor of the Courthouse. Following review and discussion, Templin moved to accept the quote to replace the cooler. This motion was seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote.
2. An invoice from Quality Electric for a service call to close the hatch on the clock tower on March 14, 2006 during a wind storm was approved for payment.
3. An amendment from Maximus for cost recovery analysis.
4. Notice from IDEM for approval of a confinement operation by John Lynn.
5. Hours worked by Custodian D.Smith at the jail and courthouse complex.

The Board of Commissioners then signed and approved:

1. The Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket as advertised for review for payment on April 3rd.

Following the regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session with Highway Supervisor Larry Rice and dairy owner Harry Bekel concerning the expansion of his dairy and new construction concerns dealing with possible damage to county roads. Bekel is willing to work with the Commissioners and Rice in contacting the contractors and subcontractors on the proposed project to help avoid problems and safety concerns as well as damage to county roads which will be repairs. The meeting ended with the board thanking Bekel for his time and considerations in working with the county.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.