

APRIL 17, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on April 17, 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. The official minutes from the April 3rd meeting that were approved last week were signed by Commissioners. Minutes for the April 10th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin, seconded by Dawes and 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. The proposal for the Highway Drug Testing policy as presented last week was reviewed by Commissioners and Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney. Templin made a motion to approve proposal. It was seconded by Dawes, approved with a 3-0 vote, and signed by Commissioners.
2. A request for permission from AT&T to bury cable at 400W from and across 1200S would replace an old existing cable was approved by the board.
3. Rice discussed with the Commissioners the pending construction of a new observatory off of 300W that will involve numerous loads of concrete. Construction is to be done by Marvin Metzger Contractor pending funding. Concern is that the county road will not "hold up" due to the construction travel during this phase. The board discussed what options are available to the county such as weight limits. The board will research the situation and discuss the issue with the Planning Commission. Driveway entrances and deceleration lanes have also been discussed for traffic flow and construction traffic.
4. The Old State Road 15 Phase II project is moving along well. The twin bridges area will not open to the public until the road is complete. Rice believes that the project is moving along ahead of schedule.
5. The Bridge 505 – (Ferry Street) planned project was discussed concerning a letter received from DNR concerning the historic preservation of the bridge. Rice will discuss the situation with United Consulting officials.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker was not present at meeting. He contacted and reported to the Auditor, an average population of 86 for Wabash County Jail last week.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, gave his report to the board as follows: a) The State requires a situation report on all roads closed or damage following storms. He conferred with Larry Rice who stated that 100E from 700S and SR 15 was closed today as well as 300E from 124 to 700S following the weekend storms. b) Next Wednesday he will be training county employees for the deliberator. c) Testing on the EMA generator at the courthouse will be this afternoon again

and all electricity will need to be done. The Auditor will notify the other offices... d) CERT course training will be done this week and next.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

1. The Additional Appropriation Request to Council for utility bills payable to Pillar Corporation for final expenses due to the extension of the rental agreement for the Prosecutor's offices for January and February of 2006.
2. Financial report for the period ending March 31, 2006.
3. Quote received for sealing the parking lot of the courthouse.
4. Monthly report from the Clerk of the Courts for March, 2006
5. IDEM – Renewal Reminder for Wabash Alloys RWS I operating permit.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, April 24, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the County Council meeting.