

APRIL 24, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on April 24, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. following County Council Meeting. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with 2 members present: Darle Dawes and Brian Hauptert. Les Templin was on vacation. Minutes for the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Dawes, seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. A request from Verizon to bury a cable from the NE corner of 1400 N to 500 E which would then go under 500 E and bury 750 feet west to 4898 E. Commissioners signed and approved this request.
2. No new information on the observation project discussed last week.
3. Quotes for the continued restoration of the old state highway building located at the county highway department submitted:

<u>Electrical:</u>	Elmers	\$8,610.00
	Duncan	\$27,956.00
	Tri W	\$6,840.25
	Quality Electric	\$8,470.00
<u>Chimneys</u>	K&L Construction	\$6,384.00
	Hanks Construction	\$5,500.00
<u>Windows</u>	Draper Construction	\$6,260.00
	Gary Frierhood Carpentry	\$10,450.00

Commissioners, Dawes and Hauptert, approved quotes to be presented to the County Council to request additional appropriations from Cumulative Capital Development Fund as follows: Elmers \$8,610.00 for the Electrical work, Hanks Construction \$6,384.00 for the Chimney repair, and Draper Construction \$6,260.00 for the window replacement with a total of \$20,370.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, presented for approval:

1. Homeland Security Grant for 2005 from the State has been approved for \$9,500. Brown stated the Grant is for a County wide ID system. Currently Brown has found one company, Identi Systems, which many counties are currently using in Indiana. It would have picture ID as well as bar codes that could be scanned with a reader. Also the ID cards could be worn around the neck or like a credit card to fit into the wallet. Brown is pursuing other quotes and information on similar systems.

2. Bids for 15 hand held 800 mhz radio's:

Motorola:	\$21,690.00
J & K Communication	\$24,303.37

Brown stated since the radios are to be used at local fire stations he spoke with several

Chief's and they preferred Motorola. Brown recommended going with Motorola.

3. Law Enforcement Mobil Data Systems, computers in the squad cards and EMA vehicles, need to be purchased and Wabash County has been approved grant money from the State for the Home Land Security Grant of \$9,075.05, \$3,275.25 and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant for \$40,000 totaling \$52,350.00. This Grant money allows the county to purchase 6 units. Brown stated Motorola is the only company to offer this system. No quote comparison need be done.

4. Brown requested extra hours for his administrative assistant to work on grants, updating, rewriting, and submissions for the state. A total of \$4306.00 had been approved from the state as a grant for this amount which includes FICA and Medicare withholdings. It would be at no extra cost to Wabash County for those extra hours.

Dawes made a motion to approve all of Browns requests. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Tom Mattern, Wabash Co. Commissioners Attorney, discussed:

1. The completion of a contract with Al Plummer, Pillar Inc., is still in process.
2. Mattern spoke with the Insurance Company concerning a Tort Claim from Mr. Barshney. Haupert stated that Templin had spoken with a law firm that was representing the Insurance Company to possibly represent Wabash County. According to the Insurance Company, this would be considered a conflict of interest and a new lawyer would need to be attained.

Toby Steffen, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, discussed the following:

1. A progress report for Bridge 13. The contractor was able to get the road open to traffic and has not been charged with any liquidated damage at this time. Steffen stated there would possibly be a pre-final meeting concerning Bridge 13 with Jim Keefer to look at guardrails.
2. Monthly report for Old State Road 15 Phase II project. In agreement with Rice that the project is progressing well, probably ahead of schedule at this time.

The Board of Commissioners signed and approved the following:

1. Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for the period ending April 22, 2006.
2. Weights and Measures Report for period ending April 15, 2006.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. Sheriff's Insurance Claims which were approved by the Commissioners as an Emergency Appropriation. Commissioners will ask the County Council to re-visit the Additional Appropriation request in the May Council meeting.
2. Scarse-Rudisil submitted change order #2 and final payment application #4 for the Prosecutors Office project. Commissioners decided to table this submission until the next meeting on May 1, 2006.
3. Dick Smith, Custodian of Wabash County Sheriff's Department, hours.
4. Mr. Kevin Bechtold submitted an application request for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation to IDEM. IDEM is reviewing all information at present time.
5. Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor discussed a Highway Unemployment Claim judged payable by Highway department.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.