

MAY 1, 2006

The Wabash Co. Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash Co. Courthouse on May 1, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Haupert called the meeting to order with all members present: Les Templin, Darle Dawes, and Brian Haupert. Minutes for the April 24th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin, seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote. Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, expressed one concern from the April 24th minutes: The Unemployment claim the Highway department must pay was not judged payable by the Highway Department. The necessity to pay was decided by Indiana Work Force Development. Commissioners noted agreement with Rice.

Leroy Striker, Wabash Co. Sheriff reported the following:

1. 94 average daily population in Wabash county Jail this past week.
2. Cleaning and work around the Sheriff's Department this week is in process: Painting, moving bushes in the alleyway, repairing leaks. Striker stated the roof is in need of repair and will need estimates. Striker also stated that funds from the State of Indiana Department of Correction for the Misdemeanor Fund will be received approximately September 01, 2006 totaling \$25072.00. This Fund can be used for needed repairs.

Dallas Duggan, Wabash Co. Probation, informed Commissioners that the 2001 Van used for transports and field visits, which has over 100,000 miles, needs repair. Repair costs from 2003-2005 totaled around \$600.00. Current repair cost would exceed \$1000.00 or more. Dawes stated the van may need to be replaced. Commissioners gave permission to obtain quotes for a newer van.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. General Bridge Inspection done on Bridge #18, Roann Covered Bridge, found that it will need a new roof. The Roann Covered Bridge Association agrees. It currently has wood-cedar shake shingles. Rice suggested we put this on the back burner until the final Bridge Inspection report is received.
2. John Hartsough, one of the property owners responsible for a ditch in the North Manchester, found a problem with this particular ditch while cleaning it. Hartsough contacted Troy Eads to help with work needed done. Hartsough also contacted Rice to inform him of the issues and work. The bill for the work by Troy Eads was for \$320.00 and \$200.00 from John Hartsough (Creekside Farm) for labor and equipment use. Rice informed Hartsough that in the future the County must be notified of any needed work to be done and receive pre-approval ahead of time. The Commissioners decided to go ahead and approve payment to Troy

Eads. Templin moved to pay the bill to Troy Eads for \$320.00. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

3. United Consulting received a Memorandum agreement concerning Bridge 505, Ferry St. Bridge. They are presently working on acquiring grants available for historical bridges.
4. Miami County Highway Engineer Kenneth L. Einselen, contacted Rice concerning Bridge #16 on Miami County Rd 700 East (Wabash Co. Rd. 800 West) at 11485 North over a branch of Squirrel Creek. This bridge is in need of replacement in the near future. Miami County had requested a potential joint effort on repair costs. Based on the statute 8-17-1-45, Bridge #16 is a Miami County Bridge and not a Wabash County Bridge. Templin made a motion to deny this request. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.
5. Over the weekend, Noble Township Fire Department contacted the Highway Department requesting a backhoe to help with a fire at a hog farm in Noble Township. Highway Department did respond. Man hours and equipment were used to help. A non-county company was called and was on the scene as well. Rice asked 2 questions: 1. When we do not know who is asking or what is needed, do we respond? 2. Who does the county send the bill to? Commissioners stated this was on private property and since there was a non-county company already on the scene the Highway Department should not have gone. Second, the bill should be sent to the property owner and their insurance should cover the cost. Bob Brown, Emergency Management Director, stated that he was not contacted until much later after the Highway department had responded. Brown agreed resources should not have come from the county. Brown also felt communication was not handled well. Brown feels we need to work on a better line of communication between the fire departments and the emergency agencies of the county. IDEM requested Brown examine the area. Brown stated there was no known cause of the fire at this time.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, discussed:

1. The newest information on the Tort Claim Notice.
2. A letter response from Pillar Corp. concerning the final portion of the Prosecutors Lease.

Nancy Gribben, Wabash Co. Recorder, asked about the quotes received from Quality Electric to remove existing electrical conduits from the Recorder and Auditor Offices. Templin motioned to accept Quality Electric's quote and to move ahead with the projects. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Bev Terry, Council on Aging, presented:

1. 1st quarter transit report, with almost 8,000 transports. The demand has risen and they had to turn some folks down. Terry also stated they

would have to watch the number of trips this year due to the gas price increases. Terry stated the current Transit Manager will be retiring on May 26, 2006. A replacement is being sought. They have several good candidates.

2. Fliers to be placed in the court house promoting Memory Care Connection Day, May 6, 2006. Memory Care Connection is supported by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, discussed:

1. Flood Flight training school at Grissom in May— EMA will be attending.
2. A second defibrillator acquired by Wabash County will be installed at the Dallas Winchester Senior Center.

Jay Harvey and Carol Sipes, Strategic Health Plans, reviewed the new rates for Employee Health Care Coverage for the renewal policy activated April 1, 2006. The new changes will be reflected on the May 8, 2006 pay period. These amounts are per pay period as follows:

1. Employee Only: \$61.00
2. Employee & Child(ren) \$127.07
3. Employee & Spouse \$131.05
4. Employee & Family \$148.25

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor, received approval from the County Council on March 27, 2006 for a temporary loan from Local Road & Street Fund for the County General Fund for up to \$1,000,000.00 as needed for cash flow between Tax Settlements. Ridgeway informed Commissioners that \$500,000. was transferred last week as part of this temporary loan.

The Board of Commissioners signed and approved the following:

1. Accounts Payable Claims Allowance Docket for May 1, 2006 payment.
2. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for March, 2006.
3. An additional appropriation request for CCD fund—Highway for \$20,370.00.
4. Remote access agreements were approved with AS2 for the County Assessor's Office and Fundware for the County Auditors Office.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. Strawberry Festival Parade Entry form.
2. IDEM—Public Notice for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation and Midwest Poultry Services.

The Commissioners set June 23, 2006 as the County Surplus Property Auction Date. It will be held at the County Highway Department Garage at 4:00 P.M.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.