

MAY 08, 2006

The Wabash Co. Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash Co. Courthouse on May 08, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. Vice President Darle Dawes called the meeting to order with 2 members present: Les Templin, Darle Dawes. Brian Hauptert, President, was on vacation. Minutes for the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin, seconded by Dawes and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. The Old State Rd 15 Phase II project is going well.
2. 950 S-300 W Project (DNR)
  - a. Rice said the plan is to have the 300 W section done by Memorial Day or the week after.
  - b. And, Rice is expecting the 950 S portion done by Oct 1, 2006.
  - c. Rice has been in contact with the DNR & INDOT regarding the observatory project. The road will have an 8 inch sub-surface and 4 inches of asphalt. The road will be able to carry the observatory traffic, but it may not be able to handle the concrete truck construction traffic.
  - d. Work is estimated to start July 2006 on smaller buildings in the project. The larger building in the project is scheduled to start late summer or fall 2006.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, was present at meeting but had nothing to report today.

Jerry Welsh and Nancy Jones, residents of River Road, presented a petition with 18 signatures from residents of the River Road area concerning a reduced speed limit posting on that road. Welsh and Jones stated many issues due to no posted speed limit: motorcycles racing, excess speeding, dangerous for anyone trying to walk on the road, many deer in the area, and many of the houses are very close to the road. Welsh, Jones and the others are requesting a reduced speed limit be set on this road. Templin motioned to take the petition under advisement. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 2-0 vote. Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, commented their needed to be a study done to estimate what the best speed limit would be for that particular area taking all of the conditions into consideration. This is what will be done while under advisement.

Lori Draper, Wabash Co. Clerk of the Courts, reported that the voting machines worked very well for Primary Election day May 2nd. Currently both new and old machines were used. Draper stated she would strongly suggest replacing the old with machines if monies can be acquired to do so.

Leroy Striker, Wabash Co. Sheriff reported the following:

1. 96.9 average daily population in Wabash county Jail this past week. At one point there where 148 in the jail over the weekend. This was partially due to 30 plus consuming minors arrested in North Manchester.
2. Striker stated they may have found a good used vehicle with 52,000 miles on it. It is a Crown Victoria. Payment for vehicle would come from Commissary money. Striker is not trying to increase the fleet. He wants to replace existing vehicles that are over 100,000 miles. Commissioners stated this was fine and to keep them advised.
3. Striker has another Crown Victoria that has had repairs done in the last 2 years at the dealership. The dealership is going to reimburse the Sheriff's Department for work done. Striker requested approval from the Commissioners to go before the Wabash Co. Council to recommend that the reimbursed monies go back into the budget appropriation it was expended from, (Supplies: Garage & Motor). Commissioners agreed they would recommend this request to the Council in the May 22, 2006 meeting.

Ernie Passwater, representing Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, was present to set up a meeting with the commissioners to discuss the Wabash River Trail.

The Board of Commissioners signed and approved the following:

1. Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended May 6, 2006.
2. Dick Smith, Custodian of Wabash Co. Sheriff's Department, hours.
3. An Additional Appropriation Request for \$29,000.00 to present to the County Council that will cover the cost to finish remodeling the second floor of the Wabash Co. Courthouse.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. A Letter from the Indiana Department of Labor regarding wage scales set at Common Construction Wage Hearings in Indiana.
2. Abell/Irvin elevator: Dumbwaiter Safety Test: State Number 101340 Review Letter.
3. INDOT Purchase Order for Highway Department totaling \$7216.49.
4. Letter from Tom Mattern concerning an attorney recommendation pertaining to the Tort Claim Notice.
5. Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda-May 10, 2006.
6. Letter from Karr Tuckpointing Company, Inc. offering services for masonry work.
7. Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC stating a change of company work hours.
8. IDEM Notice of public hearing concerning Wabash Alloys.

9. Notice of Public Hearing before Board of Zoning/City of Wabash—  
Sycamore Group LLC & Wabash Investments LLC requesting a special  
exception.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 29, 2006. The Courthouse will be closed in observance. This will push the Commissioners meeting to Tuesday, May 30, 2006. Commissioners have chosen May 30<sup>th</sup> to meet with Jane Ridgeway, Wabash Co. Auditor, to begin work on the 2007 Commissioners Budgets.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.