

MAY 15, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on May 15, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members present: Brian Hauptert, Les Templin, and Darle Dawes. Minutes for the May 8th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin, seconded by Dawes and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Dallas Duggan, Wabash Co. Probation, presented quotes for a newer van. A request to use \$20,000.00 from the Electronic Home Detention fund will be presented to the County Council on May 22, 2006. All quotes presented included a trade in deduction on the current van, a 2001 Pontiac Montana:

Wabash Valley Chrysler, LLC: 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan SE
\$17,606.25

Dorais Chevrolet: 2005 Chevrolet Venture Van
\$12,900.00
2006 Chevrolet Uplander Van
\$15,700.00

Maggart, Inc. 2004 Escape
\$10,300.00
2002 Jeep Liberty
\$10,300.00

Denney Motor Sales: 2005 GMC Envoy
\$18,200.00

Commissioners reviewed all quotes submitted. Templin made a motion to purchase the new 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan SE from Wabash Valley Chrysler, LLC pending Council approval. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. The request at the May 8th Commissioners meeting for a posted speed limit on River Road was studied. Rice's recommendation for the 3000 foot road was a 40 MPH speed limit. Following discussion, Templin motioned to reduce the speed limit to 40 MPH. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote. Commissioners Attorney, Tom Mattern, will be drawing up an ordinance for this approved speed limit to be posted.

2. Rice reviewed an article from the County Highway Report and reminded Commissioners that the Major Moves money could be 25% less than had been expected. This will affect the funds available for projects in Wabash County.
3. Rice reported on a proposal from American Animal Control from Syracuse that would have 24 hour animal pick-up. No action was taken.
4. Rice updated Commissioners on the dairy expansion project owned by Harry Bekel north of LaFontaine. Rice has been assisting Bekel with getting information from the INDOT office in Ft. Wayne concerning use of a culvert on State Road 15.
5. A survey has been done of the Ferry Street Bridge in order to obtain possible monies given for Historic Bridges, United Consulting is working on that.
6. Rice stated a weight limit needs to be considered on 950 S & 300 W. Engineers on the project do not think the road will be able to handle fully loaded concrete trucks for the construction of the observatory.
7. The new county highway trucks are in and equipment is to be put on.
8. The Old State Highway Building Roof is leaking. Forward progress on attaining monies and repair would be prudent at this time.

Dawes report to Rice that Allen Rice, resident of 1100 N and 400 E, called him stating some of the culverts are plugged and water is running across his fields. Rice acknowledged he would look into the issue.

Ernie Passwater, representing Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, rescheduled a meeting with the board for June 12, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reviewed the River Road Speed Limit information but had nothing else to report today.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported the following:

1. Cleaning out of the EMA area of Wabash Courthouse is in progress.
2. Tuesday morning the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator training will be conducted.
3. Brown has scheduled an exercise for a potential pandemic flu outbreak at the Wabash County Hospital June 20-23, 2006.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash Co. Auditor, informed Commissioners that Request for Proposals for the GIS system were sent out last week by Wabash Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel. Proposals are due back by May 31, 2006. The GIS Committee will review each one and will report findings and recommendations to the Commissioners on June 5, 2006. Ridgeway also presented an Outline Proposal for Wabash County Government Health Insurance Benefits prepared by Strategic Health Plans Corp. for future consideration.

Commissioners signed and approved the following:

1. Dick Smith, Custodian of Wabash Co. Sheriff's Department, hours.

2. Monthly Report—Clerk of the Circuit Court—April 30, 2006

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. IDEM acceptance letter for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations for Midwest Poultry

Services, LP, Manager: Mr. Kevin Bechtold. A second IDEM letter regarding construction

Of a solid manure building for Mr. Kevin Bechtold acknowledged receipt of request but,

not to start construction until all information is complete and processed by IDEM.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, May 22, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 10:00 A.M. following the County Council meeting.