

MAY 22, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on May 22, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. following Wabash County Council meeting. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members present: Brian Hauptert, Les Templin, and Darle Dawes. Minutes for the May 15th meeting were amended as follows: (1) A culvert on State Rd 15 near the dairy expansion owned by Harry Bekel was not a replacement but he is seeking permission to use the culvert and (2) A survey on the Ferry Bridge has been done by United Consultants and they are currently waiting on funds available. The amendments were approved on a motion made by Templin, seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. Rice presented the Highway Annual Report completed, approved, and signed by Commissioners.
2. A request from West Bay Geophysical for another test on 200N between 400W and 100W.
3. A request from Verizon to bore under the road for a new phone line at 3441 W 1450N* - ¼ mile west of State Rd 13.
4. Rice spoke with Allen Rice who is having drainage problems in his field. Property owner, Ryan Anguilm put stone in the field entrance and not a culvert. Rice stated he needs to contact Anguilm and inform him that he needs to put a culvert in the field entrance.
5. Rice had inquired on road 300W and 950S* as to the weight limit for the observatory construction traffic. Rice stated work is ensuing during daylight hours and Saturdays* to attempt to finish 300W.
6. There will be an increase of .08 cents per gallon in cost of asphalt oil for chip and seal.

Wabash County has included an escalation clause in the supply bids.

Ted Little, County Council Member, scheduled a special meeting with Commissioners set for June 13, 2006 at 1:00PM.

Max Reed, Wabash County Veterans Officer, informed Commissioners of complaints from the Garden Club on the appearance of donated flower beds. The Garden Club asked that more care be taken of shrubs and other plantings. If the appearance looks bad, it implies poor work on their part which is not the case. As this work is done on a volunteer basis, we as a county do not want not to discourage volunteers but to encourage and appreciate all their hard work.

Templin stated he made contact with Wabash Portable Equipment on the purchase of attachments for the lawnmower. The approximate cost could be \$160.00 for a mulcher and \$800 for a grass catcher. This could be paid from the Courthouse Account for Lawn Care. Templin moved to purchase the mulching attachment. It was seconded by Dawes and Approved with a 3-0 vote. Templin stated The Custodian would need to be notified to take the lawnmower to Wabash Portable for Service. Reed also commented that the electric lights at the veteran's memorial on the courthouse lawn are not working and need to be repaired.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, presented the ordinance for the Speed limit posting on River Road. In review, it will need to be more detailed. He will amend and present again.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported that the new defibrillators were delivered and training was complete. Nine persons were trained, including Keith Walters, Local Public Health Coordinator.

Commissioners signed and approved the following:

1. Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for Period Ending May 20, 2006
2. Claim from Hank's Construction, Inc. for \$5,500.00 for chimney removal to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and a claim for \$500. will be paid from the Highway Fund for removing the bricks.
3. The County Surplus Property auction contract was approved and signed with Tony Stout, Auctioneer. The Auction is scheduled for June 23, 2006 at 4:00PM at the Highway Garage.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. News Release: Lutheran Health Network joins Encore
2. Weights and Measures monthly report—May 15, 2006
3. Universal Valuation, Inc appraisal of Old State Highway Building
4. Letter from Metropolitan School District of Wabash Co. requesting a load of stone in the alley of 68 East Jefferson Street in Urbana, Indiana where Bus driver Lucy Sundheimer, (Bus 28), parks her bus. Larry Rice stated that they were working on this.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 30, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.