

June 5, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners meet in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on June 5, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members present: Les Templin, Darle Dawes, and Brian Hauptert. The official minutes from the May 30, 2006 meeting had one amendment: The lawsuit case discussed was not the Bardsney Case but the Barshney Case. Templin moved to approve the notes as amended. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Commissioners received a Letter of Resignation from Phil Mendenhall from the ABC Board. The resignation is due to health reasons. Templin motioned to accept the resignation. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote. Commissioners gave Mendenhall their appreciation for his long active service.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. Two requests to bury a cable from Verizon: A.
 - a. ¼ mile North of SR114 in the West R.O.W. CR 700W –bury 245 feet south to
12882 N. 700 W. This is a relocation of service wire for culvert work.
 - b. ¼ mile East of CR 100 E—bury from Verizon Ped 31402 P. 33 on North Side of
CR 200N 150 feet East then bore 35 feet to 1313 E 200N to the Snyder residence.
Rice stated he does not see a problem with either request.
The Commissioners approved both cable requests.
2. Rice stated a date needs to be set the first part of July to receive bids for Rock Salt for
Winter Calcium Chloride. Rice prefers the second week-- July 10 at 10:00 A.M. The Commissioners set this as the date to receive the bids.
3. Rice informed the board of a Local Road & Street project with 3 phases. Each will be separate in the specs. It will need to be advertised for bids. It includes streets* in Disko, Laketon & Liberty Mills. The Commissioners set the date to receive bids at 10:00 A.M. on June 26, 2006.
4. Rice showed pictures of road damage at 300W—1500 feet South of 400S.
5. Reported that calcium or dust control is done for the year.

Leroy Striker, Wabash Co. Sheriff, reported:

1. An average population of approximately 95 in the Wabash Co. Jail this week.
2. The E911 Board recommended looking for a company to research and do an assessment for central dispatch. A quote was received from Advanced Communications Design:

48 hours service at \$100 per hour--	\$4,800.00
4 trips to Wabash County at \$0.35 per hour--\$	<u>196.00</u>
Total	\$4,996.00

Templin moved to approve to send to council as an additional appropriation request.

It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

3. The internal remodeling project at the jail is processing. They are currently obtaining quotes from 4 contractors.
4. Striker stated that he still needs clarification as to what the Commissioners would like him to do with the department's 1955 Jeep. It has historical and antique value, but it is not something the Sheriff's Department needs. Striker requested suggestions as to where it would best be suited. Bob Brown, EMA Director, stated several volunteer members of the EMA would be interest in using and restoring it for the use in parades and similar activities. Brown stated Commissioners could give to EMA. If the county does not like how they have restored it or used it, then the Commissioners could still sell it at a later date. Templin moved to transfer the 1955 Jeep from the Sheriff Department to the EMA Department. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.
5. Striker informed the Commissioners he will be down to 3 canines in his department. One of the dog's handlers has resigned. Striker wrote an agreement with Mike Shrider who will continue to train and certify this dog for bomb explosion and will make it available to the county on a "call in" basis as needed. Commissioners approved this agreement.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, informed the Commissioners of the following:

1. Draper received a faxed memorandum from the State Election Board. There is a need to redistrict 2 or 3 Wabash precincts due to annexation, the annexation in Roann (Paw-Paw township) will change the precinct boundaries there and population increases in Pleasant Township may cause a change in that precinct. Draper stated an Attorney is needed to check over IC 3-11-1.5. Draper stated she would get back with Commissioners on June 19 regarding this memorandum. There is an August Deadline. The County Commissioners are the ones who will set the precinct boundaries.
2. Draper stated her office may have to purchase a new PC for their counter. The power pack may have died. It is still under CSI maintenance agreement.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, informed Commissioners:

1. There are problems with locks on the storage room.
2. Brown will be at school for the next 3 days, June 6-8, 2006.

Bev Ferry, Wabash Co. Council on Aging, gave her report to the board:

1. Ferry introduced Erin McComb, the Lilly intern from Manchester College. McComb's internship is for 400 hours this summer. McComb will be writing grants.
2. Ferry requested approval from Commissioners in applying for Transportation Grants. Ferry is asking for a high top van. Commissioners gave approval on the application process.
3. Tom DeArmond just started as the new Transportation Manager.
4. Ferry requested an increase of \$2,500.00 from the county for the 2007 Budgets.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

1. Payroll claims register for period ending June 3, 2006.
2. Claims Register Allowance Docket for June 5, 2006 payment.

Following a meeting with a WEDCOR committee, the Commissioners discussed establishing a Redevelopment Commission for Wabash County. Templin made a motion to proceed with establishing a Redevelopment Commission. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 2-0 vote. (At this time Dawes was absent from the meeting.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the regular session, Commissioners met in executive session to discuss personnel matters. They discussed information regarding the Retirement and Health Insurance Benefits and a possible change in the county's policy. At this time, the Commissioners decided unanimously not to make any changes in the current policy.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, June 12th, 2006, in the former Circuit Court Room, on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the County Council meeting.

*As Amended June 12, 2006