

JUNE 19, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on June 19, 2006 at 9:00 A. M. President Brian Haupert called the meeting to order with all members present: Brian Haupert, Darle Dawes, and Les Templin. The minutes from the June 12, 2006 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. 50 miles of the Chip and Seal Project have been completed.
2. Rice presented a proposal from Endsley Rendering, 4366 S Strawtown Pike, Peru Indiana for "Dead stock Removal." This consists of the removal of deer that have been struck and killed on the county roads. Rice said that the county averages about 5 deer a month so at \$50.00 a piece this should cost approximately \$3000.00 per year. Rice stated this would be paid from the County Highway Dept. funds. It will be a new line item in the 2007 budget. A second proposal had been received with a yearly cost of \$20,000. Rice recommended Endsley Rendering's proposal be approved. Templin agreed and moved to approve the Endsley Rendering's proposal. It was seconded by Dawes and approved by 3-0 vote.
3. Rice then reported that road damages payments have not been received from 3 property owners. The board discussed that Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney should be notified to follow up on this situation.
4. Rice inquired whether or not the Commissioners had reviewed the draft presented last week concerning road damage. Templin stated it is definitely an issue of concern and discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

Julia Felger of Manchester Realty, presented a request to vacate an unimproved part of Mill Street in Laketon. Felger has recently sold the property to the west where the previous owners always thought that this area was part of their property, a survey has shown the area as part of Mill Street. Felger reported that the owners to the east of the property are not interested and requested on behalf of her client that the street be vacated and turned over to the new owners of the property. Commissioners stated Felger would need to draw up a petition and should contact the Plan Commission who would give them all the details on the necessary requirements. Commissioners also set a tentative date for a Hearing on this issue. The hearing date was set for July 17, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.

A request was signed by Judge Goff for the Court Security Department requesting a new computer and software. No action was taken. The

Commissioners will seek further information for this request and discuss it with Security.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, presented the following items:

1. The new scanning system is working great. Although Draper stated the flatbed scanner is not large enough. Draper is working with CSI on a deal to replace the flatbed scanner with one from Sullivan County, which they do not use, and is much larger.
2. The Clerks office is not cool enough in the summer and not warm enough in the winter. Commissioners gave the go ahead for Draper to contact Quality Electric to check about correcting the problem with the heating and cooling system.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, stated he had spoken with a Lawyer from Nappanee concerning a possible Class Action Suit. Mattern stated this should be reviewed at an Executive Session. The Board called an Executive Session for next week, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners reviewed a letter received from Robert R. McCallen III, Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court. The letter stated a desire for the Commissioners and the County Council to review the idea of an ordinance that would help with cost cutting in the Circuit and Superior Court specifically in regard to the representation of indigent persons in Wabash County. The letter also asked that the Boards address the issue of creating a possible Public Defender Board. Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern will review the letter and report back to the Commissioners.

Commissioners received a request from Nancy Radabaugh, Wabash County Extension Office, for a subsidy given to the 4-H by the county each year to be increased from \$4275.00, which is the current amount, to \$6000.00. Commissioners will consider this request at the upcoming Budget Sessions.

Commissioners reviewed the Final Payment and Change order for the Prosecutors Office remodeling project. Commissioners decided to withhold \$500.00 from the final payment until the window damage issue is resolved. Templin moved to approve the change order and the final payment minus the \$500.00 discussed. This was seconded by Dawes and approved 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

1. Primary Election Claims.
2. Clerk's Monthly Report.
3. County Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Commissioners will work on finalizing their budget request prior to July 17, 2006.

No other Business, the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Monday, June 26, 2006 at the Wabash City Courthouse following the Wabash County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M. The Board will then meet in Executive Session at 1:00 P.M. to discuss pending lawsuits and work on 2007 budget requests.

\*Name corrected by motion on June 26.