

July 3, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on July 3, 2006. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members present: Brian Hauptert, Darle Dawes, and Les Templin. The minutes from the June 26, 2006 meeting had one typo amendment in the spelling of Les Templin in the Executive Session minutes. Templin made a motion to approve the amended minutes. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Department Foreman, reported the following items:

1. 79.11 miles of the Chip and Seal Project have been completed.
2. An Additional Appropriation request of \$230,000.00 for LR&S Streets Projects to go before County Council. –Templin motioned to approve. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.
3. The Highway Department has hired a new replacement Truck Driver/Operator, Timothy Sams of Roann. He is on a 6-month probationary period.
4. Signed a Report Contract of final inspection and recommendation of acceptance for INDOT.

LeRoy Striker, Wabash Co. Sheriff, reported the following items:

1. An average population of 107.2 in the jail last week. Today there is a population of 109 including 90 non-sentenced inmates.
2. Sheriff Striker is in the process of acquiring final bids for remodeling work for the interior remodeling of the jail with electrical modifications. Once approved the project should take less than 30 days. The project will involve converting an indoor Area—Exercise room. The total cost should be under \$50,000.00. An Additional Appropriation request for the project from the CCD fund will be made to the Council. This is not to exceed \$50,000.00. Les motioned to approve. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.
3. The Sheriff is also working on a Video Conferencing Program, which could be done at the jail. The Judges and the attorneys are on board with the plan.
4. The Vehicles Trade and transfer to EMA are final. They have applied for lost title on the Jeep.
5. In a budget matter discussion it was agreed that E-911 would make a transfer of a flat amount to the Jail for the salaries of the Dispatchers who will be paid from the County General Fund – Jail Budget.

The Commissioners reviewed a proposed Ordinance Making the Possession Radio Frequency Indicators Illegal in the County of Wabash. Commissioner Attorney Mattern stated it can be done under the Home Rule Ordinance with a Maximum fine of \$2,500.00. The Sheriff has approved this. Following discussion, Templin motioned to approve the Ordinance as presented by Mattern. It was seconded by Dawes and approved 3-0.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor stated that \$168,461.00 was distributed to the CCD fund from June Settlement property tax collections, and that \$315,762.50 recently received from the state for the Wabash County CEDIT fund.

Bob Brown, EMA director, reported three barns had severe storm damage from the weekend storm. DHS has the county EMA directors reporting on any damage in the county. Brown stated there might need to be an ordinance in place that would allow billing for EMA personnel to control traffic and assist at emergencies. The bill would go to the insured being serviced. Brown stated the monies collected should go into a non-reverting fund. This fund could be used for EMA expenses such as possibly paying for the cost of the volunteer's gas. Brown stated the EMA volunteers are very dedicated to helping.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, stated letters have been sent to Matt Whitesel and Kevin Bowman.

In a follow-up matter, the Commissioners would like further discussion with the Judges concerning the proposed Public Defender Agreement before budget meetings.

Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan of Scarce & Rudisel gave a report from the investigation of roof damage on the courthouse. She suggested the repair could be a 2-phase project starting in summer of 2006. The second phase of the project could start in the summer of 2007. There would need to be a request to the County Council for an Additional Appropriation for funding the proposed project. Templin motioned to proceed to the Council with a request of \$150,000.00 on July 24, 2006. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet again on Monday, July 10, 2006 at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.