

July 10, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on July 10, 2006. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with 2 members present: Brian Hauptert and Les Templin. Darle Dawes was absent due to ill health. The minutes from the July 3, 2006 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. 91 miles of the Chip and Seal Project completed.
2. Except for local traffic, Co Rd 950S is officially closed for construction for the INDOT - DNR project.
3. State Road 218 is open again. The state culvert replacement project is completed.
4. Rice is working with White's Institute concerning a new building project that will involve some county road the right-of- way.

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

1. An average population of 104.4 in the jail last week.
2. The Sheriff's department vehicles, (Jeep and fleet car), have been transferred to the EMA as previously planned and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
3. In reference to the Budget for 2007, Striker has requested 2.5 additional Jail Officers according to a Staffing Analysis and Preliminary Jail Inspection report.

Bob Brown, EMA director, reported the following:

1. The generator at the Solid Waste building needs a new battery back-up. Brown has a quote from Customized Power Services Inc. for #3414.
2. Brown has submitted the Pandemic Flu Plan for Wabash County to the State.
3. From the Second Quarter April 1-June 30, 2006 2nd report:

Quarterly Hours Review showed **Paid Positions**

Volunteers

853.75 hours	Executive Director	595 hours
	Admin. Assistant	226 hours

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, was present but had nothing to report this week.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, asked permission to use an outside Mail Group source that could save the county money on sending Certified mailings. The Commissioners approved. Draper also reported that she has not heard from Quality Electric on the heating and cooling problems at her office. Draper will follow up on the request again.

Sandy Beeks, E-911 Coordinator, presented the E-911 2007 Budget requests. It was noted that WTH has requested a mapping maintenance increase next year at \$8050.00. Only \$8000.00 is already in E-911 Budget for mapping maintenance. Commissioners reviewed and approved the budget as presented on a motion made by Templin. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

As advertised, the Commissioners opened bids for Rock Salt (Calcium Chloride). Three bids were received. Commissioners motioned then to close the bids and opened the 3 bids which were as follows:

Detroit Salt Company:

Detroit, Michigan	1200 Tons	\$47.80/ton
\$57,360.00		

Cargill DeIcing Technology

North Olmsted, OH	1200 Tons	\$46.29/ton
\$55,548.00		

North American Salt

OakLand Park, Kansas	1200 Tons	\$49.99/ton
\$59,988.00		

After reviewing all bids, Templin motioned to accept the Bid received from Cargill DeIcing Technology for \$55,548.00. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash Co Assessor, informed the Commissioners that she hopes to have the first year of Trending Assessed Values in the next couple of weeks. The Trending Values are based on the information gathered on Sales Disclosure forms required for all real estate sales in the State of Indiana. Schenkel stated the August 1st deadline of rolling over values to the Auditors office would be delayed due to the fact that the values have not yet been received and due to the need to calculate information and then return it to the State for approval. Any changes in the values will affect Residential, Commercial, and Industries. The Ag ground values will stay the same. This will cause delays for the Auditor in Certifying the Wabash County Assessed Values to the State for the 2007 budgets and proposed Tax Rates. All departments are attempting to work together to be compliant with the State's mandated changes.

Andy Meiss of Sun Control Center asked the board to do a quote on removing and replacing the window tint on the courthouse windows. The tinting was done 20 years ago. No action was taken at this time.

Trula Frank of the Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau met with the Board of Commissioners to present the 2007 CVB Budget of \$78,500.00. The Wabash Chamber of Commerce helps to fund the CVB budget. The Wabash County Innkeepers Tax goes toward funding the bureau's budget also. The Commissioners reviewed and approved the budget as presented. Frank also reported:

1. CVB wants to create a new visitors guide for Wabash County. It would be based on activities of last year.
2. CVB will be participating at the Indiana State Fair on July 18. CVB will be paying for the booth.
3. Four tour groups will be visiting Wabash County today.
4. In October a Euchre tournament will be held at the Moose.
5. Next year, The Moose State Golf Tournament will be held at the Honeywell Golf Course.

The CVB is a positive and productive part of bringing guests to all the unique and enjoyable places and events of Wabash County.

Ron Harris, Courthouse Custodian, requested permission to purchase a weed eater for the courthouse. Harris submitted two quotes: Wabash Portable \$129.00 and True Value \$149.00. Templin moved to accept the quote from Wabash Portable for \$129.00 for the purchase of the weed eater. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

An Executive Session with a Committee of Commissioners & Council will be held at 7:30 A.M. on July 20, 2006 to discuss personnel policy matters.

The next Commissioners meeting will be July 17th at 8:00 A.M. at the Courthouse. There will be an informational session to discuss a proposed Public Defender Ordinance with Judge McCallen and Judge Goff prior to the regular weekly meeting's business.

No other Business, the meeting recessed.