

July 24, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on July 24, 2006 following County Council meeting. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with 2 members present: Brian Hauptert and Les Templin. Darle Dawes was absent due to illness.

The first portion of the meeting was a Hearing, as advertised, held to discuss the vacating of a portion of Mill Street located in the Town of Laketon, Indiana in Wabash County. It lies between Lots 2 and 3 and lots 14 and 15 on the Original Plat of Laketon. Rick Fisher, attorney for the petitioner, presented proof of public notice and photos of said street showing the street has never been improved. The street has been seeded and mowed. The vacated street would be divided by adjoining property owners. Fisher presented an Ordinance to be signed by Commissioners, if approved. No one present objected to the vacating of said street. Templin motioned to vacate the unimproved street. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote. The Ordinance #2006-85-7 was signed by the Board and Attested by Auditor, Jane Ridgeway. After the hearing, the minutes from the July 17, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Templin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended (removing a typo of "or on" concerning the new ultra low sulfur fuel requirements). His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Supervisor, reported the following:

1. 107 miles of the Chip and Seal Project have been completed. This project would be completed today.
2. Rice has contacted the construction company manager on the Old St Rd 15 S Phase II project concerning complaints from property owners having trouble getting in and out of their properties.
3. In the July 17th Commissioners meeting, Rice requested purchasing 2 additional Diesel trucks before the end of year deadline that will require trucks manufactured after December 31, 2006 be compliant with a new state law requiring low sulfur fuel engine changes. Templin made a motion to proceed with the purchasing of the 2 additional Diesel Trucks based on an email from the State Board of Accounts and using bids from February of 2006. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.
4. Rice presented an unofficial reimbursement agreement from INDOT for the Unofficial Detour for a Small Structure Replacement completed on SR-218 over Branch#3 of Metocinah Ditch. Templin motioned to accept the agreement. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote and signed by the Commissioners.
5. The highway department needs to replace a lawn mower. It is 12-13 years old. Rice was given permission to begin acquiring quotes.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reviewed a Tort Claim with the Commissioners. Mattern stated that discussion of the Tort Claim would need to be addressed in an Executive Session.

Andy Meese of Sun Control Center presented quotes for the removing and replacing of tinting on the Courthouse and the Judicial Building windows. Commissioners will take under advisement at this time.

Mary Ellen Rudisel Jordan and Jeff Kumfer of Searce Rudisel Architects, Inc. discussed the renovation project on the Wabash County Courthouse. They discussed shingle samples. They also discussed Copper gutters and flashings. It was set to receive bids on September 5, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.

Security, ADT, informed Commissioners of a moisture problem with the Front Door of the Judicial Building due to a leak concerning a printed circuit. Templin motioned to proceed with replacing the printed circuit. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Steve Jones from United Consulting presented:

1. A Draft of Bridge Inventory Books. Phase I is well under way and almost complete.
2. The National Covered Bridge Application is due July 28th. There is 80% Federal funding for both Engineering and Construction.
3. A memorandum of Agreement on Bridge 505, Ferry St.

The Treasurer's Office and the Clerk's Office made a request for the storage of records and equipment. No action was taken at this time.

A request from FEMA for a Flood Plan Specific Map will be sent to Mike Howard, Director of Planning Commission and Cheri Slee, Surveyor.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, July 31, 2006 at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.