

August 7, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on August 7, 2006. President Brian Haupert called the meeting to order with 2 members present: Brian Haupert and Les Templin. Darle Dawes was absent due to ill health. The minutes from the July 31, 2006 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Templin. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. He attended a meeting last week on the Old State Road 15S project and reported that they now have approval for 16" of sub-based treatment to be used as needed on the project. They have laid asphalt almost to 800S from 124 and this week, weather permitting, they will have completed the asphalt to 900S. The Commissioners reminded Rice that there had been some complaints and that the road needs to be "passable" on the weekends.
2. The remodeling work at the Old State Highway building is complete and Rice turned in the final invoices to the Auditor.
3. Rice noted that 700W of Division Road and 100S will be closed Tuesday while they are installing a box culvert.
4. He has received an Application for funding for the Covered Bridge in North Manchester.
5. Rice also presented quotes he had received for a new lawn mower. He had specs for a "mid-mount" with a 52" deck to all four businesses in Wabash County that sell mowers, (all prices are with-trade):

Wabash Portable: Exmark Lazer Z \$4849.20

Simplicity Citation \$4936.00

Slaters: Toro 7500 Estate \$ 5833.84

Houlihan: 2006 Grasshopper \$6599.99

2005 Demo \$6050.00

2006 Frontmount \$7095.00

McKillip: John Deere 727A \$6113.50

SCAG Wildcat \$6130.00

After reviewing the quotes received, Templin moved to approve the purchase from Wabash Portable Equipment with the lowest bid for an Exmark Lazer Z for \$4849.20 Haupert seconded the motion and it was approved by a 2-0 vote.

6. A request to give Waterborne Environmental permission to remove their data gathering equipment over Pony Creek on 1100 which has been there for approximately two years
The board asked that Rice request a copy of the analysis of the data and approved the removal as presented.

7. A discussion of the “Major Moves” distribution expected on October 13th was held.

8. Finally Rice reported that sometime after the 16th of the month, Gaunt & Son will be available to start the Town Street Restoration project in Disko, Laketon and Liberty Mills.

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

1. An average population of 99.6 in the jail last week.
2. The current water softener in the downstairs area of the jail is deteriorating and is probably 20 years old. It was moved to the jail from the Honeywell Center in 1994. Servisoft is currently servicing it. Striker has received a quote for a new softener which he discussed with the Commissioners. The board asked him to get more comparative quotes before the purchase.
3. Striker also reported receiving calls from Architect firms in reference to a new remodeling project. He suggested advertising for Requests for Proposals but is waiting on the State Jail Inspector’s comments.

Bob Brown, EMA director, reported to the Commissioners that he had spoken with a contractor about the wall repair needed in his area of the Courthouse and he had received one quote on the electrical work required. The quotes from Quality Electric, Inc for \$3705.00 and Materials for the suspended ceiling for the Traffic Office from Wilkerson Lumber for \$407.42 was approved by the board on a motion by Templin and second by Hauptert with a 2-0 vote. Brown also reported that he is waiting on EMS for the radios.

Matt Moorman, representing the Purdue Extension Office asked permission to purchase a digital camera from the appropriated Extension budget. He had priced a Nikon “CoolPix S6” from Staples (\$350), Nikon direct (\$350) and Roberts Distributors at (\$299). He would also like to purchase a HP printer for approximately \$150. Templin moved for approval, seconded by Hauptert and approved 2-0 with the understanding that if the purchased exceed the \$500 budget appropriation they may need to transfer from other office supplies.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway requested permission to purchase two new Monroe calculators for her office pending approval of an Additional Appropriation request from the County Council for approximately \$350. The Commissioners approved this request on a 2-0 vote.

In reviewing an invoice received from Quality Electric, Inc. for replacing wire due to alarms set off in the Judicial building, the board asked the Auditor to get a statement from Security Officer Jon McDonald explaining the repair situation.

The Commissioners reviewed their 2007 Budget Requests and made a few changes. They also approved the probationary starting salary of Kimberly Carey as a new Deputy Auditor.

The board also reviewed and approved the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket as advertised for payment. As well as reviewing the following:

Covered Bridge Certification

Individualized Care Management Renewal – Strategic Health Plans

Professional Services Contract from The Schneider Corporation

Major Moves Allocation

Community Corrections Report

Quality Electric Claim

Custodian Dick Smith hours

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, August 14 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Meeting room on the second floor of the Courthouse.