

SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 5, 2006. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with 2 members present: Brian Hauptert and Les Templin. Darle Dawes was absent due to medical treatment. Templin moved to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2006 meeting with the notation that the approval of the August 21, 2006 minutes was seconded by Hauptert not Dawes. This motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. Rice gave his recommendation regarding the petition from Urbana requesting a stop sign be placed at the corner of Second Street at the intersection of Second and Ruth. Rice stated this intersection did not qualify for a stop sign. But if a sign was to be placed at the intersection he would recommend the stop sign not be placed at Second Street, but rather on Ruth Street. This would leave Second Street a through street in Urbana. Templin moved to proceed with Rice's recommendation. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote. Tom Mattern Commissioners Attorney will prepare an amendment to the county sign ordinance.
2. A request from Verizon to bore under Old State Rd 15 south of St Rd 124 for new service at a residence located at 6114 S.
3. Rice informed Commissioners that the paving in Laketon should be done today and the project would next move to Liberty Mills. Rice stated chip & seal will need to be done next year on these street projects.
4. The railroad crossing at the County Farm property as of today should be back in place and operational.
5. Rice also mentioned that he spoke with Dean Brown of WTI concerning the Fundware accounting system at the courthouse. Rice stated the computerized accounting system that the Highway Dept. currently uses may be able to import their data directly into the Auditor's new Financial System in the future. This would be both a time and money savings. Rice and the Auditor have asked that the two company representatives discuss this possibility. *Rice also noted that the Auditor's Office and Highway Department had agreed to use a new 9-digit account number for the Highway's accounts in the new financial accounting system.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported the following items:

1. The Average population at the Jail last week was 110.25. Striker stated today there were 113 inmates. Eighteen inmates in the jail are sentenced. Twelve of these inmates are scheduled to be transported to the Department of Correction as soon as they have room. Out of the

remaining 101 inmates at the Jail only six are actually sentenced. Striker stated the goal is to expedite the judicial process. If the inmates could get before the judge and jury more quickly, it would ensure faster turn around time on inmate sentencing.

2. The GED room is completed. Ten inmates are currently living in dorm style quarters.
3. Downstairs renovation at the Jail is being finished by Mike Paul Construction. Paul is converting the exterior inmate exercise area into more usable interior space for the inmates and a meeting area.
4. Striker also noted that some of the cement sections on the exterior of the Jail need to be secured. Mike Paul Construction will be using Lag Bolts to reinforce the four (4) foot by five (5) foot slabs.
5. Striker asked for permission to purchase another vehicle for his fleet. Striker stated he had looked into lease and purchase options on a Dodge Charger and Ford Crown Victoria. Commissioners gave the approval to obtain quotes and get all information: differences, pros, cons; on lease and purchase prices.

Katherine Carter-Lower of the Wabash County Health Department informed the Commissioners of three fall conferences the Health Department has planned to attend. They would like to attend the IEHA in Lafayette for two of the Conferences and IVRA in Rising Sun for the third Conference. The expenses for these have been planned for and funds appropriated. The cost would be a total of \$1,422.08. Templin moved to approve the conference attendance. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Jane Skeans and Lori Foust, Health Department Nurses, reviewed a letter with the Commissioners received from the Indiana State Department of Health on the Local Health Maintenance Fund and the Conditions of Acceptance of Funds. Skeans and Foust emphasized the #6 condition:

“To use local health maintenance fund money and fees collected for funded services only for public health purposes which are in addition to, and not in place of, services funded at the local level.”

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reviewed a letter received from Judge Robert R. McCallen III regarding the development of the Public Defender Board. It would consist of three (3) members: one (1) member would be appointed by the County Commissioners; and two (2) members would be appointed by the judges who work in the felony or juvenile jurisdiction on a majority vote. These 2 members, appointed by the judges, would be of opposing political parties. Mattern also presented the professional Service Agreement from Schneider Corp. for the GIS system that would be put into place in Wabash County. Templin moved to fulfill obligation and authorized to proceed with Schneider Corp. GIS system. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote. Commissioners also signed a Professional Services Agreement with The Schneider Corporation.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor, discussed with the Commissioners new legislation (IC 6-1.1-35-1.1) "Certification requirements for certain assessors: reduction of compensation for failure to comply; transfer of duties to county assessor."

Commissioners opened the bidding at 11:00 A.M. for the Courthouse Roof Project. Templin motioned to close the bids. One bid was received from ATLAS BUILDING SERVICES of Wabash Indiana.

Base Bid \$84,765.00

Alternate Bid #1:

Remove paint from existing cornice pieces--Repaint existing \$86,321.00

Alternate Bid #2:

Furnish and install new "Majestic" tile system instead of Asphalt shingle system. \$36,676.00

Addenda: Unit price #1: Replace existing roof deck with like kind

Lump sum price to install new 3/4 inch CDX plywood
Over existing roof deck \$13,814.00

Voluntary Alt: Lead coated Copper lined in Gutters \$
32.00/Square Foot

The proposed start date would be two (2) weeks. And, the tentative completion time would be in six (6) weeks. Templin motioned to take the Atlas bid under advisement. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. Accounts Payable Claims Allowance Docket for September 5, 2006 payment
2. Custodian Dick Smith hours for Pay period ended September 2, 2006
3. IDEM notice of Decision—Approval for Blue Grass Mill Holdings
4. IDEM NPDES CAFO Information—Matthew & Elizabeth Whitesel Farm #6475
5. Civil Notice—Wabash Superior Court—Jacobs Case
6. A letter form the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana
7. Wabash River Heritage Corridor commission Minutes
8. A Check from Benicomp Insurance received to close account for group health coverage.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, September 11, 2006 at the Wabash County Courthouse following the County Council meeting which starts at 8:00 A.M.

*Amended September 11, 2006