

SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 18, 2006. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Brian Hauptert, Les Templin and Darle Dawes. Templin moved to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2006 meeting as written. His motion was seconded by Dawes, and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, presented an ordinance written to establish a stop sign on Ruth Street at Second Street in Urbana and also an ordinance establishing bridge weight limits on state bridges in Wabash County as approved on September 11th. The Commissioners reviewed both ordinances as presented by Mattern. Highway Supervisor Larry Rice also reviewed the bridge weight ordinance for accuracy. Both ordinances were adopted as presented on a motion by Templin, second by Dawes and a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Supervisor gave his weekly report to the Commissioners:

1. The Town Street Restoration is now done at Laketon, Disko and Liberty Mills.
2. Rice presented a "Request for a Road Cut" from John Lynch 1190' south of 250S on 100E. Rice said the actual cost for a road cut of this size is probably \$360. Troy Eads is doing the work. In the past a minimum of \$100.00 was charged by the county. Templin moved to approve the cut with a \$100.00 minimum. His motion was seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote of the Board.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported the following:

1. An average daily population in the jail this week of 102.3 inmates. Striker States that Judge Goff is working with the Sheriff and Jail Commander Henderson as well as Community corrections to move more inmates to EHD (Electronic Home Detention) as a positive program to help reduce the population of the jail.
2. Mike Paul Construction should be completed by the end of the week with the interior renovation project at the jail. Striker stated that the Insurance Underwriter is "positive" with the project.
3. Engineering firms are looking at the expansion project and Moake Parke and DZZ are preparing reports for feasibility study facts for the Commissioners to consider.
4. Striker has been checking into quotes for Generator Maintenance Contracts soon up for renewal. He has two quotes he presented for the

Commissioners to consider and has talked with EMA Director Bob Brown to combine the maintenance on the county's four generators:

a. Two Brothers Generator Sales & Service of Ossian, IN. at \$250. per unit for 4 units for a period of one year to perform maintenance inspections two times a year at approximate 6 month intervals for a total of \$1000. annually.

b. Customized Power Services, Inc. of Zanesville, IN. at \$1845.00 per year for the 4 units. The Commissioners decided to take these quotes under advisement.

Wabash County Plan Director Mike Howard and Wabash County Health Environmental Sanitarian Jennifer Swango appeared before the Commissioners to inform them of complaints received in both of their offices from residents of FountaineVue Mobile Home Park in LaFontaine. The complaints concern Structural/Safety type problems. Many of these complaints would fall under the jurisdiction of a County Building Inspector which Wabash County doesn't have. In following up on the complaints, both Howard and Swango stated they were uncomfortable with inspecting electrical and safety issues which do not fall under their individual job specifications and jurisdictions. The owners of the park are out-of-state and could not be reached to discuss the situation. Templin stated that he feels the county's first responsibility is to notify the park owners of the complaints received by certified mail and if no response within 30 days, then we could follow up with condemnation of the facility.

Wabash County resident Tim Ranck who lives southeast of Wabash was present to request a change in a culvert near his property approximately 1/8 mile south of State Road 124 on 600E. Ranck stated that culvert in place is not large at this area and that it acts as a levy instead of a drain. Highway Supervisor Rice said that the county had put in a new 30" pipe replacing a 24" one in 2000. In 2002 Ranck had called the Highway Dept. to report the culvert was filled with corn stalks and blocked and flooded, a new water way was put in and also a new water way on the east side of the road so water is coming in faster than before. The Soil and Water Conservation district has not given the Highway Department much information about the water ways. The Commissioners, Rice and Ranck discussed possible solutions. Rice said he would need an Additional Appropriation for a box culvert which could be approximately \$14000. plus installation labor. Haupert stated that he did not think the county should have to pay the entire cost and that we should have better co-operation between the governmental agencies. Rice agreed that he should have plans so that he can put costs for upgrades in the budget when necessary.

Chad Dilling was present with a complaint about a property owner in Urbana following problems with the Urbana tractor pull over the weekend.

Wabash County Treasurer LuAnn Layman requested funding for a new Harris financial system for her office. She said the new system will cost \$4550. plus travel-related expenses. Templin suggested she request at least \$6000. from the Council in an Additional Appropriation for the purchase. His motion was seconded by Dawes and passed by the board on a 3-0 vote. Layman also requested the Commissioners pay for her and her deputy to take classes in Microsoft Office from the Vocational School. Following discussion, the board recommended that the Treasurer wait until after the Harris training and possibly take the additional classes in the spring.

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Judge McCallen requesting an Additional Appropriation request of another \$2500. for juror expenses. Templin moved to pass on to the Council this request. This was seconded by Dawes and passed on a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway reviewed with the board a request from the City of Wabash an updated Petition to Dismiss Property Taxes for the Swinger property that is being cleaned up by a Brownfield grant. The Commissioners approved the revised Petition as presented to be signed by the Auditor, Treasurer and County Assessor. They also approved travel for the Auditor's office for the fall SBA Auditor's conference in Indianapolis and a Kintera Fundware user's conference in Chicago both in October. As well as new floor mats for the counter in the Auditor's office and approval for an Additional Appropriation request to be presented to the Council for additional Computer Software training expenses with WTI to co-ordinate with the Treasurer's office and the Highway department financial system.

Also reviewed was the State Holiday Schedule for 2007. The board decided to take the Holiday schedule under advisement at this time. They also reviewed the Clerk's Monthly Report and the Monthly report from Weights and Measures director Joe Vogel as well as Custodian Dick Smith's hours for the pay period ended September 16, 2006.

In other business the Commissioners voted unanimously to transfer the ownership of the Wabash County Museum collections and artifacts formerly housed in Memorial Hall to the Wabash County Historical Museum, Inc. on a motion by Templin, second by Dawes and a 3-0 vote.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The Board of Commissioners will meet again on Monday, September 25, 2006 in the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.