

OCTOBER 10, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 10, 2006. President Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9 A.M. with members present: Brian Hauptert and Les Templin. Darle Dawes was absent due to medical treatment. Minutes from October 2, 2006 were presented and three typos were noted. Templin moved to approve the minutes as amended. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, County Highway Supervisor, reported on the following:

1. He asked the Commissioners how to proceed on the matter of a taxpayer who has not responded to a letter of payment due for road damage. Templin stated it should be sent to small claims court. Tom Mattern will file it.
2. He has an estimate of replacing the culvert near the Tim Ranck property on 600 E South of 124. With estimated installation costs and the cost of the culvert, the amount was \$20,000 – 21,000. The installation costs were estimated based on the last one that was just completed. Rice asked the Commissioners if he should present an additional appropriation or contact NRCS and see if they will assist in the cost. Commissioners agreed that he should start with NRCS. He stated that they would try to save the pipe that is already there which was installed in 1995.
3. Rice had a request from Mrs. Lynch on Old State Road 15 to place a guardrail on the inside curve near her property. There have been three instances where a vehicle has left the road and entered her yard. She fears that eventually one will hit her children or her house. It is a posted 40 mph speed zone. Sheriff Striker added that about 1 year ago, they had a request to do something about this area. At that time, signs were posted regarding the speed limit. The Commissioners concluded that there was no criteria to warrant placing a guardrail there, even though it would be a safety issue for Mrs. Lynch.
4. Verizon has a request to bury. They would bore under 300 West at 3533 South.
5. 950 South and Old State Rd 15 jobs- this is the last week by policy that INDOT will accept seed or sod. Both of those sites may not get done. Later this week, they could get the base down on 950 South. Progress has been held up by the unavailability of larger trucks.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average jail population of 108.47 for the past week. There are 10 pending transfer to the Department of Corrections. He is anxious to see how the transfer of inmates from California will affect things.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported:

1. The laptops from the Laptop Computer Grant are in his office. He will work with the EMAC to determine the best way to distribute those to the fire departments.
2. They are all moved into the Old State Highway building. Brown stated he would like to obtain a small air compressor for the building.

Tom Mattern, Attorney for the Commissioners, presented a copy of a letter pertaining to the Wabash County – Grant County property dispute. Templin is aware of the situation. The Commissioners will meet next week in executive session to discuss this matter.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer, reported on a check written to the county treasurer's office was reported lost or stolen by the payer. She has tried to collect this amount, even had the prosecutor's office write a letter, but has gotten no response. Layman will submit a claim to the Auditor's office for reimbursement to the Treasurer in the amount of \$514.29. The taxes show paid now, but will show unpaid after the claim is processed. She also had a suggestion for the new telephone system: each department – Courthouse, Health, the Courts and Prosecuting Attorney should have their own separate telephone number.

Michael Ripley of Beam, Longest & Neff, an engineer firm out of Indianapolis, introduced himself. He stated his company would like to be on the county's vendor list in conjunction with roads and bridges. He is a former county commissioner also.

Mary Ellen Clark, CASA, presented paperwork and requested signatures for the CJI grant that she had applied for. Clark expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their support. The grant has the same details as last year totaling \$30,000.

Jeff Hobson, Director of Community Corrections, informed the Commissioners that their new employee, Jeremy, and their van were involved in an incident over the weekend. The driver was not injured and it was not his fault. Another vehicle backed into Jeremy. Hobson was obtaining quotes and was going to contact the insurance company. Estimates from the police report were \$2500-5000.

Commissioners reviewed the budget for the fire alarm maintenance claim. Templin made a motion for an additional appropriation to be presented to the Council for December 4, 2006 to cover the amount. Haupert seconded, motion approved with 2-0 vote.

The Board also reviewed:

1. Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket for pay period ending October 7, 2006.
2. DNR letter concerning Wabash County Flood Map Coordination Meeting on October 12, 2006 at the Wabash County Courthouse.
3. IDEM- Office of Water Quality – received a sewer permit application from Wal-mart.
4. Additional appropriation requests for Tax Billing system, CCD Building Repairs and Computer Software Maintenance and Training.

No other business, the meeting was recessed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16th at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room – second floor for the Courthouse.