

NOVEMBER 20, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 20, 2006. Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with two members present: Brian Hauptert and Les Templin. Darle Dawes was absent due to medical treatment. Review of the minutes from the November 13, 2006 meeting were tabled for approval until next week as Templin was not present the 13th and Dawes was not present today.

Beverly Ferry, Wabash County Council on Aging, presented the operating grant for 2007. She stated that she can only cut so many corners to generate extra income. Also the van purchased from the grant will be in the Commissioners name. Ferry said she will be asking for a new van from grants each year to update and maintain the transportation fleet. Ferry also reported on the compliance audit recently received and said that their were noted for procedural things such as not claiming in-kind services such as city provided rent and professional services provided as discounts to the agency. She stated she is working with the state and has 30 days to respond. She is using other agency procedures as models.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Superintendent, asked the Commissioners for approval to pay for flu shots for his employees. Templin moved to approve the request and it was seconded by Hauptert. Rice also asked their approval for Transfers he has requested within highway funds including 1. To purchase software upgrades of approximately \$10,000. 2. To transfer \$15,000 from the 950S Right of Way to Phase III of the Old State Road 15 project. 3. To transfer \$8000 from Building Repairs to Office Equipment to purchase a new copier/scanner/fax/printer. Templin motioned to proceed with the transfer requests. This motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 2-0 vote. Rice also presented a Resolution and Agreement to Exchange/Sell Equipment to the City of Wabash, IN Street Department concerning a 1998 GMC Truck for \$9000. He also reported that Phase II of the Old State Road 15 project is expected to be done next week as well as the 950S project.

Leroy Striker, Wabash Sheriff, reported an average daily population in the jail last week of 101.9. He is still working on the pending DOC transfers Striker also reported that he had been receiving complaints about parking on road ways concerning farmers and hunters. He stated that vehicles will be towed if they are parked without appropriate signage and or flashers. He also stated there have been many deer/car accidents.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reported on the Lawson vs. Price lawsuit in which County Commissioners have been named as co-defendants concerning an alleyway in Speicherville. The case has a scheduled hearing on Wednesday, November 22 at 9:00 A.M. Mattern also reported on the County vs. Bowman case which is scheduled in Superior Court on December 4th at 9:00 A.M. Discussion was held on the Railroad Class Action Lawsuit with AT&T, no decision was made concerning Wabash County's participation.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts reported the following:

1. The November General Election went well. Much better than the May Primary since all precincts were on one voting machine system. She had problems with only three machines and felt they got along fine without mechanics.
2. The Courts need to purchase more bar code readers and labelers and they are waiting on a quote from CSI.
3. When they purchased the new computers for the Courts they were in a transition period with the new judges and they may now need to which out a newer more powerful computer from the Clerk's office for Superior Court.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reviewed the proposed numbering system for the Courthouse offices and the request submitted last week for a remote control for the garage door at the Old State Highway Building. Also discussed was the Courthouse foundation work need that is appropriated in next year's budget.

Steve Jones of United Consulting presented the completed Phase One Bridge Inventory Report to the Commissioners. He also asked them to sign the Title Sheet for the Ferry Street Bridge (505) to be submitted for construction bid letting which will hopefully be done in late winter or early spring. The estimated cost will be a Total of \$860,000 for construction with the County's share (20%) being \$172,000. Also the Construction Inspection costs \$110,000 would have the County's share at \$22,000 for a total of \$194,000. They will be applying for a credit of \$92,500 for the matching plan costs to date which could bring the local share down to \$101,000. Jones also said a standard contract had been sent to IDOT with a transmittal letter signed by Rice.

The Commissioners met with Bill Konyha, Skip Daughety, Jeff Kellams, Jeff Buckley, Gary Nose and Celia Briggs, officials from EDG of Wabash County to discuss proposals. Templin moved to proceed with a request for \$100,000 from the Wabash County CEDIT funds. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed on a 2-0 vote. It was decided to ask the County Council to meet in Special Session on December 11th to consider this request.

Marilyn McDonald, Wabash County Coroner, asked the Commissioners to approve her applying for a grant for a computer from a Memorandum of Understanding for funding from the CJI for Traffic Records Improvement. This is web based software at no cost to Wabash County. The board approved her applying for this funding.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket for the Pay Period ending November 13, 2006.
2. Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court - October 31, 2006
3. Weights and Measures Monthly Report – October 16- November 15, 2006
4. Additional Appropriation Requests:
County General Fund - Memorial Hall - \$2224. for Fire Alarm

Maintenance

Cumulative Capital Development Fund - \$50,000. for EMA

Reimbursement Grant

5. Schedule for payment of year-end claims.
6. Custodian Dick Smith's hours.

The Board also reviewed:

1. IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval - Hayes Lemmerz International
2. A letter concerning Property Tax caps.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, November 27, 2006 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.