

NOVEMBER 27, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 27, 2006. Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with 2 members present: Brian Hauptert and Les Templin. Darle Dawes was absent due to illness. Templin moved to approve minutes from the November 20, 2006 meeting as written. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote. The minutes for the November 13, 2006 meeting were tabled waiting Dawes return.

Leroy Striker, Wabash Sheriff, reported an average daily population in the jail last week of 104.28. Twelve (12) inmates are scheduled for DOC transport. Striker also informed the Commissioners of a Termination of a Probationary Deputy and the Deputy's unemployment claim has been appealed.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported the following items:

1. A Proposal for scanning equipment, \$1,327.00, for six (6) laser scanners to pick up UDC and Printers for the court. This would be paid out of the Clerk's Incentive Fund. Templin motioned to approve purchase. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.
2. Draper stated Judges are reviewing contracts for Dox-Pox to ensure the best deal for the county. One department was getting services for free while another was paying for same services.
3. Draper is looking into joining the Courthouse internet for the Judicial building as are the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Department.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Superintendent reviewed the following items:

1. Rice stated he had done some research on the Class Action suit concerning AT&T and the Railroad. Rice stated Wabash County could receive a possible amount of \$6,163.50 related to the Railroad that runs through the County Farm Land. Rice advised that we not opt out of the Class Action Suit. There could be funds due to Wabash County.
2. INDOT—Notice of December 4, 2006 meeting.
3. Water on road across from Bozarth Trailer Court was being investigated.

Bob Brown, EMA Director discussed signatures from Commissioners on a grant application.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, had nothing to report today.

Terry Hudson, local farmer, reported he had documented a blocked county regulated ditch. Hudson stated this could be the cause of the water flooding the farm land that he rents. Hudson has given pictures of the ditch and the damage to Jennifer Swango, Environmental Health Specialist of Wabash

County and will show them to Cheri Slee, Wabash County Surveyor. If no permit had been issued for the ditch to be blocked, Hudson requested that the Commissioners contact the resident and request full restitution for all damages done to his property. Commissioners stated this was an issue to be dealt with by the Drainage Board at its next meeting.

Sue Kingston, Wabash County Clerk's Office, wanted to ask what the county does when county ordinances are filed, specifically the changes in the Animal Control Ordinances. Virginia Reahard, Animal Control Warden, was present in the discussion. It was reported that the State had appealed the IC Code concerning Dog Tax and Animal at Large laws. This action gives no authority to the Prosecutor in handling cases. Now that the State has changed the laws and codes the county will need to review and adapt its stance on how Animal Control issues will be handled.

Norman Rogers Jr of North Manchester inquired about an invoice he received from Life Med for ambulance service he, Rogers, had used. Rogers was under the impression he did not owe Life Med, but that all costs would be taken care of because of a County Ambulance Agreement. Commissioners stated that an agreement with Life Med does exist for ambulance service, but this does not cover all services rendered.

Commissioners reviewed the County Treasurer's Monthly report—October 31, 2006.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Templin motioned to approve the second payment application request from Atlas Building totaling \$40,090.60 for the Courthouse roof project. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 2-0 vote.
2. An Additional Appropriation request from the Wabash County CEDIT fund for "seed money" for EDG to help establish a TIF District near LaFontaine. This was approved to go before the County Council at a brief special meeting on December 11, 2006.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, December 4, 2006 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the County Council meeting.