

NOVEMBER 13, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 13, 2006. Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with two members present: Brian Hauptert and Darle Dawes. Les Templin was absent due to travel. Darle moved to approve minutes from the November 6, 2006 meeting as written. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Superintendent stated the city is interested in the highway truck that will be replaced in the next few weeks. Rice also stated all projects are proceeding but, not yet completed.

Leroy Striker, Wabash Sheriff, reported an average daily population in the jail last week of 100.76. Sixteen (16) of the inmates are DOC and seven (7) are scheduled to be transferred. Striker also stated that no other companies have inquired about the possible jail renovation.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reviewed the following items:

1. Local Emergency Planning Committee recently received an award from the Indiana Emergency Response Commission for "Outstanding Outreach to the Public."
2. Brown presented a proposed courthouse room numbering plan to the Commissioners for review.
3. A remote door opener for the Old St Highway Building would cost \$345.00. A radio controlled unit would be transferable. A complete new unit would cost \$715.00. If this request is approved, it would be paid from the CCD fund.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, had nothing to report or any business to discuss today.

Terry Hudson, a local Wabash County Farmer, discussed with Commissioners a concern about the land he farms owned by Gene Ireland which is located between Co Rd 1050 near Long Lake. Rain has caused the farmland to be flooded. It is standing in six (6) inches of water and he wants the drainage problem to be fixed. Hudson feels his crop is ruined and he will be out the cost. Hudson stated he requested in the spring of 2006 for the County to help with the problem and nothing had been done. Hudson stated he would be happy to fix it himself if they will allow him to. Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee and Environmental Health Specialist Jennifer Swango stated they were working on this and trying to get funding and appropriate approval from the DNR and IDEM as well as dealing with the residents in the Long Lake area. This problem will also be discussed at the next Drainage Board meeting.

Commissioner Hauptert stated this is something that will not happen over night and we must go through the proper channels. Hauptert also informed Hudson that Slee would give him the names of the State Officials that she had contacted. Hudson stated he would like to be included in their meetings on this project and would like this remedied by the spring of 2007.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor, stated she needs to purchase a new server because, she is running out of memory on her current one. This purchase would need approval of the Commissioners as an Emergency appropriation. Schenkel had gotten three quotes 1) Wabash Electric for \$10,663.54; 2) GOV Connection for \$8182.97; 3) Pro Val - Manatron which was approximately \$12,000.00. Schenkel stated that she currently has the funds to purchase with the Equipment Fund in the Reappraisal Fund although she has committed a large amount for the new GIS system implementation. Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway suggested Schenkel use the Sales Disclosure Fund to purchase the server if possible as the county recently received a refund from the state of over \$11,000 for prior years' overpayments. Schenkel stated she would look into the use of those funds for this purpose. Dawes made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a new server. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. The Public Defender Board information presented by Judge McCallen. Funding approval will need to go before the County Council to establish this new department. Some transfers should be available in the Court funds proposed for the 2007 Budget year.
2. Letter from United Consulting on Bridge Inventory and Appraisal.
3. IDEM—Wabash Valley Landfill---Approval of Minor Modification.
4. IDEM—Wabash Valley Landfill---Notice of decision.
5. Quality Electric bill for additional electrical wiring in the Auditor's Office.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, November 20, 2006 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.