

## **DECEMBER 04, 2006**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 04, 2006 following the County Council meeting. Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 AM with all members present: Brian Hauptert, Les Templin and Darle Dawes. 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. Darle motioned to approve the tabled November 13, 2006 minutes as written. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, and Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor, asked Commissioners if the County would be able to pay for flu shots for all County employees. Commissioners stated the flu shots were paid specifically for the Emergency personnel only. Draper and Schenkel also discussed that many employees felt the unfunded longevity benefit for 2007 was a "slap in the face." Many of the long time employees had stated this action made them feel unappreciated. Draper and Schenkel also asked about the changes that are being made to the Employee Personnel Policy. Templin stated that some changes are necessary to be compliant with mandated State and Federal changes. Currently two (2) of the Commissioners and two (2) County Council members are working on these updates and changes. It was discussed that a great deal of the responsibility of implementing the changes will fall on the Department heads. It was requested that when the new policies are drafted and completed, they be presented to the department heads to review before adopting or making final approval.

Lori Draper informed Commissioners she had looked into the Dox Pox Maintenance Contract. The best plan is Option A which allows Community Corrections, Prosecutor, Clerk, both Courts, Sheriff, and the Public Defender's Offices to receive the services for free. Draper also informed Commissioners she is wanting to change the County Ordinance fees for copy rate in the Clerk's Office. Currently they are charging ten (10) cents a copy and are proposing it be raised to fifty (50) cents a copy. The Judges are preparing an amended ordinance. Once completed, it will be given to Tom Mattern, Commissioner's Attorney, to be reviewed.

Terry Hudson, local Wabash Farmer, had requested assistance with the Mary Wertemberger ditch. Hudson thought this was a county ditch and it had been blocked without proper permission near land that he is farming belonging to Gene Ireland. Hudson felt the block was causing the land to flood causing damage to his crops. Commissioners had advised Hudson to attend the Drainage Board meeting scheduled today to discuss the issue. Hudson met with Surveyor Sheri Slee, and Commissioners during Drainage Board Meeting

prior to Commissioners meeting. Slee informed Hudson that the ditch in question was not a county ditch. Since it is a private ditch, the Commissioners advised Hudson to contact IDEM concerning assistance on this issue. IDEM would be the ones who deal with the private ditch matters.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM request for additional information completeness Review: Wabash Alloys RWSI
2. IDEM notice of approval for Manchester Metals
3. Security lights in parking lot
4. Civil Notice—Wabash Superior Court---K. Bowman

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended December 2, 2006
2. Accounts Payable Claims & Allowance Docket as advertised for payment
3. Database Maintenance agreement notice—Clerk's Office
4. Sheriff's Department Custodians hours, Dick Smith
5. Invoice for AIC dues for 2007

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, December 11, 2006 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.