

DECEMBER 11, 2006

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at the Wabash County Courthouse December 11, 2006. Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M with all Members present: Brian Hauptert, Les Templin, and Darle Dawes. Templin made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2006 meeting. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

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

1. The material handling carts used for the voting machines have broken down. Draper stated she needs to purchase new ones and is getting information and quotes.
2. With being on the phones all day, one of her employees has been having trouble with neck issues and has a note from a doctor requiring a headset. Draper stated she would like to have five (5) headsets for the individuals who do spend a great deal of time on the phones each day. Draper will look into what options Verizon has to offer and check prices.
3. Due to age and dated technology the old VAX computer system in the courthouse, will not be supported by Manatron after December 31, 2006. Draper spoke with Darren Bates of Data Pit Stop and for \$500.00; Bates will be able to capture the old Clerks' trust files before the December deadline. Draper stated she could use the Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund to cover the cost. Templin moved to approve accepting the quote from Data Pit Stop. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.
4. The Dox Pop* agreement has some changes yet to be made. Draper will give the agreement back to the Judges for review.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. Rice discussed a delivery date on December 22, 2006 for two (2) aluminum box culverts; 1) at 950S east of 100W, 2) 600E --1,200 feet south of St Rd 124.
2. Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at 11:00 A.M., is the meeting for the pre-final inspection on the 950S project.
3. Rice presented three (3) requests to bury from Verizon:
 - a. At* 13420N, 150 feet under 100E
 - b. On 1400N, 200 feet under an 1/8 mile East of St Rd 15
 - c. At* 10855N, 1.10 mile south of 114, change from overhead to bore underground
4. On 1400N between Meridian Rd and 100W, Rice discussed a possible sink hole.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the average daily population in the jail last week was 103.76. The population today is 107. Striker also stated there is currently painting and maintenance being done at the county jail.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reviewed Anti-Trust Litigation concerning the Zurich Insurance Company. Mattern will give this to Beauchamp & McSpadden to review. A response needs to be submitted by January 11, 2007.

David Young, Wabash County Action Grants Committee Chairperson, presented grant recommendations for the 2007 year. A Letter from Young stated the grants are "...funded by the Drug-Free Communities Fund which is a court assessment for drug and alcohol offenders." Young extended his appreciation to all involved for their assistance in discussing and making recommendations due to lower fund monies and due to state compliance requirements. Templin made a motion to approve presented grant recommendations to the County Council. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners recessed at 10:00 A. M. to attend the Press Conference with the City officials and EDG concerning the new Ethanol Plant coming to Wabash County. Following the Press Conference, the Commissioners reconvened; at approximately 11:00 A.M.

Daniel Price of Speicherville had won a law suit concerning a survey dispute that laid out the lot size and alleyways in Speicherville. Though Price won the suit, no changes were made regarding the survey by the courts. Price has requested that the Commissioners reducing the size of the alleyways from twelve feet (12') to ten feet two inches (10' 2"). He feels this would eliminate property disputes in Speicherville and make the lot sizes 120' X 120'. Price stated the Commissioners have eminent domain if any changes need to be made in the future for sewer or water lines etc. Templin motioned to take request under advisement. It was seconded by Dawes and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Jeff Kumfer and Mary Ellen Rudisel, of Scarce Rudisel Architects, presented to Commissioners:

1. A letter from Atlas Building Services proposing postponement on work at the Wabash County Courthouse until Spring 2007. Both Scarce Rudisel Architects and Commissioners are in agreement on the postponement, but, not to be later than the end of April 2007.
2. The roofing estimate and gutter substitution. Commissioners stated they will take under advisement.
3. There was a mathematical error in the estimate. An additional request of \$19,614.00 due to this error was requested. Commissioners agreed that

State law would prohibit paying any additional over the accepted bid and contract. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement.*

4. Cornices and the Bell Tower will need bids in the Spring of 2007. After May 10, 2007 they would have to re-issue proposal.
5. Wanting to set up a Master Plan on maintaining and restoring the historical Wabash County Courthouse and all the other historical pictures and items in the courthouse. A study could be done by Schmidt Information on the value of said items. The study is estimated to be a proposed \$3,000.00-\$5,000.00.

Toby Steffen, of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, reported on the Old St Rd 15 project; sod and seed is to be done south of 700S yet and seed is to be done north of 700S. Commissioners discussed with Steffen a letter that Rice, Highway Department Superintendent, would be drafting and sending to Jim Keefer, State Project Manager, with some concerns regarding the Old St Rd 15 Project.

The Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. Upcoming appointments to be made for the 2007 year to the various boards below:
 - a. ABC
 - b. Plan Commission
 - c. Hospital Board (1 or 2)
 - d. Library's (Roann-Paw Paw, Wabash, N Manchester)
 - e. County Convention & Visitors Bureau
 - f. Public Defender Board
 - g. City Planning Board
 - h. River Heritage Board
2. Civil Notice: Jacobs vs. Jacobs
3. Civil Notice: County vs. Bowman
4. DLGF Memorandum—Order for Cancellation of Taxes
5. Letter form IDOT introducing Indian Historic Bridge Inventory and Conferences to be held in 2007.
6. Letters from Searce Rudisel 1) payment application; 2) shop drawings and product data
7. A letter from Network Adjuster, Inc., regarding an Insurance Claim
8. A letter from United Consulting Eng.—Wal-Mart Super center
9. Official Bonding papers from Ohio Farmers Insurance Company for Joe Vogel, Weights & Measures Inspector and Larry Rice Highway Supervisor.
10. A letter from Manatron with a response and disclaimer regarding system RMS 2.0, services being offered, and proposed accomplishments by Nikish Software Corp.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. IN Dept of Homeland Security Grant—EDS #C44P-7-194
2. Wabash County Sheriff's Department Custodian, Dick Smith's, hours

No other business, the Commissioners recessed. They will meet again December 18, 2006 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M.

*Corrected by amendments to minutes approved December 18, 2006.