

DECEMBER 18, 2006

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the County Courthouse on Monday, December 18, 2006 following a special County Council meeting. 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 amend the minutes from the December 11 meeting with the following amendments: A) changing Dox Pox to Dox Pop; B) Highway report from Rice #3 (Requests to bury cable) “on” should be “at” 13420N and “on” should be “at” 10855N; C) with regard to Scarce Rudisel Architects -#3 would be taken under advisement. The motion to approve the minutes with the amendments was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 2-0 vote.

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

1. Box Culverts are in house
2. 950S-300W Project, Pre-final inspection last week—Jim Keefer, Division Engineer stated all was done according to design. Currently waiting on a Design resolution and performance review.
3. 950S-300W and the Old State Rd 15 Phase II projects are both now open. Seed and Sod will be coming back in the spring. Also, Lori Draper, a resident on Old State Rd 15, stated the road is in great shape and her yard is also in good shape
4. The new trucks are on the road.
5. There have been questions about the guard rail on the project. Rice stated due to slope requirements, north of 124 (2 to 1) required more guard rails than south of 124 (3 to 1).

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

1. The Dox-Pop agreement has been revised and includes the Courts and the Public Defender Board at no cost
2. She had purchased a phone headset that is compatible with the current Verizon system to try it out for her employees.
3. Draper thanked the Commissioners for sending her to the Election Conference. Draper stated the conference was very informative.
4. She is currently obtaining quotes for the materials carts she requested at last weeks meeting; one (1) for Government Bldg and one (1) for the Courthouse

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the population at the County Jail today was 98.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, has been notified by the State that Wabash County is eligible for a mitigation planning grant. Brown and his assistant are planning to attend a meeting on December 29, 2006 regarding the grant.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner's Attorney, informed Commissioners they would need to hold an Executive Session after the first of the year to discuss a legal matter. Also, Mattern signed a bid extension for the Wabash County Highway Department.

For the new Public Defender Board, Templin made a motion to appoint Jerry M Ault as the Board of Commissioners Appointee. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Claims were submitted requesting reimbursement for flu shots for LuAnn Layman, County Treasurer and her Deputy. Commissioners reiterated their statement from the December 4, 2006 meeting that funding for flu shots would be provided only for Emergency Personnel: Highway Department and Sheriff's Department. Templin motioned to deny the claims from the Treasurer's office. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 2-0 vote.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Report—November 30, 2006
2. County Treasurer Monthly Report—November 30, 2006
3. Weights & Measures Report—11/16 to 12/15/2006
4. Unemployment Claim concerning a former Sheriff's deputy.
5. Letter from Indiana Department of Labor with Notice of common construction wage meeting to be held December 28, 2006, 11:00 A.M at Wabash County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room.
6. Letter of intent from Virginia Reahard, Wabash County Animal Control Warden, informing Commissioners that she will be retiring in May, 2007.
7. Letter from Regan M. Andrade, MD, stating that she will be moving to Alabama in January of 2007 and is stepping down as a member of the Health Department Board.
8. Letter from the Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. informing of an agreement between AIC and Vonage for funds to be distributed from Vonage to the wireless 9-1-1 account for each county though out Indiana along with stipulations and requirements for the funding.
9. Computer Hardware Purchases as quoted for the new MVP Tax Program and GIS.
10. Letter from Jeff Kumfer, Project Manager, Scarce Rudisel Architects, Inc., to Atlas Bldg Services concerning the Courthouse Roof project as discussed last meeting.
11. Employee Insurance open enrollment is the month of March--Sign up/Changes.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended December 16, 2006
2. Pay roll schedule for 2007, moving paydays to Wednesday instead of Monday due to impending Direct Deposit for county employees. Templin moved to approve. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 2-0 vote.
3. Quality Electric—Thermostat quotes

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners agreed to approve the final Payroll and Accounts Payable claims on December 29th in the Auditor's office. The next official meeting will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.