

## **JANUARY 4, 2010**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 4, 2010. Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Brian K. Hauptert, Scott E. Givens, and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Ridgeway opened the floor for nominations to elect the Chairman of the Commissioners Board for 2010. Givens made a motion to nominate Barry Eppley as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Hauptert made a motion to close the nominations; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote. Hauptert then seconded the nomination of Eppley for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; it passed with a 2-0 vote. Ridgeway then turned the meeting over to new Chairman Eppley. Eppley opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Givens nominated Brian Hauptert. Givens moved to close the nominations; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote. Eppley then seconded the nomination of Hauptert as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; it passed with 2-0 vote.

The minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting and Special Session on December 31, 2009 were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent: was present; with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented General Ordinance No. 85-1, 2010 regulating traffic on county highways; reducing the speed limit on 1400 N, for .4 mile east from 100 W from 30 MPH to 15 MPH. Hauptert made a motion to approve General Ordinance No. 85-1; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading and adopt General Ordinance No. 85-1, 2010; his motion was seconded by Givens and was adopted by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, outlined the INdigital Communications Venture Corporation Contract for Enhanced-911 Central Dispatch. Brown stated a May/ June timeline is set to have this operational. Brown stated it includes Wabash County and Wabash City with North Manchester as the alternate answering point. Brown stated there is a sixty (60) month lease contract at \$3,938.23 per month; which includes system maintenance. Brown stated the Commissioners will be the authority over the E-911 Central Dispatch with an advisory committee created to handle operations. Brown presented an updated contract to County Attorney Steve Downs. Commissioners tabled any action pending Downs' review of the updated contract.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented the Emergency Shelter Placement Agreement with White's Residential and Family Services, Inc. for

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2010. This agreement will provide three (3) beds per day at \$128 per bed. Hauptert made a motion to approve agreement; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director, requested permission for himself and Surveyor Cheri Slee to attend the annual GIS conference in Bloomington on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Recommended the coils in the heating and cooling unit for the Extension Office be replaced. This was done in the Auditor's and Treasurer's offices with great success. The total cost would be \$3,285 which includes two (2) previous service calls. Givens made a motion to replace the coils in the heating and cooling unit for the Extension Office and payment for two (2) service invoices totaling \$3,285; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Reviewed the annual emergency generator maintenance agreement from Two Brothers Generator Sales & Service. Dils stated it covers five (5) units; one is funded by the Highway Department and a second by the Jail. Givens stated the grant monies available to the Health Department should cover the cost of their generator. The quote is \$250 per unit, the same as 2009. Dils stated he could contact Two Brothers to review and possibly renegotiate the quoted price since one unit will be added in 2010. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
3. Requested approval for intermittent consulting from Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates. Dils stated there is not a designated line item for this. Ridgeway stated she would prepare a request for Council creating a line item to cover potential service costs totaling \$2,500. Commissioners unanimously approved request to present to Council.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO, Wabash County EDG and David Koenig, Executive Director of Region III-A, discussed a proposed affiliation with Region III-A Development & Regional Planning Commission. Konyha stated they have spent numerous man-hours attempting to obtain ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) funds for sight improvements for the City of Wabash Business Park and other "shovel ready" projects with the City of Wabash; to no avail. Konyha stated the denials are due to the fact that we are not a part of an economic development district. He said there has not been one available for us to join. INDOT denied our requests because we are not part of a regional planning organization. OCRA denied the requests because we are not part of a rural planning organization. Konyha stated these organizations look at the regional impact rather than the local impact a project will have financially for their organization. Konyha recommends Wabash County consider joining an economic development district; specifically Region III-A. Region III-A would pursue specific grants geared for Wabash County. The RPO would review the requests submitted and would allocate funds depending on

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the priority placed on each project. Konyha stated Wabash County would have voices on the regional planning commission to help with the voting of the projects. The membership fee

would be \$12,445 per year. Konyha presented Commissioners and Attorney Downs information regarding an agreement with Region III-A. Konyha stated he would follow-up with Commissioners at their January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to review their decision. Commissioners agreed.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway requested permission to re-bind twenty-three (23) of the transfer books in the Auditor's Office. There is a cost of \$100 per book with a \$60 additional for repair. This would be paid for from the Plat Fund which has a current balance of \$12,400. Hauptert made a motion to approve the re-binding of twenty-three (23) transfer books in the Auditor's Office; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 1/04/2010

Year end review of Commissioners Budgeted Accounts

Association of Indiana Counties – 2010 Annual Dues: \$2,690.10

MAXIMUS Cost Allocation Plan for Wabash County for 2009

Wabash Tourism Commission Minutes of 11-16-09

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda January 13, 2010

IDEM – CAFO Renewal: Frank Dougherty Farm ID# 976

IDEM – CAFO Renewal: Rebecca Cordes Farm # 2881

INDOT: SR 16 - Bridge Rehabilitation over Eel River: Intent to Proceed

Certificate of Insurance: R.L. McCoy, Inc.

Certificate of Insurance: Fauser Contracting, Inc.

Wells Fargo Trust application - financial assistance for handicap accessibility on the west door entrance to the courthouse

Community Foundation Grant Funding for 211 - \$3,000 request to Council – Unanimous approval

**The following individuals attended the January 4<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting:**

*\*If any names are spelled incorrectly, we apologize.*

Dennis Schaaf

Sheila Rhoades

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2010 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – January 11, 2010