

JANUARY 11, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 11, 2010. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve with one amendment: Givens nomination of Barry J. Eppley; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

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

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. Reported that there are 95 inmates in the jail this morning. Hicks stated the reason for the high number is due to outstanding warrants being served.
2. Stated two new cars were picked up last week and are being striped. New equipment should be installed by the end of the month. Hicks stated they were able to get a good trade-in on two of the oldest fleet cars at Wabash Valley Chrysler. Hicks said the State submitted a lower bid and WVC matched the price. The price is less than originally quoted for the new vehicles.
3. Stated one of the two (2) water heaters at the jail is not working. County Custodian Dick Smith is working with County Coordinator Jim Dils to quickly obtain quotes. One water heater was replaced several years ago and is providing some hot water. Hicks stated the second unit is seven (7) or eight (8) years old. Givens asked if the unit could be repaired. Hicks stated this option is being considered, but it looks like replacement is the best option. Givens stated three bids are required. Hicks stated he will continue to work with Dils to best manage and expedite this situation.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Spoke with Two Brothers Generator Sales & Service concerning price on the annual emergency generator maintenance agreement totaling \$1,250. Dils state he was able to get a 20% reduction in the contract price; a total of \$1,000 for all five units for 2010. Dils recommended moving forward to sign this year's contract and possibly review pricing options when the contract comes due in 2011. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Was able to repair the clock on the south side of the courthouse. Dils stated another firm has expressed interest in the future servicing of the clock. Dils stated he will consider this at maintenance renewal time later this year.

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Bob Brown, EMA Director, met with County Attorney Steve Downs concerning the INdigital Communications Venture Corporation Contract for Enhanced-911 Central Dispatch. Downs stated he found verbiage in the contract that should be changed. Downs will contact INdigital to correct the wording.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts:

1. Informed Commissioners that the Election Precinct Establishment Order has been approved. Draper stated prior to the change she did not realize this would affect the Commissioner and Council District 2 and 3. Draper inquired if an ordinance needs to be established to revise the districts. Draper stated she would submit Indiana Codes to Downs for review on this issue. Draper stated they were able to get approval and publish the proposed election precinct changes the same day with thanks to the Wabash Plain Dealer. Any protest against the precinct changes must be submitted to the State by January 19th. If none are submitted, Draper may proceed.
2. Stated funding for passport processing has been cut by the U.S Federal Government. This has prompted several counties to discontinue passport service: Miami, Huntington and Whitley. Draper stated the post offices in Huntington and Whitley are continuing to offer the service but Miami's post office is not. This has put a strain on Wabash County's Clerk's office to provide more passport assistance to both Wabash and Miami County residents. Draper stated she contacted the National Passport Office to inform them that the cost to process is cutting into the County's expenses. She also has posted hours accepting passports on the U.S. State Department website from 8:00-3:30 Monday-Friday. Eppley stated it may be a good idea to post a sign and on the web by appointment only. Major Hicks stated for hand gun permits they posted specific hours and by appointment only for the Sheriff's Office. Draper stated she wants to accommodate the public's need and continue to provide passport services. Commissioners unanimously approved Draper to work as necessary by appointment and special hours to continue to process passports.
3. Is scheduled to meet with John Miller of Miller Furniture next week to discuss the next step with the carpet process in the Judicial Building.
4. Requested permission to place window film on the entry way windows at the Clerk's Office. Draper would like to limit the view into the office. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO, Wabash County EDG, presented and reviewed the Resolution Affiliation Agreement with Region III-A; a Development Regional Planning Commission. The resolution has to be completed for Region III-A to begin the process. Givens made a motion to enter into a contract with Region III-A; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

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1. Presented two (2) Internal Transfer Requests for the Commissioners' Funds:
 - a) The Community Foundation E211 Grant totaling \$3,000
 - b) The Job Study Committee totaling \$2,500This will be transferred from Other Services and Charges –Wards of County and State Institutions. Hauptert made a motion to approve transfer request totaling \$5,500; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a request from Circuit Court Judge Robert McCallen to re-appoint Jean Gilbert to the Public Defender Commission as their appointee. Hauptert made a motion to re-appoint Jean Gilbert to the Public Defender Commission; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission to attend the SRI Tax Sale Conference on Friday March 19th. Ridgeway stated she would like for Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd to attend also. SRI extended the invitation to Treasurers, Commissioners and County Attorneys. Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for period ended 1-09-10

2010 Covered Bridge Certification

County Wages Report as of December 31, 2009

Listing of Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Abatements for 2009 pay 2010

Tiede, Metz and Downs Invoice for December, 2009

Memorandum: Wabash County Election Precinct Establishment Order approved

Request for Courthouse access – Lincoln Pilgrimage, February 14, 2010

Reminder: CENSUS 2010 update meeting – January 13

Reminder: County Bridge Conference – January 20 & 21

IDEM: Notice of Decision: Approval – SRT Investments, LLC/ dba G&S Metals

Arc – 1st Quarter Allocation Request totaling \$14,125

At 10:00 A.M., Commissioners received bids for the West Façade Courthouse Project. Hauptert made a motion to close bids; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

BIDS RECEIVED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Advanced Restoration Contractors, Inc

Indianapolis

<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt 1: New Basement Windows</u>	<u>Alt 2: New Attic Windows</u>
\$89,750	\$8,000	\$5,000

DT Constriction Services Inc

Silver Lake

<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt 1: New Basement Windows</u>	<u>Alt 2: New Attic Windows</u>
\$95,636	\$7,951	\$4,580

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D & C Construction Co., Inc

South Whitley

<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt 1: New Basement Windows</u>	<u>Alt 2: New Attic Windows</u>
\$76,483	\$6,776	\$4,050

Easterday Construction Co., Inc

Culver

<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt 1: New Basement Windows</u>	<u>Alt 2: New Attic Windows</u>
\$81,395	\$6,995	\$4,065

Michiana Contracting Inc

Plymouth

<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt 1: New Basement Windows</u>	<u>Alt 2: New Attic Windows</u>
\$98,580	\$9,280	\$6,290

Givens made a motion to take all bids under advisement; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Jeff Kumfer, Scarce Rudisel Architects was present to review bids for the West Façade. Kumfer also discussed options for handrails and doorstops for the courthouse doors. Hauptert made a motion to approve change order totaling \$3,061 to add handrails and doorstops to the courthouse doors; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

The following individuals attended the January 11th 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 Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.