

## JANUARY 25, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 25, 2010. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Barry J. Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented an order to vacate order (Cause No. DOT-RR-1993) issued by INDOT Rail Office June 4, 2008 regarding the placement of crossing signals at 800 N east of SR 13. Amones stated there is a \$50,000 grant that can be applied to the 800 N crossing. County Attorney Steve Downs stated we can move to extend this grant which expires May or June if there is any possible work to be done on this crossing. Auditor Jane Ridgeway inquired if outstanding invoices on the 800 N project could be paid from this grant. County Attorney Steve Downs stated he would contact INDOT for clarification regarding allowed expenses under this grant.
2. Received a letter from INDOT that states on December 16, 2009 the US House of Representatives approved the Jobs Bill for Main Street Act of 2010 which is a second stimulus package with the same amounts, distributions and restrictions as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The one difference is that the deadlines and time-frames are shorter. INDOT has requested that counties compile a list of projects that would qualify. Amones and Commissioners discussed the following roads; Lagro Servia Road, 700 W, 1100 N, America Road, Laketon Road and 200 N (the concrete portion running east from State Rd 15). Amones stated 200 N is classified as a "minor collector" road by the State on the Functional Class Map. This can be upgraded to a "major collector" and placed on the federal aide system list if we submit a request for the upgrade. Amones requested permission for Downs to proceed with an upgrade request on 200 N. Commissioners approved and requested Downs investigate what the classification process consists of and also review all roads discussed for possible functional class upgrade as well.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Presented the State Homeland Security Grant through District III for 2009 totaling \$47,597. This money will be used to purchase mobile radios; six (6) for North Manchester and five (5) for EMA. The monies and equipment will go through Allen County who is the fiscal agent.
2. Stated the EMA Preparedness Outreach along with the Miami County EMA and the National Weather Service are sponsoring a severe weather

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storm spotter training class on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Honeywell Center at 6:30 PM.

3. Stated on February 2<sup>nd</sup> the fourth Mitigation Plan Committee meeting will be held at the EOC. This is open to the public. IUPUI is compiling data for the presentation.
4. Stated on February 18<sup>th</sup> the WC EMA and Miami County EMA are sponsoring a Damage Assessment training class in Miami County from 9-4 P.M. This is for EMA, county highways, street departments, law enforcement, fire departments and REMC. The State will review procedural steps in addressing a disaster for individual and public assistance. They will also show all parties how to enter disaster information on the State Disaster Management Systems website.
5. Is continuing to work on the INdigital Communications Venture Corporation Contract for Enhanced-911 Central Dispatch with County Attorney Steve Downs.
6. Is working with Downs on an inter-local agreement with the City of Wabash.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, stated there is a leasing agreement with Solid Waste and E-911 that needs to be addressed. Brown stated this cannot be paid out of E-911. It must be covered by Commissioners. Downs stated he would work on terms for the lease. Commissioners agreed.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation, stated an uninsured probationer ran into one of their vehicles. Wabash Valley Chrysler assessed damage to the van and Cincinnati Insurance Company wrote a check totaling \$2,855.99 to Commissioners. Duggan requested signature of Commissioners on the check. Commissioners signed the check. Auditor Jane Ridgeway requested a copy of the check to document receipt and also requested an invoice from WVC.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented a copy of the Scarce & Rudisel Architects Proposal Agreement for the West Façade Repairs and Window Replacement Project to be completed by D&C Construction. Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed agreement.
2. Discussed replacement options for the 100 gallon defective water heater at the jail. Dils presented four (4) quotes for a new 100 gallon 199,000 BTU gas water heater; prices include labor and materials:
  - a. Quality Electric, Inc \$4,666
  - b. Wohlford Heating & Refrigeration \$5,500
  - c. Tri-W \$5,811.42
  - d. Jones Contracting, Inc. \$5,982.38

Hauptert made a motion to accept the low bid from Quality Electric, Inc. totaling \$4,666; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote. This will be paid from the CCD Building Repair Fund.

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Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented two encumbrances for the Commissioners to present to the Council:
  - a. Cumulative Capital Development Fund contract projects in progress: Jail Study (\$2,680.77),
  - b. Courthouse Doors and Windows (\$69,268.83) and Commissioners Meeting Room (\$96,729.03).
  - c. CEDIT funds for H.J. Umbaugh & Associates invoices related to TIF and CR 800 N projects; Manchester TIF District (\$24,600), LaFontaine TIF district (\$7,200) and CR 800 N project (\$3,395).  
Commissioners reviewed and signed encumbrances.
2. Requested permission for Attorney Downs to attend the Council meeting this evening. Commissioners unanimously approved.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

**Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for period ended 1-23-2010**

**Weights and Measures Monthly Report – December 16, 2009 – January 15, 2010**

**IDEM: Receipt of Air Permit application: POET Bio-refining – North Manchester**

**Universal Valuation, Inc. – Building Appraisal Proposal**

**Wabash County Tourism Commission**

**Indiana Historical Society & Fulton County Historical Society letters**

**Wabash County Highway Department Inventory Report & GASB Report for 2009**

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2010 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written on February 1, 2010