

## **FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 8, 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 February 1, 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, was present; with no report.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, stated the average population in the jail last week was 82.95.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Requested permission for four (4) volunteers to attend the Search and Rescue Operation Level Training at Camp Atterbury May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and Technician Level Training July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Brown stated EMA costs would be for fuel and meals. Commissioner unanimously approved.
2. Presented the INdigital Communications Venture Corporation Contract for Enhanced-911 Central Dispatch. County Attorney Steve Downs gave his approval of the contract. Givens made a motion to accept the INdigital contract; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts:

1. Discussed the proposed carpet replacement in the Clerk's Office. Hauptert stated his major concern was replacement without a major disruption within the office. Draper stated the best time of year to complete the project is now. Miller Furniture is confident that the best preparation, adhesive and type of carpet selected but, due to the fact that the existing carpet has been glued down twice, they have a disclaimer on the contract stating they are not liable if the carpet does not stick. Draper stated inmate assistance is an option to help remove the old carpet. Hauptert stated he would like Miller Furniture to start and finish the work. Eppley stated inmate labor is an option to keep in mind when moving items in the office under the direction of the contractor. Draper stated a portion of the payment, \$2,622, would come from the Clerk IVD fund and the remainder, \$14,856.02 from the CCD Fund. Hauptert made a motion to proceed with the carpet project totaling \$17,478.02, including materials and labor; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated Clerk's Office may need to go to the "by appointment only" method when dealing with passports. Draper stated individuals are frustrated that other offices around the area are no longer offering passport services

and that Wabash County's hours are not later to accommodate individual schedules. Draper stated the Clerk's Office has many responsibilities besides passport processing and must keep to a set 8:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M. Monday – Friday schedule for passports. Draper stated Cass County Clerk's Office still offers passport processing as well as the main post offices in Kokomo and Marion.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with no report.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented a Memorandum of Understanding Renewal for the Day Reporting Program Grant; February 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 at a unit rate of \$15 per day, per student not to exceed \$25,000. Commissioners reviewed and signed agreement.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated the new handrails and doorstops have been installed outside the courthouse and the trim around the exit lights has been completed.
2. Stated the support on one of the panic bars on one of the east doors had damage from an unknown source. The support was replaced. D&T Contractor Dennis McKee stated total cost of the repairs was \$158. McKee stated he would be willing to split the cost of the repair with the county. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
3. Stated there is a 10% retainage on the door project; of \$13,614. Dils stated a walk through was completed with the architects. Most of the touch-ups and repairs found have been completed by D&T Construction except for a few items that cannot be completed until the spring. Dils suggested D&T Construction be allowed to submit a claim for a portion of the retainage, approximately \$10,000, and hold the balance until spring when the project can be completed. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO, Wabash County EDG, presented a resolution regarding the creation of a TIF to support Cinergy MetroNet in construction of a facility to house all electronics in the installation of fiber optics in the City of Wabash and North Manchester. Konyha stated the resolution would permit the City of Wabash to act as appointed chair for the three (3) Economic Redevelopment Commissions; City of Wabash, Wabash County and North Manchester. Konyha introduced Richard C. Starkey, from the Law Firm of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP. Starkey stated Indiana Code 36-7-25-4 would allow the City of Wabash to function on behalf of Wabash County and North Manchester on the MetroNet project. All actions will be presented to the Commissioners and North Manchester for final approval. Commissioners, Ridgeway, Konyha, Downs and Starkey discussed the TIF revenues, forms and bonds. Downs stated one change needed to be made to the contract. Starkey stated the change was acceptable. Givens made a motion to approve the preliminary resolution to be revised by Attorney Downs appointing Wabash

City as facilitator for the Economic Redevelopment Commission regarding the TIF to support Cinergy MetroNet; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed 3-0.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented three (3) claims submitted by Beauchamp & McSpadden for insurance premium

renewals totaling \$203,551.89. She also stated bonds for the Auditor and Coroner must be accepted and signed by Commissioners. Commissioners reviewed and approved.

2. Elaborated on the AIC Legislative Conference last week:
  - a. Focused on the Federal Jobs Work Bill that is replacing the Stimulus programs
  - b. Will share a comparison of the national health care plans from the Senate and House and how this could affect an employer the size of Wabash County
  - c. State Revenues are down for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive month.
  - d. Phase II Certification: practically of the certification testing. The State has yielded to only test what we need. The main data testing can now be done at the Manatron Office on their servers with our data. This should cut costs on the project

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for pay period ended 2/06/2010

IDEM – Receipt of Air Permit: POET Biorefining – North Manchester

IDEM – CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Nelson Dyson Farm ID# 4196

IDEM – CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – James O Keffaber Farm ID# 4249

IDEM – CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Gene Michel Farm ID# 801

IDEM – CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Bill Urschel Farm ID# 695

IDEM – NPDES CAFO General Permit Renewal – Alan Brubaker Permit# ING806387

Appointment to Health Board – Dr. Pyle; *Hauptert made a motion to appoint Dr. Pyle; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.*

Claim to City of Wabash Central dispatch – for dispatcher’s January and February salaries

AIC brochures & AIC County Membership Renewal for 2010

Letter from EDG regarding the 2010 Northeast Indiana Occupational Wage and Benefit Report

Maximus – follow up from the Cost Allocation Plan contract

RIPEA Communicator – February 2010

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, February 15, 2010 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved by Commissioner’s February 15, 2010