

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 22, 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 15, 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 a petition request from Teresa Sears to place a blind drive-way sign at 3775 W 100 S. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Presented a contract with United Consulting allowing United to prepare an application to INDOT for Federal Aid; the Jobs Bill for Main Street Act of 2010, which is a second stimulus package for the repaving of 200 N between SR 13 and SR 15. As part of this process, 200 N between SR 13 and SR 15 needs a functional class modification. Amones presented a letter from United to be sent to INDOT requesting functional reclassification of 200 N between SR 13 and SR 15. Givens stated he would like to see 200 N west of SR 15 considered for repaving in the future. Givens made a motion to approve the contract with United on 200 N; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote. Commissioners also signed the reclassification letter to INDOT.
3. Presented contracts from United Consulting for the first phase of the Wabash County bridge inspection contract. Amones introduced Chris Pope, Manager & Vice-President Bridge Design Services for United Consulting. Pope stated this is a four (4) year contract. The contract will be 80% federally funded and the remaining 20%, which is not to exceed \$178,000, will be paid by Wabash County. Pope stated there is a slight increase since the last inspection. In the last 5 years, changes have been handed down by INDOT that have added costs. This contract includes the twenty-nine (29) unknown foundation bridges. Pope stated a plan of action needs to be in place for any emergency on the unknown foundation bridges. Hauptert made a motion to take the bridge contract with United Consulting for a four (4) year period not to exceed a total of \$178,000, under advisement pending review by County Attorney Steve Downs; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Pope stated a secondary contract will follow from INDOT for the Jobs Bill portion of the funding.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, did not present a weekly jail report but stated there are one hundred (100) inmates in the jail this morning. The high number is due to warrants being served.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Submitted a copy of a contract to County Attorney Steve Downs for review regarding the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for Central Dispatch.
2. Stated the Weather Spotter Training was held last week at the Honeywell Center. There were seventy-five (75) in attendance; thirty-one (31) from Wabash County were trained. Brown stated there were participants from Grant, Miami, Fulton and Huntington counties.
3. Stated that seven (7) individuals from Wabash County attended a Damage Assessment Course last week in Miami County. The topic was on what FEMA is looking for after a major disaster. There is a required preliminary inspection report that must be completed for FEMA seventy-two (72) hours after a disaster for FEMA. They discussed how to deploy teams in the area quickly and efficiently to gather information for the inspection report.

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

Matt Konow and Brian Medek, OCE Corporate Printing, presented a printing analysis update on Wabash County's printers and an OCE program recommendation. Givens asked if any offices currently have any printer contracts. Auditor Ridgeway stated the Clerk's Office has an agreement with another company but other contacts she is aware of are for copier/printer/fax combination units. Commissioners will take this under advisement.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Discussed the county building's appraisal through Universal Evaluation, Inc. Dils stated he confirmed with Beauchamp & McSpadden that the last full appraisal on most county buildings was in 2001. Dils stated over the last few years UEI has performed only an appraisal update. UEI and Beauchamp & McSpadden are recommending that five (5) of the eight (8) county buildings have an on-site full appraisal totaling \$2,375 while three (3) buildings have only an appraisal update for a total of \$213.75. Hauptert made a motion to approve the two (2) appraisals; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Extended an invitation to the Commissioners to meet with representatives from Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. to discuss renewal of the employee health plan. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3rd at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' meeting room.
3. Stated Border Energy requested permission to address the Commissioners on March the 8th. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway stated Wabash City has refunded the County for the January and February dispatchers' appropriations paid in 2010.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for period ended 2-20-10

Renewal of Agreement with the City of Wabash: Ambulance & Rescue Service
Weights and Measures Monthly Report – January 15, 2010 – February 15, 2010

Notice of Tort Claim Received: T. Andrew

Umbaugh Detailed Invoices – *Commissioners approved payment for the Jail Committee consulting.*

CVB: Billington presentation on Sustainable Tourism Invitation

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Dennis Biehl: Farm ID# 3995

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Randie Kopkey: Farm ID# 3461

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Jerry Briner: Farm ID# 3237

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Robert D White: Farm ID# 1292

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – Jack Michel: Farm ID# 805

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – George Schneider: Farm ID# 4758

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal/MMP – James F. Lyons Farm ID #4423

Beldon Cemetery ownership update – Auditor's Deputy Mariah Odman: *Commissioners thanked her for the research and requested further information from 1872 Commissioners minutes.*

AT&T easement judgment update – by Auditor's Deputy Marcie Shepherd – *Commissioners thanked her for the information.*

Ron Woodward, Wabash County Historian, addressed his concerns and requests regarding the Belden Cemetery.

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

The following individuals attended the February 22nd Commissioners meeting:

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

Sheila Rhoades

Ron Woodward

*Approved as written – March 1, 2010