

MARCH 1, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 1, 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 22, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Stated the hot mix overlay repaving request, for 200 N between SR 13 and SR 15, does not meet* federal highway standards for repairs under the Jobs Bill for Main Street Act of 2010. Amones stated the portion from SR 13 to 200 W is eligible due to it being blacktop but the concrete portion is the issue. Amones stated the concrete area on 200 N could possibly be submitted through the federal aid 80/20 program. Amones and Commissioners discussed several other roads to submit for the Jobs Bill. Amones stated some are classified as “minor collector” roads by the State on the Functional Class Map. These roads may be upgraded to a “major collector” and placed on the federal aid system list if we submit a request for the upgrade. Commissioners stated they would like to compile a list of roads that need upgraded and have these submitted to United Consulting for a cost analysis. Amones stated he will meet with an Area III-A Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission representative on Wednesday, March 3rd. He will discuss a strategy on the 200 N project as well as other project and program possibilities.
2. Stated that County Attorney Steve Downs had reviewed the United Consulting contracts for bridge inspections and found that the contracts are acceptable. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. Stated there are 100 inmates in the jail this morning.
2. Stated equipment for the two (2) new fleet cars is in and the cars should be on the road in a couple of weeks.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Stated the central dispatch radio system specification request for proposal is complete. Requested permission to advertise the request for proposal in the local news papers. Brown stated he would like the bids to be accepted on March 22nd at 10:00 A.M. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Spoke with Downs regarding the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system contract for Central Dispatch. Downs will contact Cushing Technologies for clarification on a few items in the contract.

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3. Stated Severe Weather Week starts March 14th. Brown stated he will present a Proclamation for Commissioners to sign next week.
4. Stated on March 16th the Code Red Emergency Communications Network has offered free minutes for Wabash County to test the system by contacting all individuals who signed up for the severe weather alert.
5. Stated there will be a State Wide Tornado Test on March 17th. Brown stated he does not have all the details on the test but will inform Commissioners of details at a later time.
6. Presented ideas for the lease agreement with Solid Waste for Central Dispatch. Commissioners will take under advisement.
7. Stated he has started the paperwork for the Indiana State Police for a Central Dispatch IDEX-NCIC computer terminal for law enforcement.
8. Requested permission to accept an eighteen (18) foot trailer offered by North Side Wrecker Service. Brown stated there will be minor expense to insure the trailer. Commissioners unanimously approved and extended their gratitude to North Side Wrecker for their donation.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, recommended, in regards to the OCE presentation last week, that a second opinion be obtained on Wabash County's document printing needs. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for payment 3-1-10: Commissioners approved and signed.
2. Presented Wabash Courthouse IT quotes: Anti-virus update \$840 and Citrix Server Renewal \$428 with Care pack on Server \$552 totaling \$1,820. Ridgeway stated she would like to stay with the current company. Hauptert made a motion to approve request for update on anti-virus and Citrix Server with care pack totaling \$1,820; his motion was seconded Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented an appointment request for the County Health Board; Dr. Eric Reichenbach who will replace Dr. Michael E. Ralston. Hauptert made a motion to appoint Dr. Reichenbach to the County Health Board; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented a proposed redevelopment resolution for the Commissioners to review. The resolution will be presented at the March 22nd Council meeting.
5. Updated Commissioners on the Beldon Cemetery. Ron Woodward, Wabash County Historian, and Mariah Odman of the Auditor's Office, both researched the Commissioners' minutes from 1872 and 1873 and found no record of Commissioners acceptance of the one acre piece from Solomon Fry. Ridgeway also presented a letter from Florence Dahlstrom, Lagro Township Trustee, regarding the Beldon Cemetery. Commissioners will take under advisement.
6. Discussed IC 10-17-10-1 Sec. 1 (2) (B) concerning state mandated burial benefits for veterans; which states... "The Board of Commissioners shall

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hear and determine the claim like other claims and, if the facts averred are found to be true, shall allow the claim in an amount set by ordinance. However, the amount of the allowance may not be more than \$1,000.” Wabash County has been paying \$100 but should probably consider an official ordinance. Max Reed, Veterans’ Services

Officer, is unaware of any ordinance adopted in the past setting a fee for veterans’ burial benefits, Commissioners agreed. Ridgeway stated her office will research the ordinances.

7. Stated the Auditor’s Office computers are bogging down. Ridgeway stated Intrasect Technologies has reviewed their status and recommends new RAM be added on several of the computers and possibly a few that may need to be replaced. Ridgeway requested permission to price updates and/or replacement of computers in the Auditor’s Office. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Brian Haupert stated this month is the 15th straight month of revenue losses for the State of Indiana. Haupert recommended a hiring freeze go in effect. Haupert stated we need to be pro-active on the forecasted revenue loss for 2011. If any hiring is considered essential, a request must be made to the Commissioners for review. Haupert made a motion to put a hiring freeze on jobs funded by Wabash County Government; his motion was seconded by Givens* and passed by a 3-0 vote. Ridgeway stated a memo will be sent to all Department Heads immediately.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

IDEM: CFO Approval: Steve Anderson, Midwest Veal, And LLC – Farm #2259

Economic Development Group Invoice - \$30,000

Letter from the Sons of United Veterans of Civil War – permission to schedule an event on the Courthouse lawn May 31st at 10:00 A.M. – Commissioners will take under advisement

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 8, 2010 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as amended – March 8, 2010.