

MARCH 22, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 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 March 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent, presented a request from Manchester Veal to cut the road at 200 W south of Laketon to replace an existing pipe. Amones stated Manchester Veal will do the work and supply the materials. The county will replace the asphalt for a fee of \$5 per foot. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request by Manchester Veal to cut the road and bury pipe on 200 W at \$5 per foot; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed request.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. Stated the population at the jail this morning was 107.
2. Stated one of the new fleet cars is on the road. Work will begin this week on the second car.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated the Animal Shelter Board would like to change their hours of operation: they are now closed on Saturday and Sunday but would like to be open on Saturday and closed on Wednesday and Sunday. Major Chief Deputy Sheriff Hicks stated he is on the ASB and they want to allow the public as much opportunity as possible for pet adoption. Dils stated the transition will begin April 5th. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Stated the Animal Shelter Board is looking for used computer equipment to upgrade what is now at the animal shelter. Councilman Jim Kaltenmark, who is on the ASB, requested Dils contact county offices to see if any surplus equipment is available. Dils sent e-mails and has received several responses. Dils stated he will work with Kaltenmark on acquiring possible equipment. Commissioners stated it may be wise to inquire with the Solid Waste Department. Dils stated he would do so.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, was present: no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, stated he has reviewed the lease agreement for the Central Dispatch office space at the Solid Waste facility. Downs stated he will speak with the Solid Waste Board Attorney, Doug Lehman, to discuss minor changes to the agreement.

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Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections Director, presented a transfer request totaling \$17,000 to purchase a previously owned vehicle with a trade in of the current vehicle. Hobson stated he researched all of the car dealers in the area for the purchase of the new vehicle. They originally planned to purchase a 4-wheel drive vehicle but due to the cost, high mileage and the fact that feature would only be used approximately ten (10) days per year, they decided against the 4-wheel drive. Hobson also stated they planned to wait to purchase a vehicle but theirs was encountering numerous mechanical problems so, a 2008 Impala was purchased from Shepherd's Chevrolet & Cadillac in North Manchester for a total of \$16,467. It has 6,200 miles, a factory warranty, a certified extension and is E-85 fuel capable. Hauptert made a motion to approve the transfer request totaling \$17,000 to go before Council for the purchase; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for period ended 3-20-10. *Commissioners approved and signed.*
2. Presented appropriate forms for the appointment of Brian Hauptert to the Region III-A Board of Directors as approved last week.
3. Presented a transfer of fund request from the CEDIT Funds: \$200,000 for the Economic Development Group - Novae incentive agreement. Ridgeway stated it would be transferred from the capital projects budget: \$100,000 from the Minimum Security Facility line item and \$100,000 from the County Farm Infrastructure line item. This leaves \$50,000 in each account keeping the line items open for the remainder of the year. Hauptert made a motion to approve the transfer request totaling \$200,000 for the EDG Novae incentive agreement; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented the County and City Ambulance agreement. Givens made a motion to approve the ambulance contract; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Stated the final calculation of taxes has been completed. Manatron MVP Tax completed their upgrade install on Friday, March 19th. Ridgeway stated there are seventeen (17) CEs (Correction of errors) that will be completed today. After completion, Treasurer Sharon Shaw will send the data file to the printer on Tuesday, March 23rd. Taxes are set for distribution on or before April 23rd and tax collection date is on time for May 10th.
6. Presented the 2010 Circuit Breakers report of \$60,569.43. Ridgeway stated this may change slightly after the CEs are completed. The Non-Homestead Residential Properties CBs were \$22,122.13 and the Over-65 CBs were \$38,447.30. There are 850

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- residents who qualify for the Over 65 circuit breaker which does not allow taxes to rise higher than 2% of the last year's taxes (which were \$0).
7. Provided two (2) Resolutions requested by Commissioners: 1) Wabash County Ordinance 93-1, establishing the Conventions Visitors Bureau in 1993; 2) Wabash County Ordinance 90-II, establishing the Enhanced-911 in 1990 for research and review.
 8. Attended the SRI conference on Friday. Ridgeway stated she had discussed holding a Commissioners' Certificate Sale with Treasurer Sharon Shaw. Ridgeway stated she would like to set one this year tentatively in May or June. Also, they plan to set an October date for the regular 2010 Tax Sale.
 9. Stated County Nurse Jane Skeens would like Commissioners to review an area at the Health Department regarding vaccine storage issues. Commissioners would review today.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director of the Wabash County Council on Aging:

1. Presented the new 5317 grant for the public transport. This grant allows transportation into surrounding counties. Ferry stated the 5371 grant has filled a great need for one-way trips and smaller trips.
2. Stated the original 5311 Public Transportation Grant program is a success. December was the highest December on record due to holiday bus pick-ups and public transit awareness.
3. Stated they were awarded, from the Jobs Work Bill, new software, computer equipment and four (4) buses. Ferry stated the software and computer equipment will arrive in June and the busses should arrive by October. Commissioners reviewed and approved grants.

Teresa Witkoske, County Extension Director, presented a hiring request for a summer assistant. The position would be for ten (10) weeks up to thirty-five (35) hours per week. Hauptert made a motion to approve the part-time position for the Purdue Extension office for the 2010 summer; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

At 9:40 A.M., Commissioners proceeded to the Health Department per Nurse Jane Skeens' request. At 10:00 A.M., Commissioners reconvened to accept the Requests for Proposals for public safety radio equipment and associated equipment as advertised. RFP's are as follows:

- J&K Communications Inc Columbia City
- Emergency Radio Services Inc Fort Wayne

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Jeff Mauler of ERS reviewed the equipment and installation qualifications of ERS with the Commissioners. Hauptert made a motion to take the RFP's under advisement; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. EMA Director Bob Brown will analyze the RFP's and present recommendations.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Wabash County CVB Minutes of 2-15-10

IDEM: CFO Approval Voidance/CFO – Ken D. McKillip: Farm ID# 4730

IDEM: CFO Approval Voidance/CFO – Craig E. McKillip: Farm ID# 4079

IDEM: CFO Approval Voidance/CFO – Dennis G. McKillip: Farm ID# 977

Weights & Measures Report – March 15, 2010

US Banks notification - selling of North Manchester Poet bonds

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 29, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – March 29, 2010