

MARCH 8, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 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 March 1, 2010 meeting were reviewed. There were two corrections: meet instead of met and a second motion should have been Givens. Hauptert made a motion to approve with the two (2) changes; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Met with David Gee, Area III-A Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission representative. Gee can request reclassification of our county roads at no cost to the county and apply for federal aid money on these roads. Amones submitted a list of five (5) roads for reclassification: 1000 N, 700 W, 200 W, 200 N and America Road. Amones stated he would like to submit a portion of 1050 S as well. Amones also requested Commissioners inform him of any roads they would like to add to the list. Amones will meet with Gee in April to update the reclassification list. Commissioners will take under advisement.
2. Presented the INDOT contract for the bridge inspection. There was one error on the contract. Amones stated he would correct the error and resubmit at the next meeting.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Presented the Severe Weather Alert Week Proclamation. EMA will highlight safety procedures regarding tornado safety and encourage residents to enroll in the CodeRED Telephone Weather Warning System. Hauptert made a motion to declare March 15th thru March 20th as Severe Weather Alert Week; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley signed the Severe Weather Alert Week Proclamation.
2. Stated the CodeRED System will be tested Tuesday, March 16th.
3. Presented the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system contract for Central Dispatch; reviewed and approved by Downs. Commissioners approved and signed contract.
4. Presented four (4) bids for the CAD system software:
 - a. Cushing Technologies - \$106,200 and \$9,000 maintenance package after the first year
 - b. WTH Technology - \$121,950 and \$14,750 maintenance package after the first year
 - c. K&K Management Solutions - \$120,570 with no maintenance package
 - d. ID Networks - \$126,000 and \$11,800 maintenance package active ninety (90) days after start date

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Hauptert made a motion to approve Cushing Technologies CAD system software and service agreement totaling \$106,200 with a \$9,000 annual maintenance after the first year; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts:

1. Discussed the Clerk's Office yearly travel itinerary. Draper stated there is a Northern District Meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, in Shipshewana, a potential ISETS conference in April in Indianapolis that two employees will attend, a Clerk's Conference in June in Indianapolis and a Clerk's October meeting in Jay County. Costs will be taken from the IV-D fund. Draper stated portions of the expenses will be reimbursed due to child support being a part of these meetings. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Stated she is waiting on paper work from Miller Furniture for the Clerk's Office floor project. Upon receipt, Draper will present to Commissioners.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented the Wabash City ambulance contract. Downs stated this is a three (3) year contract with a 2% increase; \$159,182 in 2010, \$162,365 in 2011 and \$165,613 in 2012. Ridgeway stated she would check to ensure there are sufficient funds and then present to Council as a transfer. Commissioners unanimously agreed and signed agreement.
2. Discussed the Cinergy MetroNet Fiber Optic Plan, (Commissioners) Resolution 2010-85-02 and (Planning Commission) Resolution 2010-85-03. There is question on the physical location of the fiber optic route. Downs stated he will contact Bill Konyha, President and CEO of the Wabash County Economic Development Group, to discuss the issue.
3. Presented the Wind Energy Conservation Systems Ordinance; Givens made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the first reading; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to adopt as General Ordinance No. 85-2-2010; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Revisited a request submitted on February 1st from the Health Department to upgrade their electrical service. Dils stated he had obtained a quote from Quality Electric totaling \$388 for the addition of two (2) circuits. Hauptert made a motion to approve the addition of two (2) circuits totaling \$388 at the Health Department; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to attend a human resource conference in Fort Wayne on Thursday, March 11th. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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Thomas Payne, Border Energy, discussed gas supply procurement options. Commissioners requested a list of counties serviced by Border. Payne stated he would forward that information to County Coordinator Dils. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented an Additional Appropriation – Sheriff’s Pension Fund recommended contribution totaling \$193,500; \$43,500 for 2009 shortfall contribution and bank fees and \$150,000 for the 2010 contribution. Commissioners discussed contribution amount and timing of payment. Ridgeway stated this has been paid on a monthly basis. Givens stated he would like a solid figure rather than an arbitrary amount. Ridgeway stated \$60,000 calculates to what would be paid if PERF. Commissioners stated they could transfer funds at a later date if necessary. Hauptert made a motion to lower the \$150,000 request to \$60,000; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve \$43,500 for the 2009 shortfall and the \$60,000 for the 2010 contribution; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a Transfer Request – CCD Fund – totaling \$10,500 for the jail study invoice from Umbaugh & Associates for a total invoice cost of \$12,970. Commissioners approved and signed Transfer Request totaling \$10,500.
3. Presented a request to reappoint registered nurse Linda Mattern to the Health Board. Givens made a motion for the reappointment of Mattern to the Health Board; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for pay period ended 3/06/2010

City of Wabash: Order to Remove Building – 290 Sherman Street

Tiede, Metz & Downs, P.C. – Invoice for services: February, 2010

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda – March 10, 2010 & Minutes of January 13th meeting

Regional III-A Meeting March 18th in Columbia City

Letter form General Preservation Corporation – complete exterior restoration of buildings

Landfill Settlement Review

Area III-A Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting

March 18th in Columbia City

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

*Approved as written – March 15, 2010