

**APRIL 5, 2010**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 5, 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 29, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve as written; seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent, presented INDOT's "Call for Projects" and suggested submitting Packerton Road due to the problems addressed last week. Amones stated that he already has three (3) bridges submitted for projects. Commissioners unanimously approved. Amones also requested permission to take two Cumulative Bridge Fund projects to Council for appropriation: Paw Paw Bridge # 6 for \$15,000 and Liberty Bridge #62 for \$10,000. Commissioners approved both unanimously.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the average daily population in the jail last week was 106.57 and due to the high count of female prisoners he is working on possible transports to another facility. Commissioners and Hicks discussed that it may be time to look at more options for lowering the inmate numbers and approved County Attorney Downs begin working with the Sheriff on possible transport procedures. Striker also presented the Commissioners a Grant Proposal for a 201 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 10K & under Program for – Audio/Video Recording Equipment through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Commissioners approved on a motion by Hauptert, second by Givens and a 3-0 vote. They signed the application requesting \$10,000 Federal Funds toward a total project of \$19,898. Striker said no General Fund monies will be used; he plans to use Commissary funds for the match.

Bob Brown, EMA Director presented quotes and recommendations for Central Dispatch office equipment as follows:

**A. Dispatch Consoles:**

Thomas Shelby & Co. -Watson Communication Consoles - \$ 38,384.88

Dispatch Products – Dispatch Products - \$ 36,126.00

Advanced Cabinet Systems – Advanced Cabinets - \$53,892.00

*Brown recommended the Watson Consoles due to a lifetime warranty, the fact that they are an "open" console (with more knee space) and have a preferable focal point adjustment for the monitor that the lower priced Dispatch Product console does not. Hauptert moved to approve the Watson consoles (for an additional \$2,258) as Brown recommended. His motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.*

- B. Computer Hardware:** IntraSect Technologies-Servers/PC/Software Interface - \$ 58,601.39 – *Approved 3-0: motion Hauptert, second Givens.*

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- C. **Emergency Power and Electrical Wiring:** Quality Electric - \$2,240.00 –  
*Low quote: approved: motion by Givens, seconded by Hauptert, vote 3-0.*
- D. **Window Blackouts and Tint:** Xtreme Auto Mirrored Silver - \$ 535.00.  
*Low quote approved on motion by Hauptert, second by Givens and 3-0 vote.*
- E. **Carpeting:** K&M Floor Covering – Kraus Industries 4 products - \$ 2,315.05  
*Low quote: approved: motion by Givens, seconded by Hauptert, vote 3-0.*
- F. **Security Cameras:** LL Computer Service - \$ 3,795.49  
*Low quote approved on motion by Hauptert, second by Givens and 3-0 vote.*
- G. **Desks & Assorted Office Equipment:** Indiana Surplus Property - \$ 120.00  
*Unanimously approved by Commissioners.*

Steve Downs, County Attorney, has reviewed the Lease Agreement with WCSWMD Attorney Doug Lehman between the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District and the Board of Commissioners to locate the new Central Dispatch office in approximately One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (1,920) square feet of the WCSWMD building located at 1101 Manchester Avenue in Wabash. The lease was presented signed by Steve Johnson, Executive Director of WCSWMD. Commissioners approved the lease agreement to begin in April, 2010 at \$1,000 per month plus an allowance for additional utilities over the average current usage. The agreement was approved and signed on a motion by Givens, seconded by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote. Downs had no other business to report. Auditor Ridgeway was asked to prepare an additional appropriation request to cover the agreement for the remainder of 2010 from the County General Fund – Central Dispatch budget.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director of Wabash Economic Development Group, presented a proposed Resolution approving the determination that the Cinergy MetroNet Economic Development Area Plan conforms to the plan of development for the county and is an “economic development area” pursuant to Section 41 of Indiana Code 36-7-14, as amended. This Resolution was approved as Resolution 2010-85-04 on a motion by Givens, seconded by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

- A. The Commissioners have been asked to hold an Executive Session for personnel and legal matters sometime next week – he is working to coordinate the schedules of all involved.
- B. A request has been received from organizers of the Tea Party to hold another rally on the courthouse lawn on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. Commissioners unanimously approved.
- C. County Building Appraisals have been completed and received – they can be reviewed in Dils’ office.
- D. With the policy year change for the Employee Group Health Insurance as of April 1, 2010, Dils was able to work with Group Administrators to gather additional “stop-loss” claims that had not been billed by March 30<sup>th</sup>. In doing so the Auditor was able to pay

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- an additional \$69,248.74 in claims that will be reimbursed by the “stop loss” insurer. Dils reported he and GA are also working on a restatement of the plan to be posted on the website for employee reference.
- E. Discussed plans for courthouse lawn maintenance for this year.
  - F. Mentioned he is working with the Treasurer to repair or replace an eight year old copier that is not working properly. EMA Director Bob Brown mentioned he might have an extra power supply that might interchange with their copier.

At the request of Surveyor Cheri Slee, the Commissioners approved and signed a Letter of Understanding for the Grossnickle Drain Reconstruction Grant application pledging \$211,000 of Drainage Fees as security for the project.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented for their approval:  
Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended 4-03-10  
Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for payment 4-05-10  
Review of CCD Claim for Central Dispatch Office Equipment  
United Fund 2-1-1 Service Agreement - \$3,448 Request for 2011

The Commissioners reviewed the following items:  
Indiana Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission Letter  
Group Insurance Stop-Loss Policy year end payments  
SRI Surplus Asset Liquidation Sales

No other business, the meeting recessed Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written - April 12, 2010