

APRIL 12, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 12, 2010. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the April 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Haupert 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, presented a request from Verizon to bury cable at 4953 W 1400 N. Commissioners unanimously agreed and Chairman Eppley signed the request.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. Stated the average population at the jail last week was 102.85.
2. Givens stated he spoke with one of the Miami County Commissioners and the response was positive toward the idea of transporting inmates from Wabash County to the Miami County facility. Givens requested the Wabash County Sheriff's Department create a written proposal to present to Miami County. Hicks stated he would inform Sheriff Leroy Striker.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Presented the EMA Performance Grant. This is a 50% salary reimbursement grant for the EMA Director and Administrative Assistant from October 2008 to September of 2009 totaling \$23,851.53. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the grant.
2. Met with Sheriff Striker and Wabash City Police Chief Charles Smith on Friday, April 9th to sign a memorandum of understanding for creating a consolidated dispatch center for IDACS/NCIC.
3. Stated a consolidated dispatch department amendment needs to be added to the current E-911 Ordinance. Brown stated he has spoken with County Attorney Steve Downs regarding preparing a draft copy.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Requested signature of Commissioners' Chairman for the Employee Group Health Plan Restated April 1, 2010. Eppley signed the plan. Dils will have posted to the county website.
2. Stated Steve Jones of United Consulting has requested an audience with the Commissioners on May 3rd. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated the restroom in the Plan Commission has been leaking water down into the Auditor's Office. It has been shut down and

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the stool and some flooring have been removed. Commissioners stated they will look at the area following the meeting.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented two (2) Additional Appropriation Requests; 1) Central Dispatch utility allowance totaling \$2,000 and \$9,000 for the lease rental agreement with the Solid Waste Management District. Ridgeway stated this will be presented as a joint request from Central Dispatch and Commissioners to the Council on April 26th; 2) Community E-211 Grant totaling \$3,000 for 2010. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the request.
2. Stated the property tax printouts are still with the vendor. They have guaranteed that the statements will be sent on or before April 23rd.
3. Stated the Auditor's Office is preparing for a possible surge of individuals returning the new "pink form", the State required Homestead Exemption Verification form, that must be completed and submitted this year. It requires the last five (5) digits of the deeded owners' Social Security and Driver's License Photo ID numbers to maintain the Homestead Exemption.
4. Requested the Auditor's office ceiling be repainted as part of the repair process on the Plan Commission restroom leak. Commissioners stated they would take under advisement.

At 10:00 A.M., bids were received as advertised for the Highway Department: Calcium Chloride/Rock Salt. Hauptert made a motion to close the bids; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Bids received were as follows:

1. Cargill Deicing Technology, North Olmstead, Ohio - \$111,008 at \$69.39 per ton
2. Detroit Salt Company, Detroit Michigan - declined bid
3. Morton Salt, Chicago Illinois - \$126,816 at \$79.26 per ton
4. North American Salt, Overland Park, Kansas - \$117,920 at \$73.70 per ton

Givens made a motion take bids under advisement; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Toby Steffen, Butler, Fairman & Seufert:

1. Reviewed what was discussed at a meeting with INDOT regarding Bridge #61 at 700 W north of 250 N over Paw-Paw creek. Steffen stated there are two options; 1) replacement of the bridge deck which would last 50 years, or 2) an overlay which would last 20 years. One issue is the time frame the bridge would be closed; four (4) months for the overlay process and a minimum of five (5) months for a deck replacement. Steffen stated the steel on the

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bridge is under review. No final decision has been made at this time.

2. Discussed applying for federal funding for a portion of Meridian Road from the railroad tracks in North Manchester north to 1500 N. Steffen stated the Town of North Manchester maintains a portion of this road from the railroad tracks south to SR 13. Highway Superintendent Amones recommended the Town of North Manchester be contacted to see if they would like their portion of the road to be included. They would have to pay 20% of their portion of the project. Steffen stated that Wabash County would be the "lead" on this project and North Manchester would be a secondary municipality. Steffen stated he would contact the Town of North Manchester. Steffen also discussed the idea of concrete or asphalt on the road surface. Commissioners will take under advisement.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Request for National Day of Prayer service on courthouse lawn - May 6th - 12:00 noon

Tiede, Metz & Downs, P.C. - Invoice for services: March, 2010

Claim for Hasler Postal meter - Rate & Structure Insurance - *Commissioners tabled for further review*

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 information on Recovery Zone Bonds available -

-Ridgeway stated she will present this information to Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG

IDEM - CFO Approval - James O. Keffaber - Farm ID # 4249

IDEM - CFO Approval - Robert D. White - Farm ID # 1292

IDEM - CFO Approval - Bill Urschel - Farm ID # 695

IDEM - Notice of Decision - Approval- Manchester Metals - Air Permit

Mediacom - Rate changes

Flo Dahlstrom, Lagro Township Trustee, submitted a letter with update on the Belden Cemetery

Public hearing to vacate an alley in Disko has been set for 9:30 A.M. on May 3rd

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioners will also meet in Executive Session on Tuesday, April, 13 2010 at 12:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, second floor, Wabash County Courthouse to discuss personnel and legal matters.

*Approved as written - April 19, 2010