

APRIL 19, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 19, 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 April 12, 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. Recommended Cargill Deicing Technologies at \$69.38 per ton for the Calcium Chloride or Rock Salt bids submitted at last week's meeting. Hauptert made a motion to approve the recommended Cargill bid; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested to go before Council to present an additional appropriation request totaling \$15,000 from the LR&S Fund to pay United Consulting for the on-site engineering portion of the 250 S project. Amones stated this is a reimbursement grant and will be submitted to the State. Hauptert made a motion to approve Amones going before Council for the \$15,000 request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission to present to Council an Additional Appropriation Request to place three (3) concrete box culverts: 1) 750 E south of Division Road totaling \$24,580, 2) 700 S west of 300 W totaling \$58,462 and 3) 400 N east of 500 E totaling \$37,130. Amones stated costs do not include installation. Hauptert made a motion to approve request be presented to the Council; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Stated 200 N has received the functional reclassification from INDOT. Amones stated he will contact United Consulting to move forward on the project.
5. NIPSCO is requesting permission to close Division Road east of SR 15 for three (3) days. Amones stated there is an on going problem with the gas line under the road frosting in the winter due to the moisture released from the pressure changes in the gas delivery method. NIPSCO plans to use a new repair process and new insulation around the gas line in an attempt to alleviate this problem. Commissioners unanimously approved.
6. Presented a request from David Stephen to place a pipe under Schmalzried Road .3 miles west of 600 E. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff:

1. Stated there are 93 inmates in the jail this morning.

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2. Stated Sheriff's Department is continuing to work on a contract agreement with Miami County regarding inmate transfers.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Introduced Barry Grossman from Crossroads Bank. Grossman presented a proposal regarding the funding for the Central Dispatch. The amount to be fully funded is \$506,962 for a monthly payment of \$9,393.12 for 60 months at a prime rate of 4.25% firm through September 30th. Givens made a motion to accept the presented lease agreement proposal with Crossroads Bank for the Central Dispatch for \$9,393.12 for 60 months at 4.25%; his motion was seconded by Hauptert, passed by a 3-0 vote and signed by Eppley.
2. Requested permission to pay the Cushing Technologies software invoice for Central Dispatch totaling \$10,000 from the E-911 Landline Fund. Givens made a motion to approve payment of \$10,000 to Cushing Technologies for software; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Stated he sold obsolete radio equipment totaling \$615. Requested permission to present an additional appropriation to Council to appropriate the \$615 into EMA Communications Capital Equipment budget. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented a copy of a memo to be distributed to full time employees with paycheck stubs on Wednesday, April 21st regarding a PERF meeting on April 28th and Health Plan updates that are now available on the Wabash County Website.
2. Stated he will be investigating the idea of using employee e-mail addresses to better communicate pertinent memos, updates and changes.
3. Recommended, during this busy property tax time with the processing of the new pink homestead form, primary election and personal property assessments; converting our phone system from a fully automated system to an operator controlled system during business hours for approximately a three (3) week period. There would be a maximum cost of \$300 for the transfer process with additional expenses for wages. Ridgeway stated the \$300 would be paid from the Courthouse phone account and the temporary part-time employees could be paid from the Courthouse Extra help expense account. Ridgeway stated she has a list of several experienced operators that she can contact to fill the positions. With an influx of calls, the phone system tends to become jammed making it difficult for people to get through. Having operators would help alleviate this back up. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request to transfer from automated to operator controlled phone system during business hours at a cost of \$300 and an additional cost for part

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time assistance; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

4. Stated a letter was distributed to all department heads alerting them to the extra calls for the next few weeks and requesting their assistance and patience with those calling.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director, Wabash County Council for Aging:

1. Presented the Stimulus Grant for a down payment of 25 % of the cost of the computer software for

dispatch and four (4) medium light transit vehicles which are covered at 100%. They are also receiving two (2) mini vans. This process catches WCCA up on replacement vehicles.

2. Ferry stated the out of county program is working very well and they will be applying for this again next year.

Bill Ruppel, State Representative, discussed LOIT Revenues. Ruppel stated that the original intent of the State Legislature regarding the distribution of funds collected from LOIT was to have immediate payment to the counties; but the Department of Revenue has interpreted the law to be processed the same as original CAGIT and CEDIT funds which are reconciled in the year following collection and he noted an obscure law that no checks can be written until after January 1, of the following year. This causes a delay in the receipt of funds. Ruppel stated this was an oversight by the Legislators. Auditor Ridgeway extended an invitation to Ruppel to attend the April 26th Council meeting. Ruppel stated to tentatively plan his attendance. He will contact Ridgeway for confirmation. Ridgeway also asked if Ruppel knew how Legislators are addressing the Sheriff's Pension concerns. Ruppel stated that the county needs to draft a letter requesting that this be reviewed and send it to his office. Ruppel stated he would make sure it was distributed to review committee members.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present; nothing to report.

Commissioners recessed at 10:05 A.M to attend the Drainage Board meeting and reconvened at 11:05 A.M.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended 4-17-10. Hauptert made a motion to approve Claims with one amendment: Add payment of \$100 to the DNR regarding the rule five (5) acquisitions; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for payment 4-19-10

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3. Presented the Wabash Fire Department Quarterly Report for quarter ending 3-31-2010
4. Presented revised Transfer Requests moving \$50,000 from E-911 Landline Fund and the Jail Budget to the Central Dispatch Fund. This will help with Wabash City Dispatcher's salaries and benefits. Commissioners unanimously approved the Transfer Requests. Eppley signed the request.
5. Presented an Additional Appropriation Request for Central Dispatch to cover social security, PERF and hospital insurance for the city dispatchers. Commissioners unanimously approved. Eppley signed this request also.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – March, 2010

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – March 31, 2010

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – March 31, 2010

IDEM: CFO Approval Renewal – Second & Final Notice – Frank Dougherty Farm ID#976

IDEM: DFO Approval Renewal – Richard Dale Farm ID# 1289

IDEM: NPDES CAFO General Permit Renewal – Alan L. Brubaker Permit #6387

Request from Verizon North to bury cable at 3191 W Division Road

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 26, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

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*Approved as written – April 26, 2010