

May 10, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 10, 2010. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two members present: Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the May 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve with one correction; change met to meet in last paragraph; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent, stated he did not buy any trucks last year and requested permission to purchase a single axle dump truck for the highway department. Amones stated they are down one truck and the oldest is a 1996 model. Amones stated two (2) 2011 trucks, which were built in 2010, are available. He would like to see if they meet our specifications. Commissioners unanimously approved Amones to review details on the trucks.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, stated he had reviewed the Central Dispatch Ordinance and it is acceptable. County Attorney Steve Downs presented the Central Dispatch General Ordinance #85-3, 2010 establishing the Wabash County Central Dispatch Department. Givens made a motion to adopt General Ordinance 85-3, 2010; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote. Givens made a motion to suspend the rules on the second reading; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0. Givens made a motion to approve adoption of GO 85-3, 2010; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts:

1. Requested permission to procure the services of the County Attorney to help with a court case. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. On May 24th, Miller Furniture representatives will be present to discuss floor covering options in the Clerk's office. Commissioners agreed.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to go before Council for a Transfer of \$6,200 from Adult Probation – Clerical Hourly to Part-time Field Officer and \$310 for the additional Social Security. This request is made in order to allow the Wabash County Probation Department to hire a Field Officer to work thirty-two (32) hours per week at \$15.00 per hour for the balance of the year. Due to the current financial state of the County, the Commissioners had asked him to find a temporary solution for the balance of the 2010 since a full-time probation officer had resigned in April. The Commissioners understand that funding of a part-time position through probation user fees would be a “temporary fix” and that Duggan will request a full-time probation officer in the 2011 Budget and agreed that he would receive their support. Givens thanked Duggan for his efforts.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney stated he will present the ordinance to vacate an alley in Disko at the May 17th meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with nothing to report.

Wabash Resident Paul Lewis addressed the Commissioners with his concerns regarding the possibility of a request for some type of smoke-free county ordinance. Commissioners thanked Lewis for his interest and concern.

Stan Bagley, Laketon resident and Bob Murphy, Grant Writer with R.P. Murphy & Associates, presented information detailing the process for obtaining a Community Development Block Planning Grant. The cost to create a plan for a sewer system in Laketon will be a cost of approximately \$30,000. Murphy stated the engineer on this project will submit a detailed proposed application and project plan. Murphy presented the grant application to Attorney Downs for review. Murphy stated the applications can be submitted at any time. It will take the State 30-60 days for a decision. After 12 months, then the area will acquire a project grant. Murphy requested to be placed on the Commissioners' agenda on May 24th at 9:45 A.M for the purpose of holding a public hearing. Bagley requested reimbursement for legal ad payment. Murphy would be paid from the grant if it is approved. Downs requested an agreement between Wabash County and R.P. Murphy & Associates be drawn up for review. Murphy stated he would have this completed. Auditor Ridgeway stated \$5,000 was allocated in 2008 to cover the start-up costs for the sewer project; \$4,000 was the balance in the CEDIT Fund at the end of 2009 but it was not encumbered to 2010. Ridgeway stated there are funds in the North Manchester and the LaFontaine TIF District that would allow an internal transfer of funds; \$2,000 from each fund. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Otis R. Bowen Center – 1st Half of the 2010 Allocation: \$84,965. Commissioners approved.
2. Presented the Tiede, Metz & Downs, P.C. – Invoice for April, 2010 Commissioners approved.
3. Stated the exemption process has gone smoothly. Ridgeway thanked the Commissioners for allowing the temporary hiring of several part-time switchboard operators. Commissioners extended their appreciation to the operators for all their hard work.

Bev Ferry, Council on Aging, presented the 5311 first quarter grant request, the 5317 first quarter grant request, and the partial payment request for the stimulus two (2) low-floor mini vans and stimulus software. Commissioners approved and signed the grant requests.

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The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

IDEM –CFO Approval Renewal – Terry Harrell – Farm ID# 3519

IDEM - CFO Approval Renewal – Gary Carr – Farm ID# 1288

2010 AIC Directories

AT&T wireless upgrade notice

No other business, the meeting recessed Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 17, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved by Commissioners – May 17, 2010