

## JUNE 1, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, June 1, 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 May 24, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert 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, was present with no report.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, was not in attendance and submitted no report.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported a water line apparently cracked during the winter and when the outside faucet on the north side of the courthouse was turned on it flooded the EMA office last week. The cleaning has been completed and repairs to the water line have been scheduled.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated he will meet with Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO of EDG this morning to review details on the Region III-A grant for the Novae Corporation.
2. Continues to work with EMA Director Bob Brown on the interlocal County Wide Central Communications and Emergency Telephone Dispatch System agreement with the City of Wabash.
3. Is working on an unsafe building ordinance and plans to submit the ordinance at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated D & C Construction should complete the installation of the west courthouse windows, weather permitting, within the next two work days. They will then begin the interior portion of the project.
2. Stated there was a water system problem at the judicial center that was corrected on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ann Jochim and Steve Leatherman of WTH (Where Technology Happens) Technology, Inc. introduced themselves to the Commissioners and stated they will be visiting several county offices to discuss software. Ridgeway commented she attended the Auditors Spring Conference and one of the counties was using GIS mapping to show where tax caps hit in their county. Jochim stated this was a new concept to her and she would pass this along to their developers to see if this is a viable option.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

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1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended 5-29-10. *It was approved and signed by the Commissioners.*
2. Presented an invoice from the Honeywell Center for the meeting with State Auditor Tim Berry last week. Ridgeway stated there was a charge on the invoice regarding a projector/screen cost that she will dispute.
3. Presented an update from the Auditors Spring Conference. Ridgeway stated there were no major changes in budget procedures. Ridgeway stated she will send budget forms to department heads requesting budgets be returned by the end of June. Ridgeway requested Commissioners set a date to start work on their budget. Commissioners set June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

IDEM – Notice of Decision: Revocation- GDX Automotive North America

IDEM – Notice of Decision: Approval – POET Bio-refining

IDEM – CFO/Approval Renewal/MMP: Dennis C. Briner: Farm ID#2258

IDEM – CFO/Approval Renewal/MMP: Dennis C. Briner: Farm ID#4993

Scottsdale Indemnity Company – Update on Tort Claim

Eppley stated the Indiana Department of Natural Resources submitted a letter describing a plan of delivery by Dynamic Aviation to eradicate the gypsy moth in Wabash County in 2010. Eppley requested a consensus regarding sending a letter of endorsement to Dynamic Aviation. *Commissioners unanimously agreed and signed the letter.*

Bev Ferry, Council on Aging, submitted a grant request and invoice from Route Match Software for ops assessment totaling \$473.29. *Commissioners unanimously approved the grant application.*

Eppley recessed the meeting at 9:20 A.M. and the Commissioners and Amones traveled to inspect some possible tree line damage along one of the county roads.

Commissioners reconvened at 11:00 A.M. for a Public Hearing, as advertised, regarding the CDBG grant application for the Novae Corporation in North Manchester. Eppley turned the meeting over to Nate Cole, Region III-A Director of Community Development. Cole stated this meeting is to discuss the Community Economic Development Fund Grant application by Wabash County on behalf of the Novae Corporation. The application is for a grant totaling \$500,000 from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs CDBG Disaster Recovery Appropriation. This is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cole stated the project involves a financial investment by Novae Corporation including providing fifty (50) jobs with 51% of these jobs to be filled by low to moderate income individuals. Bill Konyha, President and CEO Of Economic Development Group of Wabash County, stated this grant is of great importance to Wabash County and has the complete support of EDG. Konyha stated this grant provides investment into the

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community, the use of an abandoned building and it creates jobs with an income above Wabash County's median income. Haupert stated this project is a

part of his district and it is fully supported by the Commissioners and the town of North Manchester. Haupert agreed the reuse of an abandoned building and the creation of new jobs will be of great value to North Manchester and Wabash County. Steve Bermes, CFO of Novae Corporation, presented a drawing of the building with the description of a proposed layout of production lines along with a booklet displaying the Novae products that will be produced in North Manchester. Bermes stated Novae will be incorporating production ideas that are state of the art. Eppley closed the public hearing of the Novae Corporation CDBG Disaster Recovery Appropriation Community Economic Development Fund Grant at 11:07 A.M. After much discussion concerning the grant application process, Haupert made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-85-09 authorizing the submittal of a CEDF application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 7, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – June 7, 2010