

## JUNE 14, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday June 14, 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 June 7, 2010 Regular Session and the June 7, 2010 Joint Executive Session were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Regular Session as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 2-0 vote. Hauptert then made a motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Executive Session; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Supervisor:

1. Reported on the quote submitted by Hanks Construction Incorporated totaling \$3,000 to clean out the Conner Priest Drain on 700 N. This is a joint project with the Drainage Board. The Highway Department will replace the drainage structure that passes under 700 N to improve the flow of water on the Conner Priest Drain. Martin stated the total cost of the drainage structure will be \$1,050, and that the Highway Department has accepted this quote as presented.
2. Stated another driver/operator has resigned. His last workday will be June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Stated the consoles will be installed today for Central Dispatch.
2. Presented a Homeland Security Training and Exercise Grant for District III totaling \$40,000. Brown stated the funds will be used for exercise training, table top training and a full scale drill for alerting and mobilizing the task force. Brown stated this grant was approved by Council at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Commissioners approved and signed the grant.
3. Presented a Cinergy MetroNet Utilities Access Agreement regarding the placement of the fiber optics for the Jail and Courthouse. Brown stated it provides insurance during the installation of the fiber optic line and access to buildings as needed. Attorney Downs reviewed and approved the agreement. Hauptert made a motion to approve the R-O-W Easement for service to the Courthouse and the Jail by Cinergy MetroNet; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Activated the EMA storm spotters and the Emergency Operation Center on Saturday evening. There was an amateur radio report of a 56 mph wind gust in Wabash County. There was one (1) tree down on Cooper Road approximately ¼ mile east of 700 W.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented a draft of the Hoover Bridge Agreement. Fred Hoover requested assistance with reconstruction of a bridge at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' meeting. Downs stated the county is not obligated to maintain the bridge but as per Commissioners' request the county is willing to assist in the reconstruction this one time.
2. Presented two (2) agreements regarding the OCRA grant for the Novae Corporation in North Manchester; 1) job creation retention agreement - sets requirements to keep the grant and 2) a repayment agreement between Novae and Wabash County stating Novae will repay the county the amount that the county would need to reimburse OCRA if Novae defaults on the job creation retention agreement. Downs stated he will present these agreements to Novae Corporation this week for their signatures. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Eppley stated John Martin, Highway Supervisor, has been selected as the new Highway Superintendent. Hauptert made a motion to appoint John Martin as the Highway Superintendent; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley extended congratulations to Martin and best wishes with the new position.

Edward and Matthew Romary, of Romary Associates, presented a proposal for conducting space planning at the courthouse and judicial center. Eppley thanked the Romarys for their presentation.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts:

1. Stated that currently, when microfilm is downloaded from the State, it is paid for from the Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund. Draper requested permission to pay for the microfilm downloads out of Clerk's IV-D Fund. Draper stated she would like to allow the Perpetuation Fund to accrue funds. Givens made a motion to approve request to pay microfilm download from the IV-D Fund; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated she is short on voting machines for the next presidential election and requested permission to contact other counties to see if they have extra machines available that are compatible with MicroVote. Draper stated one (1) is needed at Somerset and two (2) at the Clerk's Office. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated she replaced one set of files with a rolling system and would like to replace a second set of files with a rolling system in the future. Draper and Auditor Ridgeway both stated they would appreciate seeing a proposal from Romary Associates to help with space saving options in the Auditor's and Clerk's offices.

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Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan of Scarce-Rudisel Architects:

1. Presented three (3) wood color samples for the interior of the west window façade project. The Commissioners selected a color.
2. Presented the current west window façade project expenses totaling \$86,983 which is under budget by \$63,017.
3. Presented three (3) drawings and a color board for the proposed Commissioner's Room Project. Commissioners stated they would like to proceed with the project this year but would not finalize a decision until after the budget hearings in August. Rudisel-Jordan and Commissioners discussed seating arrangements, size of audience chairs, projector options, speaker placement, table options, outlet options, lighting and ceiling options, the use of historical items and the county seal placement. Rudisel-Jordan stated she would present more options at the June 21st meeting.
4. Stated the combined expenses of the Commissioners' Room and the West Façade Projects are approximately \$77,000 under their combined budgets. This could nearly cover the cost of the East Façade window project and allow that project to be started ahead of schedule. Rudisel-Jordan stated this will need to be decided in a timely manner to get the bids started. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended 6/12/10. *Commissioners approved and signed the docket.*

The Commissioners then reviewed the following items:

Monthly Report - Clerk of the Circuit Court – May, 2010

June Property Tax Settlement Report for Wabash County Funds

Assessors' Trending Ratio Report has been approved by the State.

Reminder of the Commissioners' 2011 Budget/workshop – Monday at 1:00 P.M.

Two (2) Highway Position Thank You letters – *signed by Chairman Eppley.*

Sheriff's Department Report – daily population in the jail week ending 6/13/10 was 85 with eleven (11) inmates housed in the Miami County Jail

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – June 14, 2010