

JUNE 21, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday June 21, 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 14, 2010 were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent: stated the stimulus project on CR 250 S is complete.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Stated the average daily population last week in the jail was 81.85 with eight (8) inmates housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated there is a plumbing concern in the jail kitchen. Last week work was done on the pipes and they have begun to leak into the investigation area and the restroom in the basement. This will be addressed by maintenance this week.
3. Informed Commissioners that Detective Captain Rick Monce has resigned effective Friday, June 18th. Striker requested Commissioners consider filling the two (2) merit deputy positions that are now open at the Sheriff's Department. Striker stated the lack of officers has affected assistance to the public. Striker requested that Commissioners consider this in a timely manner. The next academy begins in September. It has limited openings and preliminary steps need to be completed before an applicant is eligible. Striker stated he currently has a list of outstanding applicants. Hauptert thanked the officers in attendance for all their hard work. He stated he will contact the Council to set-up a meeting to address this request.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer: stated he and Circuit Court Judge Robert McCallen have discussed that the current Juvenile Court Program is not working. The youth in the system are continuing in the system as adult offenders. Duggan stated he and Judge McCallen would like to begin a mentoring program using local volunteers to work with the youth. Probation User Fees would be used to hire a part-time coordinator to work no more than ten (10) hours per week with the volunteers. The plan is to get this program up and running by the end of the year. Duggan stated they are looking into additional funding that will maintain this program at no cost to the county. Givens made a motion to approve the request to use Probation User Fees to hire a part-time employee for up to ten (10) hours per week to start up a Mentoring

Juvenile Court Program; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Stated the new Central Dispatch is almost complete. Brown invited Commissioners to visit the Central Dispatch office.
2. Is setting up a meeting with himself, County Coordinator Jim Dils and Wabash City Police Chief Charles Smith to discuss benefit issues related to the transition of dispatch personnel from the City of Wabash to the County Central Dispatch.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented the Job Creation Retention and Repayment Agreements regarding the OCRA grant for the Novae Corporation in North Manchester. Downs stated both agreements have been signed by Novae. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Job Creation Retention and Repayment Agreements for the Novae Project; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the Fair Housing Ordinance draft. Commissioners requested the ordinance be simplified. Downs stated the ordinance is based on the Federal Guidelines and the State Fair Housing Act and will be enforced by the Indiana Civil Rights Commission not Wabash County. Downs stated he would revise the draft.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated there were electrical service problems that started on Friday, June 18th at 2:30 P.M. which affected the heating and cooling systems at the courthouse and the judicial center. Quality Electric stated a circuit breaker had to be reset and all units had to be started individually. It has been remedied this morning and temperatures are returning to normal.
2. Jeff Kumfer of Scarce Rudisel Architects will not be able to attend this morning's meeting and has requested permission to attend next Monday's meeting. Commissioners agreed.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Requested a minimum bid for the Commissioners Certificate Tax Sale be set. Ridgeway stated SRI recommended a set amount of \$200 per parcel for a minimum bid. Hauptert made a motion to set the minimum bid for the Commissioners Tax Sale at \$200; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for Payment 6-21-2010.
3. Reminded that Commissioners were invited to the State Council Conference to be held Saturday, June 26th.

4. Stated Matthew Romary of Romary Associates did a walk-thru of the Auditor's, Clerk's and Treasurer's Offices on Tuesday, June 15th. Romary is preparing a free proposal regarding spatial layout.

The Commissioners reviewed the following items:

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – May 31, 2010

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – May 31,, 2010

IDEM: NPDES CAFO – Kevin Bechtold – Sunnyside Farms

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IDEM: Joseph Russell, Wabash Alloys, LLC

IDEM: Alan L. Brubaker, South Line, LLC

Trula Franks, Visitors Bureau, will be introducing her replacement at next week's meeting

Hauptert stated Treasurer Sharon Shaw has requested permission for herself and Deputy Treasurer LuAnn Layman to attend the annual Treasurers' Conference in Florence, Indiana August 3rd thru the 6th. Commissioners unanimously approved request.

Commissioners recessed at 9:35 A.M. to wait on Surveyor John Stephens. Stephens was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioners reconvened at approximately 10:00 A.M. to discuss the Right-Of-Way width on CR 950 N between Troyer Road and CR 200 W. Resident Todd Rager stated this road is the only access to his farm land. Rager stated there is a gate, a post and a building encroached in the R-O-W on land owned by Celia Shankster. Rager would like to have the gate and post removed to allow his farm equipment to pass. Rager had hired Stephens to survey the area and Stephens was unsure of the width of the R-O-W. Stephens has requested guidance from the Commissioners on what the R-O-W width is for this area. According to a 1910 plat map in the Recorder's Office, the width of this road is thirty feet (30'). Ordinance 1993-I states; "*...a minimum right of way on all roads being a part of the county highway system of forty feet (40') in width for roadway and berm.*" Highway Superintendent Amones stated this roadway was improved by the county in 1994. According to the minutes from the October 9, 2001 meeting this road was reopened by Commissioners to allow for Rager to access his farm land. County Surveyor Cheri Slee spoke with Stephens and he recommended starting two (2) feet, not to exceed 30 feet, away from the structure owned by Shankster to establish the R-O-W width. Hauptert made a motion to approve the recommendation of Surveyor Stephens and for Stephens to proceed surveying this area; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners recessed to attend the Drainage Board Meeting. Eppley reconvened at 11:15 A.M. to receive bids for a single axle dump truck for the Highway Department, as advertised. Givens made a motion to close bids; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed 3-0.

Bids were as follows:

Selking International	Ft. Wayne	\$107,568 \$115,074
Wiers International Trucks Inc.	Logansport	\$107,375 \$114,404
Stoops Freightliner	New Haven	\$104,062

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

Robert Bucher and Christian Heritier, of Perry Corporation, presented a managed print service proposal. Heritier stated this proposal is specifically for the current printers used in the Wabash County Government offices. It would include parts and labor, maintenance kits, toners, circuit boards, and service loaners as needed for the current printers in each office. Heritier stated the only thing not included would be paper items. Commissioners and Department Heads discussed the proposal. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Following a lunch recess, the Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with Eppley and Hauptert present. Bill Konyha, President and CEO of Wabash County EDG presented a request for the county to appropriate \$15,000 for EDG's Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership dues for the 2011 year. This payment from the county would allow the Commissioners to appoint one board member to represent Wabash County businesses. The Commissioners thanked Konyha for his economic development updates and told him they would consider this request for their 2011 CREDIT Budget.

The Commissioners proceeded to work on preparations for all of their funds' 2011 budgets along with Ridgeway and Dils. The Auditor will prepare preliminary worksheets based on their discussions for the Board to review next week. Commissioners also discussed their recommendations to department heads for proposed 2011 Salaries and Wages requests and asked Ridgeway and Dils to assemble and distribute information for all departments based on their recommendations.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. The Wabash County Council will meet in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 5:00 P.M.

- Approved as written – June 28, 2010