

## **JULY 12, 2010**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 12, 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 July 6, 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.

Kevin Cordes, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor; Penny Collins, Executive Director of SWCD and Joe Updike, NRCS District Conservationist, requested permission to fill the Soil & Water Executive Director Position. Collins has submitted her resignation effective July 23, 2010. Commissioners thanked Collins for her service and wished her well in her endeavors. Cordes stated the position's main salary is funded by the County. SWCD has secured a matching contribution agreement for doing additional work through the farm bill and the District also provides additional funding toward this position. Hauptert made a motion to approve hiring a replacement Executive Director for the SWCD; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Supervisor, was present with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator,

1. Stated the Auditor's Office Chief Deputy Jon Gillespie has submitted his resignation effective July 30, 2010. Auditor Ridgeway requested permission to hire a replacement. Givens made a motion to approve filling the vacancy in the Auditor's Office; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated Jeff Kumfer of Scearce & Rudisel and Todd Darley of D&C Construction will be here on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. for the final walk-thru inspection on the courthouse west window façade project. Dils extended an invitation for Commissioners to participate. Hauptert stated there are cracks on the cement where the handrails were placed on the steps during the door project on the east and south side. Dils stated the county is still holding retainage on the door project and he will review this with Kumfer.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO of Wabash County EDG, presented a draft support letter from Commissioners regarding application to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for Shovel Ready Status regarding the new business park. Konyha informed the

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Commissioners that even though this is a city project and does not need the approval of the Commissioners, he wanted to involve them as administrators over Wabash County. Commissioners unanimously agreed to submit a letter of support. Konyha stated he would be in attendance at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and would present the letter as it is due July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended July 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented an Additional Appropriation Request from the Rainy Day Fund for the Commissioners to take before Council asking for additional funds (\$1,373.95) to be paid to retiring Highway Superintendent Phil Amones as salary reimbursement for the probationary 15% which was withheld for eighty (80) days in 2007. Commissioners unanimously agreed that Amones original appointment was an internal promotion which should not have been subject to the new/rehire policy.
3. Presented a CEDIT Transfer Request for OCRA additional \$200 grant match for Laketon Sewer District. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed CEDIT Transfer Request.
4. Presented an Additional Appropriation Request for up to \$1200 (part of which may come from the Auditor's Plat Book Collections Funds) to go before Council for bookcases and storage files for the Auditor's Office. Commissioners unanimously approved.
5. Presented the Tiede, Metz & Downs Invoice for June, 2010. Ridgeway noted \$750 of services related to the Novae grant application and her intention to pursue possible reimbursement from the grant if approved. Commissioners unanimously approved.
6. Presented the EDG of Wabash County – Claim for 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 CEDIT allocation (\$30,000). Commissioners approved and signed claim.
7. Presented Letters of Authorization for two (2) payments from Crossroads Bank: Central Dispatch Lease Purchases – as approved last week for Wabash Electric Intrasect Technologies and Watson Furniture Group.
8. Stated the 2010 pay 2011 Assessed Values have been reconciled between the Assessor/Auditor systems. There are a few exemption items that still need to be reviewed but we are currently moving forward with TIF Neutralization reports this week. As soon as Manatron has an update ready to interface the Personal Property Values we should be ready to certify NAVs to the state and the local taxing units to assist in budget preparation. Darren Bates of DataPitStop has been creating reports with the variances between the data which has saved a great deal of time. Bates has also been working with the Assessor to have F11s mailed this week. The

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completion of these processes will allow us to remain on target for on-time Property Tax billing again next year.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Novae Corporation – Notice of application for Air Quality Permit

Maximus Letter – First Quarter indirect reimbursement claim to State: \$10,172.61

Notice of 2011 Reassessment Levy – \$107,999

Wabash County Sheriff Report: Avg. daily population in the jail week ending 7/11/10 was 89.42

Rosemary Lawson, 21 N. Grant Street, of Speicherville attended the June 28<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting requesting assistance with a neighbor who created a ditch from his property, across the right-of-way and on to her property allowing water runoff to pool on her land. Lawson stated the neighbor did have his septic system pumped and the area was mowed. Jennifer Scott, Health Department Environmental Specialist, has contacted the State who has collected water samples from the neighbor's property as well as the ditch. Scott informed her that since this is an ongoing investigation she cannot divulge any information regarding the matter to Lawson. Lawson thanked Dils for his continued assistance and Commissioners for their support.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, July 19, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.