

AUGUST 2, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 2, 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 26, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented an additional appropriation request for the engineering on the 250 S project totaling \$35,000 to be paid from the Local Road and Street Fund. Hauptert made a motion to the request for the 250 S project totaling \$35,000; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated the highway department has completed eleven (11) miles of chip and seal. The plan is to finish fifty (50) total miles.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated a Sheriff Sale will be held on Thursday at 3:30 P.M. for the property located at 6 W Hill Street; One Stop Auto. Givens requested Downs contact Jim Reynolds to discuss liability of the existing tanks.
2. Stated the Commissioners, County Attorney, Wabash County Sheriff and the Jail were named as defendants in the Lance/Hodge lawsuit. The Commissioners and the County Attorney have been dismissed from the lawsuit. The Sheriff and the Jail are still defendants in the lawsuit. Downs stated the Sheriff does have legal representation.
3. Stated we received a State Farm Insurance claim regarding a gentleman who drove into a train. State Farm is claiming Wabash County is self insured. Downs stated there is coverage on this and we would deny this claim and refer it to our insurer.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated Border Energy had made a presentation to Commissioners on March 8th regarding becoming our natural gas supplier. Border Energy contacted Dils with a follow-up question; Are the Commissioners interested in switching to their service? Commissioners stated they would like to stay with the current carrier and respectfully declined the offer.
2. Stated we need to discuss the idea of blinds on the windows of the courthouse.
3. Phil Dailey of Lagro contacted Dils regarding the property in Lagro Township owned by BPB Acquisition Inc. formerly know as Celotex, concerning mowing and other possible nuisance issues. Givens requested Dils contact Plan Commission Director Mike Howard.

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4. Was contacted by George Scheerer regarding a property in Liberty Mills. The current owner is not maintaining the property and the surrounding neighbors would like to purchase the property but there is a possibility that there are underground storage tanks. Scheerer wanted to know if the Commissioners could assist with the purchase. Commissioners stated they are unaware of any way that they can assist at this time.

Jeff Kumfer of Scarce Rudisel Architects reviewed the bids for the east façade courthouse window project. Kumfer stated the low bid came in at \$67,695 with D&C Construction. Hauptert made a motion to award the contract of the east façade window project to D&C Construction; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Kumfer presented the contract between Wabash County and D&C Construction. Eppley and J. Rex Darley, Vice President of D&C Construction signed the contract. Commissioners discussed the options on blinds for the courthouse windows. Kumfer stated he would compile a list of suggestions and submit them to County Coordinator Dils.

Robert Bucher and Christian Heritier, Perry Corporation stated there was a consensus from the department heads regarding using Perry Corporation for the printer/copier servicing. Heritier stated the handling of payment would be customized to our specific needs. Heritier also stated in three (3) to six (6) months we should start to see the actual savings in our costs. Bucher stated the contracts will be held by Great America and US Bank. Commissioners unanimously agreed to move forward with the Perry Corporation Printer/Copier Service Plan and requested contracts be submitted to Attorney Downs for review.

Eppley presented an amendment to the Order of the Board of Commissioners, submitted and approved on June 28th, to Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker, according to Indiana Code 36-2-2-15(d), ordering that on or before July 10, 2010 Sheriff Striker shall either resign as Sheriff or as full-time teacher of Heartland Career Center. The Amendment changes the deadline date from July 10, 2010 to August 6, 2010. Hauptert made a motion to approve the amendment to the Order of the Board changing the deadline date from July 10th to August 6th; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. This will coordinate the date with the similar order passed by the Wabash County Council on July 26, 2010.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented the Claims and Allowance Docket for 8-2-10. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented claims for the Wabash Council on Aging – Grants for Workstation \$1,111.67 and \$11,898.20. Commissioners unanimously approved and Eppley signed claims.

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3. Requested Eppley sign Ordinance No. 85-5, 2010 exercising the home rule powers of Wabash County regarding release of funds submitted by Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG, at the July 19th meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following item:

IDEM – Notice of Decision: Approval – Registration – Novae Corporation

Payroll Voucher for Amones ADDL. Pay

Request for courthouse property use for 90th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote

- *Approved an event to be organized by Jane Long on August 26 2010.*

Set Commissioners 2011 budget hearings with Council on Wed., August 18th at 5:00 P.M.

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

Approved as written - August 9, 2010