

## AUGUST 23, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 23, 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 August 16, 2010 meeting 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Requested an ordinance be drafted to vacate of the Blue Star Highway. County Attorney Steve Downs stated he would begin the process.
2. Presented a change order for 250 S totaling \$619.28. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Stated we have been granted a categorical exclusion on bridge # 61 on 700 W by the DNR, Indiana Historical Society, NRCS and IDEM; stating there is no danger to any wildlife.
4. Stated forty-eight (48) miles of chip and seal have been completed.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Presented the 2009 District 3 Homeland Security Grant totaling \$80,000. This grant is for training and exercises for eleven counties in District 3.
2. Stated there will be an infrastructure assessment by Homeland Security at the Judicial Center on Thursday and the Courthouse and Central Dispatch on Friday. Brown requested County Coordinator Jim Dils assistance on Friday at the Courthouse; Dils agreed. Brown stated there could be grant funding available for all assessed facilities.
3. Stated a table-top exercise will be held on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Honeywell Center with Miami County; Brown extended an invitation to Commissioners.
4. Requested permission to dispose of four (4) old EMA metal desks. Commissioners unanimously agreed. Brown stated any money collected from the disposal will be given to the Auditor.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented a proposed (K2) ordinance prohibiting the sale of substances containing synthetic cannabinoids or their use in public facilities. Downs stated he sent a copy to the Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney who stated they would both like to see an ordinance passed which addresses this issue.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated he received a request from resident Todd Rager concerning assistance in payment for work completed by surveyor John Stevens totaling \$595. The request is regarding the Right-Of-Way width on 950 N between Troyer Road and 200 W. Hauptert stated he has spoken with

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Mr. Rager regarding this issue. Hauptert stated a separate bill needs to be submitted to the county for ½ of the total. Hauptert made a motion for the Highway Department to pay ½ of the total – \$297.50; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Dils stated he would contact Rager and Stephens concerning this decision.

2. Was contacted by Jeff Kumfer regarding current storage of old courtroom railings, pews and two (2) judge's benches. Kumfer stated that some of these items cannot continue to be stored at their present location and is requesting that the county find an alternate storage facility. Highway Superintendent Martin stated there is room on the loft at the old highway building. EMA Director Brown stated all items stored in the loft will need to be covered. Dils stated he would investigate this option. Commissioners agreed.
3. Stated D&C Construction has a lift on site this morning to begin tuck pointing for the courthouse east façade window project. Window installation may start the first week in September.
4. Contacted Federal Express regarding their request to place a drop-off box on courthouse property. Federal Express decided they are fine with the present location across the street from the courthouse.
5. Stated he sent an e-mail to all department heads asking them to confirm their plan to participate in the Perry Corporation MPS agreement.

Robert Bucher and Christian Heritier, Perry Corporation reviewed the MPS printer agreement. Heritier stated seven (7) departments have confirmed via e-mail their interest in Perry Corporation contract; County Coordinator, Treasurer, Assessor, Prosecutor, Health, Jail/Sheriff, Recorder – the Auditor's office needed more time to decided. The base charge per month would be \$1,549.98 with a print volume of 43,047 for thirty-three (33) printers. County Attorney Downs stated an addendum was added to the contract that stated it could be voided with thirty (30) days notice after the first year if there is proof of unsatisfactory performance. Givens stated the addendum needs to state that the contract can be void after one year by Wabash County regardless of reason. Heritier agreed to the addendum wording by Givens. Bucher stated anyone who wants to be removed can so request after one year and anyone who wants to join can do so at any time. Commissioners requested the contract addendum be modified and presented to Attorney Downs prior to review at next week's meeting. Givens also requested Bucher provide a volume analysis from one (1) or two (2) of Wabash County department heads. Bucher stated he would compile that for the Commissioners.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor,

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended August 21, 2010.
2. Presented the Rainy Day Fund Additional Appropriation Request for the Sheriff's Pension Fund 2010 Contributions totaling \$154,894. Givens

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- made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed 3-0.
3. Reminded Commissioners that on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> a celebration will be held at 12:00 P.M. outside the courthouse in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment; allowing women the right to vote.
  4. Presented a release of funds payment authorization for Crossroads Bank for the 5<sup>th</sup> payment of the Central Dispatch Lease payment to Cushing Technologies totaling \$48,100 – Eppley signed the authorization letter. Crossroads Bank provided an accounting of fund advances; to date, they have advanced \$349,847.03; with an undistributed amount of \$145,943.38 minus the \$48,000. The third interest payment will be made this month.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – July 15, 2010

Butler, Fairman & Seufert - Letter of Transmittal CE Level 1, Wabash Bridge 61

DNR: Peabody Memorial Tower – National Region of Historic Places

Public Defender Board Annual Report – 2009

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, August 30, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – September 7, 2010.