

AUGUST 30, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 30, 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. Due to the need for a clarification, the minutes of the August 23, 2010 will be reviewed at the September 7th meeting.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent, stated that 51 miles of chip and seal have been completed for the year.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Stated there is a new water tower in LaFontaine. The south repeater had been in a building at the base of the water tower. Brown recommended the repeater and antenna be replaced and positioned on the new water tower with the repeater in a locked weather proof box. Brown presented a quote from J & K Communication with a five (5) year service agreement for a total of \$8,875.36 including labor and parts. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated Central Dispatch needs an e-mail archival system. Brown presented two (2) quotes:
 - a. IntraSect Technologies: \$3,021 with up to 25 licenses.
 - b. Brightnet: \$6,037 with a \$245 per month feeBrown recommended IntraSect. Brown also presented two (2) quotes for software requirements to adapt the archival system:
 - a. Microsoft Office 2010: \$350 per license for a total of \$2,453 – a product key downloaded from the internet
 - b. Staples: \$2,077.77 – This quote is through Staples government program.Brown recommended Staples. Givens made a motion to approve the request for an archive system totaling \$3,021 from IntraSect Technologies and software from Staples totaling \$2,077.77; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Stated Central Dispatch is tentatively set to begin mid-September
4. Stated the LEPC exercise held on Friday, August 27th with Miami County went well.
5. Stated a forty (40) inch television monitor in the EMA communication room has stopped working. Brown stated he was contacted by the IDHS and supplemental grant funds were awarded to Wabash County for excellent performance last year. Brown stated he is working on an agreement with IDHS to allow payment for the monitor from these funds.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Discussed a letter from the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs concerning the Novae grant. The grant had not been approved on August 24th when Commissioners sent a letter of approval for purchase to Novae. Ridgeway stated the purchase approval letter from the Commissioners was requested by Nate Cole, grant writer with Region III-A. The grant was signed by the Commissioners and sent to the Indiana Lieutenant Governor's Office last week. Eppley stated we were acting on the premise that the grant had been approved. Cole also addressed this statement in an email to Ridgeway. Commissioners requested Ridgeway contact Novae informing them that no monies be drawn until the grant is officially approved. Ridgeway agreed.
2. Stated AT&T had submitted a tort claim regarding cable that had been severed during a dig by the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Martin stated the claim was submitted and paid.
3. Stated he continues to work on the proposed (K2) ordinance prohibiting the sale of substances containing synthetic cannabinoids or their use in public facilities. Downs stated there are a few changes and clarifications that need to be made before it is drafted. Eppley stated he would like to see the sale and possession be clarified in the ordinance. Major Deputy Hicks stated the Sheriff's Department wants the strictest ordinance possible. Downs stated his intent is to present the ordinance at next week's meeting.

Steve Hicks stated there may be an inconsistency in the holiday eligibility policy. At the Sheriff's Department there is a 180 day waiting period before new employees are allowed to receive holiday pay. The Wabash County Employee personnel handbook states holiday pay eligibility is allowed after 180 days of service. This policy has not been followed in all departments*. Hicks requested the policy be reviewed and an all-inclusive policy be created. County Coordinator Jim Dils stated this had been brought to his attention and he requested Commissioners set an executive session this week to discuss the matter.

Kathryn Carter- Lower, Wabash County Health Department requested permission for staff to attend two (2) upcoming conferences: Vital Records for two (2) attendees totaling \$743.52 and the IEHA Environmental Septic and Food for two (2) attendees totaling \$937.89. Givens made a motion to approve attendance at both conferences; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Carter-Lower stated vital records are going electronic and the State is mandating that all death certificates be completely electronic. Carter-Lower stated a new computer will need to be purchased in the near future for the Health Department.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court, requested permission to purchase new microphones for the courtrooms. Last year a new video conferencing system

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and recording equipment was placed in both the Circuit and Superior courtrooms. Currently the Circuit Court radio equipment is having static and feedback problems. BIS installed the new system last year and they are stating the fix is new wiring and microphones. The microphone system was possibly purchases over ten (10) years ago. Purchase and installation costs are \$3,768.68; \$1,000 from IV-D and \$2,768.68 from Leases & Service Contracts in the Circuit Court budget. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed the contract with BIS.

Robert Bucher and Christian Heritier, Perry Corporation presented the updated MPS printer agreement. Downs reviewed the contract and stated it was acceptable. Heritier stated the final monthly cost is \$974.54. Bucher also presented a cost analysis of the Prosecutor, Auditor and Health Department. Bucher stated in three (3) months they will present a cost savings analysis to Commissioners and the press. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract agreement with the Perry Corporation; his motion was seconded by Givens, passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed agreement.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated the new 2010 lawn maintenance contract has been signed by Craig Winegardner and needs the signature of the Commissioners. Givens made a motion to approve contract; his motion was seconded by Hauptert, passed by a 3-0 vote and was signed by Commissioners.
2. Stated he sent a letter to Todd Rager regarding the partial payment approved by the Commissioners on August 23rd regarding the survey completed by John Stephens. Dils stated he had received an invoice from Stephens totaling \$297.50. Dils stated he had not received a response from Rager. Commissioners stated they had not heard from Rager either. Dils stated he will proceed with submitting the claim.
3. Stated on Thursday, August 26th during the Homeland Security Assessment, HS noted the lack of signage and agreed with placing window signage at the judicial center. Dils stated the Clerk's Office and the Prosecutor's Office are willing to assist in the cost with the IV-D funds on the window signage for \$300 and one yard sign for \$1,260 at the judicial center. This would leave \$1,890 for a courthouse sign. Commissioners discussed placement of the signage. Givens made a motion to approve request for window signage at the judicial center, one (1) yard sign at the judicial center and one (1) at the courthouse; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Requested Commissioners accompany him on a walk around the courthouse and the judicial center regarding a few areas of concern. Commissioners agreed following the meeting.

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Toby Steffen, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, stated:

1. Bridge # 61;
 - a. There is a \$355,000 construction cost
 - b. The projected letting date is set for 6-15-2011
 - c. The categorical exclusion was received at 9:00 a.m. this morning and it has not been reviewed yet but there should be no issue.
 - d. Change from deck replacement to a full super structure replacement including beams; this requires end vent removal and re-floor. The State is saying the end vent needs to be dug up to see how it was done. Steffen stated BF&S is working with the State on this issue and on the vertical alignment.
2. There is a site meeting on Bridge #24 on Tuesday, August 31st.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following item:

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission: Agenda – Sept 8th and Minutes of July 14th

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as amended on September 7, 2010.