

OCTOBER 18, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Wabash County Commissioners met in Executive Session on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room to discuss personnel matters. Present were Chairman Barry J. Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens along with County Auditor Jane Ridgeway and County Coordinator/Human Resources Director Jim Dils. Dils led the discussion of various department personnel changes and recommendations.

REGULAR SESSION

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 18, 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 October 12, 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. Presented a request for a road cut on 700 W at 1165 S to replace a field tile. Givens made a motion to approve road cut request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to go before Council for an Additional Appropriation for hospital insurance totaling \$12,738.96. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Stated Keith Walters spoke with fire chiefs, volunteers and the City of Wabash to recommend lifting the burn ban. All agreed. Hauptert made a motion to lift the emergency burn ban; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Continues to work on the Snow Ordinance with County Attorney Steve Downs.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stating he is reviewing the Wightman-Petrie contract
2. Stated he had spoken with Lieberman regarding Sheriff Sale contract. Lieberman would like a chance rectify presented problems and re-negotiate a contract for 2011. Downs stated he also needed to clarify the calculations on the allowed fees by the Sheriff's Department. Downs stated he would like to move forward with Lieberman. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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Mike Howard, Planning Director:

1. Presented a Data Share Agreement from Community Energy out of Pennsylvania requesting parcel information and address points for possible wind energy application for the northwest portion of the county. Howard stated we would only be providing the address not the name of the resident. If a fee is collected, it will be done by our GIS provider; Schneider Corporation. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated in 2006 county officials, all incorporated city/town officials, the county surveyor and highway officials met with DNR and FEMA engineers to review the old flood insurance rate maps for changes before new data and maps are published. The preliminary flood insurance rate maps for Wabash County have now been completed. These area maps have been received and are under review. A meeting will be held December 1, 2010 from 1 to 3 PM in the Crystal Room at the Honeywell Center for officials and FEMA engineers to review and discuss these maps. This will be followed by an open house from 4 to 7 PM for the public to meet with officials and engineers to gather information and ask questions about the changes being implemented. DNR is required to notify all landowners of any changes and to publicize the public hearing in the local newspaper(s).

Lynn Dannacher, Environmental Food Specialist, requested a \$25 fee increase for the Retail Food Establishment Permit to a total of \$100 per year. The change will help offset the food division's cost for contractual labor. Dannacher stated the increase is also being requested based on a survey of the fees in surrounding counties. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kathy Carter-Lower stated there is an H1N1 extension grant that runs from September 2010 to September 2011. Carter-Lower stated she wants to present a request to the State for a computer server and a re-configuration of the network which will total around \$20,000. Carter-Lower stated they are also looking at a document archival and identification programs with an approximate cost of \$28,000. EMA Assistant Director Keith Walters stated the State is requesting all Indiana counties have uniform ID cards. This grant gives allows for purchasing this identification program. It is a reimbursement grant so all approved items must first be purchased by the county. Commissioners unanimously approved the request to apply for the H1N1 extension grant.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections, stated there are two (2) police officers that conduct house checks for him who have tendered their resignation. Hobson requested permission to hire a part-time person for six to ten (6-10) hours per week. Hobson stated he does have the funds to cover the cost. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented quotes for carpet mats in the Clerk and Auditor offices and two (2) exterior door mats for the courthouse. Quotes as were follows:
 - a. Wildman – No response
 - b. LBH Chemical – Auditor’s Office: 3 x 17 \$249; Clerk’s Office: 4 x 24 \$429; CH exterior: 2 for \$198
 - c. 1st AYD Corp. – Auditor’s Office: 3 x 17 \$381.99; Clerk’s Office: 4 x 24 \$719.04Hauptert made a motion to approve purchase from LBH Chemical for a 3 x 17 carpet mat for Auditor’s Office, a 4 x 24 carpet mat totaling \$249 for the Clerk’s Office and two (2) outdoor mats for the courthouse totaling \$198; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated that during the next (3) weeks, activities at the courthouse and judicial center will require extra parking due to absentee voting, property tax collection and starting Thursday, October 21, jury selection begins followed by a jury trial. Commissioners stated it may be good to have employees seek alternate parking during this time period. Beverly Ferry, Council on Aging, Dils and Commissioners discussed options for parking during this time period. Dils stated he will contact the owners of nearby properties to request the use of parking lots that are vacant during that time for use by employees and the public.
3. Reviewed lettering to be placed on the lawn signs for the courthouse and the judicial center. Dils stated he will contact Paul Mirante, Adventures in Advertising – Wabash Engraving to finalize the information.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 10-16-10. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for payment 10-18-10. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated Wabash County received the official Phase II Certification from DLF - completed under 50 IAC 23-18-5
4. Presented the October 25th Council Packets
5. Stated she will be attending the State Auditor’s Conference next week.
6. Requested permission for the annual Celebration of Lights to be held at the Courthouse on Friday, November 19th at 6:00 P.M. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director Wabash County Council on Aging:

1. Presented the 2011 Section 5311 Regular Operating Budget totaling \$419,410. Ferry stated the Wabash County Transit assisted with the Chili Cook-Off this last weekend and provided around 600 rides as a community service.

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2. Presented the 2011 Section 5317 New Freedom Operating Grant with a budget of \$127,100. This is a 50% grant and is effective January 1, 2011. Ferry stated as of January 1, 2011 due to this grant the transit will be offering extended evening service hours for all of Wabash County and Saturday hours for the City of Wabash.

Commissioners recessed for Drainage Board Meeting at 10:10 A.M. and reconvened at 11:00 A.M.

Jeff Kumfer and Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan, Searce-Rudisel, discussed:

1. Project budget and cost updates
2. Problems and proposed solutions for the courthouse steps. Kumfer stated he would obtain pricing for changes and repairs
3. Proposal for Commissioners' Room. Commissioners gave unanimous approval to move forward with pricing and estimates.
4. Commissioners indicated a desire to move forward with the courthouse north window facade project for 2011, but decided to wait on final approval pending estimates to renovate the Commissioners' Room.
5. Kumfer requested attendance for the November 8th Commissioners' meeting. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – September 30, 2010

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – September 30, 2010

Monthly Report - Clerk of the Circuit Court –September, 2010

Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association: Safety training meetings – 2011

IN 911 – Notice of Additional Wireless 9-1-1 Distribution settlement

Sheriff's Report weekending 10/17/10 population 79.14 with four (4) inmates held at Miami County Jail

2010 County Government Statistical Report from Indiana Farm Bureau

Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of visqueen plastic totaling \$21 to cover court room furniture in the old highway building.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

The County Council will meet in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 5:00 P.M.

Approved as written*