

NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 1, 2010. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two members present: Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 2-0 vote.

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

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

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to spend \$500 from User Fee Funds to assist with the purchase of four (4) 800 MGH radios through the EMA County Wide Fire matching Grant; two (2) for security and two (2) for probation. Brown stated a fifth radio will also be purchased as a back-up. Brown stated the courts will also supply \$500 to assist in the purchase of the radios. Givens made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director,

1. Requested Commissioner Eppley sign the Crossroads Bank equipment master lease Certificate of Acceptance for Central Dispatch. Brown and Commissioners stated this has already been approved. Eppley signed the certificate of acceptance.
2. Requested permission for Sandy Beeks, Central Dispatch Coordinator, to attend an Indiana E-911 meeting on November 8th in Indianapolis. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested permission for the Sheriff's Department to hire two (2) merit deputies. Hicks stated the Council, Merit Board and Sheriff had approved the amendment to the Sheriff Pension Plan on Monday, October 25th and had given Sheriff Leroy Striker permission to come before the Commissioners with this request. Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with no report.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director Wabash EDG

1. Presented a resolution designating Wabash County Indiana as a Recovery Zone and requesting Wabash County waive claim to the ARRA Recovery Zone Allocation; a total of \$2.7 million. Konyha stated Wabash County received a \$4.6 million allocation from ARRA. \$1.8 million was released to Whitley County on July 19th. The Andersons, Inc. is requesting the

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remainder, \$2.7 million, to complete \$10 million dollars worth of capital improvement projects. Konyha stated this would benefit Wabash County in that Andersons would spend \$200,000 at a facility in North Manchester which employs eleven (11) people. Konyha also stated if the funds are not used by the federal deadline of December 10th, the funds will be lost and Wabash County has no plan to use the funds. Commissioners approved the resolution but stated they would wait until next week's meeting to sign when Vice-Chairman Brian K. Hauptert would be in attendance.

2. Stated unemployment in Wabash County has dropped from 14.6% to 9.5%. Konyha stated this is due to several companies, including: Living Essentials, POET, NOVAE, and Cinergy MetroNet hiring new employees; as well as local companies recalling employees.
3. Stated Commissioners had given a support letter for the Fort Wayne Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone at the October 12th meeting. This request was granted and a claim was submitted totaling \$1,000. Konyha requested approval for payment of this claim. Commissioners approved payment request.
4. Stated he will update Commissioners quarterly on EDG activities. Commissioners extended their appreciation.

Stan Bagley, Laketon Sewer Steering Committee and Ken Jones, President Wightman-Petrie:

1. Presented the Laketon Waste Water Preliminary Infrastructure Study - Engineering Report. Jones stated the best and most cost effective option for a collection system in Laketon is a vacuum sewer system and the best and most cost effective option for the treatment facility is the rehabilitation of the current Laketon Refinery. Jones stated the entire project would be a cost of \$3,925,300. There would be a USDA Rural Development grant totaling \$1,766,385 and a proposed USDA Rural Development Loan for \$2,158,915 that would cost each Laketon household a total of \$55 -\$65 more per month. Jones requested approval of the engineering report. Givens made a motion to approve engineering report; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Presented an environmental report that would need to be completed. There is a cost of \$19,000 for the report. Jones suggested the Commissioners extend a loan to Laketon for these funds to ensure that the report be completed concurrently with the creation of the proposed regional sewer district to insure a timely completion. The reimbursement to the county would be when the USDA loan is closed which is currently set for spring of 2012. Commissioners stated they would submit the report to County Attorney Steve Downs for review.

Betsy Blosser, Office of Rural Community Assistance Program:

1. Presented a petition for the establishment of a regional sewer district for the Laketon wastewater facility. Commissioners will submit to County Attorney Downs for review.

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2. Requested a letter of support for the Laketon Sewer Project from the Commissioners. Auditor Jane Ridgeway stated she would draft a letter for the Commissioners.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 10-31-2010. Commissioners approved.
2. Presented the Claims and Allowance Docket for 11-1-2010. Commissioners approved.
3. Presented a request from Kathy Jones for a county representative to give a brief speech at the Celebration of Light on November 19, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. Commissioners volunteered Hauptert for the speech.
4. Asked Commissioners if they felt they had any Additional Appropriations for the December 6th Council Meeting. Commissioners stated they did not.
5. Continues to review 2010 budgets to see if any line items are running low; currently all is well.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

INDOT – Public Meeting for Proposed design modification Hoosier Heartland Project in Tippecanoe County

IDEM – Acceptance of Revised Groundwater Monitoring QA Project – Aleris Spec. Alloys, Inc

IDEM – Insignificant Modification Proposal – Wabash Valley Landfill

IDEM – Notice of Decision: Approval Thermafiber, Inc.

Frontier – Notice of Damage to Frontier Property 4750 West 100 South

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, November 8, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – November 8, 2010