

DECEMBER 6, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 6, 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 November 29, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent,

1. Requested permission to attend the annual Bridge Conference in West Lafayette on January 12th and 13th. Commissioners unanimously approved request.
2. Auditor Ridgeway stated the DLGF is set to approve the 2011 budget submitted by Wabash County with one exception; Highway. Ridgeway and Martin requested permission to cut the Highway's budget, per DLGF's request, by a total of \$14,286. Martin stated this could be done by reducing this year's Double Chip and Seal Project Funds. The Auditor will prepare an appropriation reduction resolution to be presented to Council this evening. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Presented requested signatures on the pre-approved 2009-2010 IDHS Performance Grant totaling \$3,750. Commissioners signed grant; Auditor Ridgeway signed as the financial agent.
2. Stated calls to Central Dispatch did increase over the weekend.

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

Elaine Martin, Clerk of the Courts-Elect:

1. Requested permission to hire a replacement deputy clerk for an individual who resigned effective October 29th. A current part-time employee is helping out until the end of the year. Martin stated this position is in the 2011 budget. Givens made a motion to approve the request to hire a full-time deputy in the Clerk's Office as of January 1, 2011; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to use the same applicant file received in October to staff Martin's current position. County Coordinator Jim Dils stated this would be an acceptable.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, stated the carpet is laid in the Clerk's Office. The second floor of the judicial center (court offices and jury room) will now be completed. Draper expressed her appreciation for all the assistance from the County Highway employees.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated the window shades in the courthouse have been installed on the second floor; the first floor is tentatively set for completion this week.
2. Stated the requested corrections on the yard signs were completed over the weekend. Dils stated he would proceed with issuing payment to Wabash Engraving.
3. Stated Havel was at the courthouse last Thursday completing preventative maintenance work. They discovered an electrical issue in the heating control system that needs to be addressed in a timely manner. Dils stated Havel has provided a quote and he has requested a similar quote from Quality Electric. He requested permission to proceed based on the lowest quote. Commissioners unanimously approved request.

Commissioners opened the floor for residents Louella Krom and Bonnie Corn to express their concerns with the possibility of a recycle tax. Commissioners stated this issue will be decided during a meeting on December 13th to be held at 1:30 P.M. in the Solid Waste Management facility on Manchester Avenue.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented the Claims and Allowance Docket for 12-6-2010. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Stated she had sent Commissioners an update on the Coroner's Wabash County Hospital claims in regards to the additional appropriation request to be presented to Council tonight. Dils negotiated discounts on some of these claims except for autopsies which are a set fee. The hospital agreed to send all future statements directly to the Auditor's Office to ensure proper receipt, discount, and payment.
3. Presented the Otis R. Bowen Center claim for the balance of the 2010 appropriation: \$84,965. Givens made a motion to approve payment; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented the Tiede, Metz & Downs claim for November, 2010. Ridgeway stated she had neglected to send this for their prior review and will resubmit on December 13th after they have had time to review.
5. Stated Wabash County Jail received an invoice for electronic waste recycling from the Wabash County Solid Waste Management. Hauptert stated this is a new policy for all entities including non-profit and government agencies. Ridgeway stated she felt not all departments had been advised of this change. Hauptert stated a letter should be sent to all departments regarding these changes.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

- Petition to vacate: Richard Siders: Spring Street in Disko; *Hauptert made a motion to deny request to vacate in Disko; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.*

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- North Manchester Dispatcher Reimbursement request totaling \$85,000. Hauptert stated himself, Central Dispatch Co-Coordinator Sandy Beeks, and Central Dispatch Director Bob Brown met with two (2) North Manchester Council Members, Police Chief Jeff Perry, and Sergeant Brian Enyeart in regards to this funding request. Hauptert stated the newly created Central Dispatch receives land line calls and all wireless calls; North Manchester only receives land line calls. Since the Central Dispatch was not implemented until October of 2010, North Manchester will receive credit for the first nine (9) months of 2010; a total of \$63,750. Hauptert made a motion to approve with the understanding that this will be the last payment toward this program; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley stated North Manchester decided not to participate in the Central Dispatch program. The funding for this program is derived from the wireless calls received and since North Manchester does not receive wireless calls there will be no additional funding.
- Harvey Hoover Request for Tax Sale Surplus from 1997 – Denied in 2002 by Auditor and confirmed by Attorney Steve Downs this month
- Sheriff's Report – Avg. Dailey population for week ending 12/5/10 was 73.71 with 1 inmate housed in Miami County Jail.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – December 13, 2010