

DECEMBER 20, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 20, 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 December 13, 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: presented a revised design agreement on Bridge #61. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, requested permission to use the remainder of approved Central Dispatch CCD Funds to submit an encumbrance for payment of the weather station installation at Central Dispatch; a total of \$567.12. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated there are two (2) ordinances that will go before the Plan Commission prior to adoption by the Commissioners:
 - a. Ordinance Regulating Weeds and Rank Vegetation
 - b. Ordinance Regulating the Accumulation of Junk, Trash and Debris
2. Presented a petition on behalf of the Highway Department to close part of the Blue Star Highway. A hearing date needs to be set in January to allow for advertising. Commissioners set a public hearing for January 31, 2011.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 12/19/10. The average daily average population was 76.28 with one (1) inmate housed at Miami County.
2. Stated one (1) fleet vehicle was broken into on Thursday, December 16th. There was \$200 worth of damage on the rear window; repairs will be completed today. No county property was taken.
3. Stated the two (2) new deputies will attend the Police Academy beginning January 3rd.
4. Stated the Sheriff's Department is looking for three (3) or four (4) part-time employees to fill existing vacancies. Commissioners agreed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented a letter from Wabash County resident Gerald Hopkins expressing his appreciation to the Commissioners for modification and repair of the lights on the top of the courthouse.
2. Stated photographer Eric Schoening requested permission to go to the top of the courthouse to take pictures of the City of Wabash when there is snow coverage. Commissioners agreed as long as there is a release from liability agreement signed prior to the event.

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3. Stated that several floor tiles on the back stairway in the judicial center have come loose and are even missing. Other tiles are cracked and/or the edges are popping up. Dils requested permission to move forward on a course of action to repair or replace the floor tiles. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for payment December 20, 2010. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Officials Bonds for Commissioners' acceptance: Clerk, Surveyor and Deputy Coroner. The Commissioners accepted and signed bonds.

Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan & Jeff Kumfer, Scarce-Rudisel Architects and Steve Lawrence, of S.L.A. Design, presented the latest remodeling proposal for the Commissioners' Meeting room. The Commissioners, County Coordinator Dils, Auditor Ridgeway and EMA Director Brown reviewed. Commissioners set advertisement on January 12th and receipt of furniture, construction and technology bids for project on January 31, 2011.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – November 30, 2010

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – November 30, 2010

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

Indiana Association of County Commissioners – 2011 Dues - \$950.00

Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. – 2011 Dues - \$2,690.10

Wabash Co Solid Waste Management District Invoice for Courthouse recycling - \$35.28 – waived for 2010

Roann Covered Bridge Wedding Request – create a liability agreement committee in 2011

Commissioners recessed at 10:30 A.M. to attend the Drainage Board Meeting and reconvened at 11:30 A.M. to address two (2) petitions to vacate a portion of two (3) alleys:

1. Wabash County resident Tabitha Kinstler requested two (2) alleys be vacated in Speicherville. First, a ten foot wide alley starting at the northeast corner of lot 8, then west along the north lines of lot 8, 7, 6, 5 and 4 to the northeast corner of lot 4, then northeast to the southwest corner of parcel # 85-11-19-300-005.000-003, containing 1.89 acres, then east along south property line of the 1.89 acres to the southeast corner of said parcel, then south to the point of beginning. Second, a sixteen (16) foot wide alley lying between lots 4 and 5 of the amended plat of The Town of Speicherville. After much discussion, Givens made a motion to vacate the alley in Speicherville; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Wabash County resident Lori Conley requested one (1) alley in Liberty Mills be vacated; a 16.5 foot wide alley and the un-vacated portion of Railroad Street beginning at the northwest corner of lot 33 of Comstocks

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2nd Addition, then north along the east right of way of 2nd Street to the south line of a 3.07 acre parcel, 85-03-22-302-098.000-001, then in a northeasterly direction along the south line of the 3.07 acre parcel to the west right of way of 3rd Street, then south parallel with the 3rd Street right-of-way to the northeast corner of lot #27 of Comstocks 2nd Addition in a west and southwesterly direction to the northwest corner of lot #33. After discussing the request, Givens made a motion to approve vacation of the alley in Liberty Mills; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2011 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.