

## **JANUARY 8, 2007**

Following the Executive Session, Commissioners met in regular session. Les Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Les Templin, Brian Hauptert, and Scott Givens. Hauptert made a motion to amend the minutes of January 3, 2007 as follows: regarding E911, "EMT" should be "EMD". It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Supervisor, reported the following items:

1. Rice gave Commissioners a DVD on Road Patching provided by Equipment Marketing.
2. High water is still an issue this week: 1400N is still closed.
3. United Consulting is requesting a signed letter from the Commissioners designating Mark Berry as the Chief Bridge Inspection Engineer for the Bridge 505 Project. Chairman Templin signed the letter.
4. Rice also informed Commissioners a concerned citizen would be in today regarding a guard rail concern on 700W between Elliott Rd and the Wabash River.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, informed Commissioners:

1. The average population at the County Jail was 91.82. Currently the population is 88 with 2 pending transport to DOC.
2. The new water softener has had a positive impact on water usage. Striker estimated they are using approximately 150,000 gallons less a month since the softeners installation.
3. Striker stated two (2) new vehicles will be in service at the end of this month. One will be funded from the Commissary monies and the second will come from the 2007 Budgeted funds.

Jane Skeans and Lori Foust, Health Department nurses, informed Commissioners they would like to purchase two Emergency "To Go" Kits to take with them when in the field. Commissioners stated Skeans and Foust should contact Bob Brown, EMA Director, and coordinate efforts to use any supplies currently available; Blood pressure monitors, 2-way radios were some of the items offered by Brown. Commissioners requested a list of other supplies needed and the cost of these items for the Emergency "To Go" Kits.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, stated there would be an EMAC meeting this week. Brown also informed Commissioner EMA had assisted with two (2) barn fires and a funeral over the weekend.

Rick and Ellen Porter, of 6455 W Elliott Rd, Wabash, relayed to Commissioners their concern on a section of road on 700W between Elliott road and the Wabash River. There is an open ditch that has no guardrail around the area. The Porters felt this could be a very dangerous area. They are concerned that

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cars could slide off into the ditch. "If this occurred at night, no one could find the vehicle until morning" they stated. Templin stated he would go and look at the area in question and Commissioners would take the issue under advisement.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. The appointment of the Wabash County Convention and Tourism Board. Haupt made a motion to re-appoint Todd Richards and David Ericsson as Commissioners Appointees to the Wabash County Tourism Commission. His motion was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.
2. Custodian Richard Smith hours for pay period December 24, 2006-January 7, 2007.
3. Prosecutor Office Final Payout of Employee Benefits as of December 31, 2006.
4. Transfer of funds (internal) request for County General—Wabash County Commissioners: To cover shortages in budget line items for year end claims—signed by Commissioners.

Commissioners asked the Auditor to set a meeting date for Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 9:00 A.M for Elected Officials and Departmental Heads to review the new revised Employee Personnel Policy.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.