

FEBRUARY 20, 2007

Wabash County Commissioners met in Executive Session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. with all members present. Commissioners, Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, and Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, and Jane Ridgeway, Auditor, all met to discuss pending personnel and legal matters.

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Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Chairman Lester D. Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Haupert, and Scott E. Givens. Haupert made a motion to approve minutes as written for the February 12, 2007 meeting. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Supervisor, requested signatures on the Notice for pay loader bid which are to be advertised for March 12, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. Also, Rice is taking two (2) of the Highway Departments newest trucks back to have the hydraulics dehumidified.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported:

1. Last weeks average daily population was 99.125.
2. The best quote for the generator work was with Two Brothers Generator Sales and Service, Inc. totaling an annual fee of \$1,000.00. Striker stated all other quotes were \$400.00-\$800.00 higher. The Sheriff Department will pay a quarter of the annual amount due. E-911 will also pay half of cost and the remaining quarter will be paid for by the Highway Department for the four generators in the maintenance agreement. Givens made a motion to accept the quote as presented. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 3-0 vote.
3. Striker stated during the snow last week, all Sheriff Department four wheel drive vehicles were able to be out on the roads. The snow emergency levels helped keep the roads cleared.
4. In reference to the snow related closings, Striker stated that all employees of his Department are expected to arrive at work regardless of the weather and arrangements need to be made for their arrival on time.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer, and Cheri Slee, Wabash County Surveyor, conveyed questions and concerns regarding the snow emergency protocol in last weeks snow storm. Templin took full responsibility for the problems; he stated that there were delays in getting the announcements out to the media and employees when it was decided to close the Courthouse and Judicial Center and confusion about the second day closing and the Level Two

Emergency Level. EMA Director Bob Brown and Commissioners are working on a Snow Emergency Ordinance that will include chain of command and steps in a timely manner.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, was in attendance with nothing to report today.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, gave Commissioners a map showing the placement of the tornado siren, on the corner of county highway property behind the animal shelter.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor, reported Kimberly Carey, Deputy Auditor--Accounts Payable, has reached the end of her probationary period. Commissioners agreed unanimously to end the probationary period for Carey effective February 11, 2007. Ridgeway also confirmed B.J. Grube has been hired as a Deputy Auditor-Bookkeeper in her office. Ridgeway informed Commissioners that training for the new Manatron MVP Tax Billing system was in progress today for Auditor and Treasurer Offices and going well. Ridgeway stated several of the Auditor staff and Treasurers staff had come in on Presidents Day, Monday, February 19, to avoid an extra day of closure so as not to inconvenience any individuals needing assistance or service from either of the two offices. Lastly, Commissioners approved a request from Ridgeway for a five (5) year lease purchase option for a new copier/printer for the Auditor's Office pending budgeted funds approval from Council.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM – Sewer permit – New Plan Excel Realty Trust, Inc.
2. Prosecutor's Office Cleaning Agreement—taking under advisement—tabled for next week
3. ATC/Vonage Agreement – Wireless 9-1-1

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Custodian, Dick Smith's hours period ending February 17, 2007
2. Weights and Measures Monthly Report for period ended January 15, 2007.
3. Monthly Report - Clerk of the Circuit Court -as of January 31, 2007
4. The Release of Final Retainage on Contract with D-T Construction for Remodeling of the Prosecutors Office minus the payment on half of a window replacement as agreed
5. An Additional Appropriations request from Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts for \$2,000.00 for Personnel Services-Clerical Hourly and An Additional Appropriations request from Jane Ridgeway, Auditor for \$2,098.00 for Plat Book Updates. Hauptert made a motion to approve the AAs from both Draper and Ridgeway to go before the County Council. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.

6. Accounts Payable Claim & Allowance Docket for Claims Advertised *Except* Per Diem discussion on a claim from the Health Department which was DENIED
7. Quality Electric, Inc. Invoice #8173 – Fall Service

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2007 following the County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse. Both Council and Commissioners will meet in a joint Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:30 A.M.