

## **FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 26, 2007. Chairman Lester D. Templin called the meeting to order following the County Council meeting. All members were present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Hauptert, and Scott E. Givens. Templin recommended deleting a sentence regarding the Snow Emergency Ordinance from the February 20, 2007 minutes concerning any State involvement on setting universal set levels. The minutes were then approved with this amendment on a motion by Hauptert, second by Givens and a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Supervisor, reviewed a letter from INDOT regarding signatures for a Right of Way Certification on Wabash County Bridge #505, Ferry Street over Vermont Street and Charley Creek. The Commissioners signed the Certification. Rice attended an open house for Motorola. ERS has a fleet monitoring system that the Highway Department is interested in for their trucks. Rice requested permission for ERS to come to give a presentation to the Commissioners on the monitoring system and its costs. The Board was in agreement.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported:

1. Last weeks average daily population was 96.2.
2. Striker suggested the new Snow Ordinance idea should be all inclusive to include ice, fog, tornado and freezing rain conditions. Striker stated this would be beneficial to residents and law enforcement. Commissioner Templin stated a core group effort by Commissioners, Bob Brown, EMA Director, Sheriff Striker, and Larry Rice, Highway Superintendent, would be beneficial in the writing and reviewing of a Snow/Emergency Ordinance and in the execution of any weather related emergencies in the future.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reviewed a previous draft of a Snow ordinance and discussed with Commissioners ideas regarding a core group and other suggestions concerning a new snow/emergency ordinance. No action was taken at this time.

Beverly Ferry, Council on Aging Director, presented Commissioners with her Quarterly report and submitted a claim for the fourth quarter reimbursement for 2006 totaling \$11,452.00.

Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director, reported to the Commissioners that the Planning Commission has requested a Moratorium regarding Confined Animal Feeding Applications. Commissioners broke for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 P.M. when all three Commissioners, Larry Thrush, Planning Commission Attorney; Tom Mattern, and Mike Howard discussed a CAFO ordinance proposed by the Plan Commission.

Commissioners have called a Special Session to be held Friday, March 2, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. for Proposed Health Plan Renewal Options with Jay Harvey and Carol Sipes, of Strategic Health Plans, Inc. to discuss options for the employee health plans. They proposed to add two other items on the Special Session Agenda: (1) A General Ordinance to Establish Storm Drainage Control (H-88-5) and (2) further review and consideration of a Confined Animal Feeding Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Commission.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM Sanitary Sewer Permit – Wabash Crossing Retail Center
2. IDEM Notice of Decision Air Quality Permit, Approval – Metal Source LLC
3. SRI tax sale seminar information -- to be held March 16, 2007- Permission for the Auditor to attend.
4. Civil Notice - Wabash Superior Court regarding County vs. Bowman
5. Winchester Senior Center breakfast benefit flier
6. IPHQ Quality Awards Nomination Form
7. From U.S. Department of Justice—The 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended February 26, 2007
2. Extension Contractual Services Agreement with Purdue University

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again in Special Session, Friday, March 2, 2007 at 9:00 A. M. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2007 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.