

## **MARCH 19, 2007**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 19, 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 the Monday, March 12, 2007 minutes as written. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, Highway Department Superintendent, reported:

1. LaFontaine Christian Church request to extend utility lines along Thomas Road
2. Historic Bridge Meeting in So. Bend at 6:30 P.M. on March 27, 2007
3. Rice and Bob Brown, EMA Director, will be attending a meeting concerning Indiana Disaster State Funding
4. He received a phone call regarding General Ordinance No. 79-2 which he reviewed with Commissioners.
5. Rice stated he had contacted Joe Updike, of USDA to see if any funds were available to assist with the Deer Removal Service in Wabash County. No funds are currently available.
6. Presented the 2006 Highway Department Annual Report
7. Rice had reviewed the comparative bids from last week on the New Bucket Front End Loader. Rice recommended the Case from MacDonald with the net bid of \$72,558.00. Rice also requested four (4) additional options that were presented with the bids as follows: (1) Ride Control \$1,840.00; (2) Power Train \$3,431.00; (3) Forks \$5,300.00; and (4) Coupler \$6,353.00 for the total price of \$89,482.00. Haupert made a motion to approve purchasing the Case from MacDonald for the \$89,482.00 total. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote. The lowest bid (from B&W) did not meet specifications as advertised.\*

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported;

1. Average Daily Population last week in County Jail: 96.71; 96 current population, with 2 pending transfer to DOC.
2. Striker submitted the Two Brothers revised Maintenance Agreement for all four (4) of the County's generators. Commissioners signed agreement.
3. Planning to receive their two (2) new vehicles this week /Transferring equipment—the two replaced vehicles will be used as pool vehicles
4. Striker informed Commissioners of the Central Dispatch Board presentation at next week's County Council meeting. Commissioners will be in attendance for this presentation on March 26, 2007 to be given at the end of the County Council meeting.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reviewed information on the upcoming meeting he and Rice, Highway Dept. Superintendent, will be attending on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 concerning the State Disaster Funds available for overtime and additional personnel costs accrued from the February 2007 Snow Storms.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported:

1. Reminding and informing the Commissioners of their responsibility to select polling places.
2. Draper recommended that Precincts #2 and #5, which had been at the Courthouse and Ivy Tech., be moved to the newly remodeled Wabash United Methodist Church. This move will be a great benefit with its newly updated Handicap Accessibility. Draper also stated combining two (2) precincts is a plus for the precinct boards, delivering absentee ballots and questions or concerns that may arise.
3. Clerk's Office will be closed on April 9, 2007, except for voting.

Christa Stroup of Circuit Court requested approval to lease a new copy machine. They acquired three (3) quotes. OCE had the lowest of the three, \$195.03 per month for a sixty (60) month lease. Hauptert made a motion to approve this lease option. It was seconded by Givens and approved 3-0.

Larry Manning, of La Fontaine Christian Church, reviewed with Larry Rice and Commissioners some of the concerns with the plans blue prints; (1)the road edge and driveways; (2) a 12" pipe out of a retention pond into an 18" culvert-- It may need to be replaced with a 24" under the road; (3)Lift Station line— should make sure that the road is bored instead of a road cut; (4)the water line on the east side—the Town of LaFontaine would help pay for a 8" line that they plan to eventually loop around to extend to Main Street.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reviewed a claim form reimbursement concerning the County Farm property and Rail Road right of ways. Mattern also informed Commissioners of an eleven (11) page document from Wal-Mart requesting that Commissioners release easement rights. Mattern stated he is not completely comfortable with the request. Templin stated this may need to be address by the Drainage Board. Mattern will look into the matter.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. Terra Nova, LLC – ordinance compliance confirmation from concerned Wabash County Citizens regarding a new dairy CAFO
2. Notice of State Surplus Property Sale #19-06/07ISB
3. IDEM-Approval Modification Proposal/ Wabash Valley Landfill Co., Ltd.
4. IDEM-Approval – P & L Wilson Farms, Inc.
5. IDEM-Sewer Permit, E. Robert Horn, Chippewa Place, LLC
6. Letter from Universal Valuation, Inc. updating appraisals for eight (8) county buildings
7. Wabash County Group Health Insurance Schedule of Benefit options

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Accounts Payable Claim & Allowances Docket as advertised for payment
2. Weights & Measures Monthly report
3. Custodian, Dick Smith's hours
4. Consensus to accept the \$375.00 Annual Preventative Maintenance Agreement with the Clock Tower Company to annually service Wabash County's Courthouse Clock
5. Wabash County Hospital Board requested and recommended the reappointment of Marla Hettmansperger to the WCHB for an additional four (4) years, starting March 31, 2007. Hauptert made a motion to reappoint Marla Hettmansperger. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2007 following the County Council meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

\*Approved as Amended March 26, 2007.