

## **APRIL 16, 2007**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 16, 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, April 09, 2007 minutes as written. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Larry Rice, WC Highway Department Superintendent, reported:

1. Rice requested a date be set to receive bids on the rehab of streets in Small towns. Commissioners set May 14, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. to receive bids. This project will be five (5) phases: Sandy Beach, Urbana, Speicherville, Ijamsville, and Richvalley. In 2008, the Town and Street Restoration project should be completed.
2. Rice also requested a date be set for the County Surplus Property Auction; the Highway Department will have one (1) truck and there should be other miscellaneous items from other departments. The date was set for June 22, 2007 at 4:00 P.M.
3. The pre-final inspection for the Phase II of the Old State Road 15 project was done last week. There is seeding and dirt work to be done yet.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff;

1. Reported 94 inmates in jail this morning
2. New vehicles are ready and in the fleet today
3. Paul Downing, of DLZ, will be meeting with Striker Tuesday, April 16 at 8:00 A.M. to discuss possible jail expansion ideas. Striker gave an open invitation to Commissioners to join with them in the meeting.

Bob Brown, WC EMA Director, reported on an EMA meeting he attended last week. Brown was informed that WC EMA could receive a reimbursement grant totaling \$17,902.00 to be used specifically for IT equipment. With Commissioners approval, the monies from the grant could be used to purchase laptops, to update second hand computers used by EMA, or it could also be used to purchase IT equipment for Law Enforcement or for the Fire Department. Brown did state once the equipment was given to a department, it would then become the property of that department. Brown also informed Commissioners that EMA should have their new (used) vehicle this week.

Mike Howard, WC Plan Commission Director, presented an Ordinance as advertised for hearing. Ordinance Number 85-4, 2007, amending the Wabash County Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance was presented and read. Haupert

moved to adopt the Ordinance 85-4, 2007 as presented. It was seconded by Givens, approved with a 3-0 vote, and signed by Commissioners. Howard also introduced Mike Roth, of Poet formerly Broin. Roth stated that all nineteen (19) companies, formerly known as Broin, were all now under the Poet name. Roth also stated he had met with Bill Konyha, of EDG, and reviewed the Letter of Understanding, which is currently under review. Roth also told Commissioners the Air Permit has been submitted to the State and the project is progressing well for an ethanol plant near North Manchester.

Bill Hartley, WC Prosecuting Attorney, discussed with Commissioners sending three (3) caseworkers from the WC Prosecutors Office to the National Child Support Enforcement Association Conference in Orlando, Florida August 5 – August 9, 2007. Hartley stated he has funds available in the Incentive Fund, which have been used in the past, to cover the cost of the conference, hotel, meals, air fare, and car rental. Hartley requested he be allowed to acquire a credit card to place all the needed expenses in advance on the card and then turn the invoice in following the conference for payment on that card. Commissioners only question was if there was a closer conference available. Hartley stated this is the only place for the National Conference of the Child Support Enforcement training and that he felt it was beneficial for his employees to attend the conference as they have consistently ranked high in the state among other counties programs. Commissioners unanimously approved the attendance of the three employees for the conference and for Hartley to acquire the credit card for advance payment of the conference expenses.

LuAnn Layman, WC Treasurer, informed Commissioners that the Property Taxes will be sent out on April 17, 2007, for collection on time. Wabash County is one of only eleven counties in Indiana that are actually sending on time. Layman put a statement in with the taxes asking people who have the Homestead credit on their property to only pay the “A” portion (spring) part on the property with the Homestead credit. If the State Legislature passes additional credits effective this year there will be adjusted statements sent for the fall collections. If taxpayers have other properties without a Homestead credit, they can go ahead and pay as they wish, just spring or both spring and fall.

Sandy Beeks, E-911 Coordinator, submitted quotes for a new computer: Wabash Electric \$814.00 - installed; Mittings Radio Shack \$ 604.99 not installed – would have to hire someone to install. Givens motioned to approve Wabash Electrics quote for \$814.00 installed. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, was present at the meeting but had nothing to discuss or review.

In other business, the Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. Letter from INDOT, Fort Wayne District, regarding re-organization - to start July 1, 2007
2. Letter from Abell/Irvin Elevator Serv. Comp. informing of a 4.75% increase in quarterly fees
3. IDEM – Receipt of Air Permit Application – Kentner Creek Stone
4. IDEM – Request of Addl. Information Permit Renewal – Wabash Alloys, LLC
5. Proposal from Ranger Materials for Parking Lot Maintenance
6. Civil Notice of Wabash Circuit Court – Pattee purchase of Commissioners Tax Certificate property.
7. Letter from Wabash Circuit Court Judge McCallen III – concerning Parking issues
8. Karr Tuckpointing\*, masonry and maintenance preservation services – free inspection offer
9. KONE Elevator & Escalator – introduction of Company & services available
10. Letters from Wabash Circuit & Superior Court concerning a repair part for the Judicial Building metal detector – cost would be shared by the five (5) departments in the Judicial Center.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court for the month ending March 31, 2007
2. Accounts Payable Claim & Allowance Docket as advertised for payment April 18, 2007
3. Weights & Measures Monthly Report – as of April 15, 2007
4. Custodian R. Smith's hours for the Pay Period ended April 14<sup>th</sup>
5. Letter from INDOT regarding a corrected contract format on Bridge #505, over Charley Creek on Ferry Street – Commissioners reviewed changes and initialed the contract required by the Office of the Attorney General.
6. Verizon quote to help with the phone system voice mail problems; they would need to add four (4) ports to alleviate voice mail issues. Installation would be \$1,101.35. Commissioners unanimously approved the addition of the four (4) ports.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 23, 2007 following the County Council meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

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