

## **APRIL 30, 2007**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 30, 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 23, 2007 minutes as written. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Chief Probation Officer Dallas Duggan presented an Emergency Shelter Contractual Agreement between Wabash County and Whites Residential & Family Services, Inc. to have four (4) beds at \$124.00 per bed per day at Whites' Shelter Care Unit available for placing Probation's shelter and non-secure detention placements. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the contract.

Bill Konyha, EDG Executive Director, presented two (2) proposals for bond legal council services on the Maize and Poet proposed Ethanol plants in La Fontaine and North Manchester respectively. The first was Barnes & Thornburg offering to include legal counsel for the two bond issues at no charge. The second was Baker Daniels estimating \$295.99 per hour and \$30,000.00-\$40,000.00 for each project not to exceed \$100,000.00 each. After discussing the proposals, Haupert made a motion to retain Barnes & Thornburg as legal council for both the TIF Districts. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote. Konyha stated a Press Conference at the Safety Building in North Manchester would be held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday. Michael Roth, of Poet, was to make an official announcement regarding the proposed Ethanol plant south of North Manchester.

Larry Rice, WC Highway Department Superintendent, reported:

1. INDOT Bridge Rehabilitation on SR 15 over Grant Creek. The plan is to close the intersection of 1050S at 15. Rice stated it would be important to keep in mind any traffic concerns with this project.
2. The heavy agricultural traffic\* only affected four (4) of the county roads last week. Rice showed pictures and also discussed a few areas with drainage problems.
3. Rice requested a date be set to receive bids on the calcium chloride – rock salt. Commissioners set Monday, June 25, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, reminded Commissioners and Rice, to attend the Bowman Road Damage Case hearing set for Friday, May 4, 2007. Mattern stated he is working on the Letter of Understanding regarding the North Manchester Ethanol company.

Beverly Ferry, WC Council on Aging, reported:

1. End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report. Commissioners approved and signed the Quarterly Operating Financial Status Report. Ferry stated one major issue this year is high mileage vehicles. They will be receiving one (1) new vehicle through a grant in September 2007. Next year, two (2) more will be needed.
2. Ferry gave a report on the Units of service.
3. Ferry discussed processing of claims by her agency.
4. Grant will be received different than in the past. It will be set up in four (4) equal distributions.
5. Fuel costs are up high. Due to that fact, not many out of county transports are being done.
6. Ferry also stated there is a steady transporting of people without a driver's license, some DUI restrictions, who are taken to and from work. They also take students to and from schools through out the county during the school year. This will slow during the summer and will affect expenses during the summer which is how the grants are based.
7. Commissioners approved and signed the Annual Contract Voucher.

Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director, stated he would be meeting with Poet regarding the North Manchester Ethanol proposed plant. Howard stated he wanted to make sure of his offices' responsibilities concerning this project. He had some concerns on funding the acceleration lanes on 800S into the plant. Commissioners stated the TIF Bonding funds are set to cover that cost.

A letter from WC Solid Waste Management District asking for an Appointment to the Common Construction Wage Committee prompted a motion by Templin for Brian Haupert to serve as the Commissioner's representative on the committee and a second by Givens. Haupert agreed with the 3-0 vote.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes
2. Letter from Wabash AgriProducts, Inc.: IDEM permit Application Submittal

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. County Surplus Property Auction Contract for June 22, 2007 – Also signed Contract with Tony Stout as Auctioneer.
2. Second Floor Fax Line Installation Approval - \$40.00/month
3. Revised Quote – E-911 computer purchase.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2007 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

\*Revised with approval 5-7-07