

May 29, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 following the County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M. President Les Templin called the meeting to order with two (2) members present: Lester D. Templin and Scott E. Givens. Brian Haupt arrived later due to being called about of the Council meeting by the Museum staff. The minutes from the May 21, 2007 meeting were reviewed with one note of explanation; The Roann covered bridge is owned by Wabash County. Givens made a motion to approve minutes with the explanation. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Bill Konyha, EDG, presented documentation for the Wabash AgriProducts, Inc. they are applying for 39.9 million in Bonds. The meeting set for July with Indiana Finance Authority has been moved to June. Konyha stated in order to begin this process by August for the LaFontaine Ethanol Plant and the potential TIF District; all needs to be in order for the June meeting. Konyha presented an application for Volume Cap and Executive Summary for Commissioners. Commissioners signed two copies.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections, submitted the Community Corrections Grant for July. Commissioners signed the Grant application.

Phil Amones, Highway Department Foreman, reported the following items:

1. A request from Verizon to bury cable starting 1/8 of a mile South of CR 975N – 100 feet in West ROW on CR 250W then bore under 250W to 9643N 250W which the Commissioners approved.
2. Update on possible repairs at 1400N. Commissioners stated the repairs were worth exploring.
3. Town Restoration Project had been reviewed. A rep from E & B was present at the meeting. Amones stated that last year the measurement used for the roads was at 17' (feet). Though not all roads may actually be this size – like Ijamsville, but this is the set measurement used. The lowest bid was with E & B at 8,272 tons. But Amones stated they did not use the max measurement and the tonnage was too low. Gaunt bid 9,719. While Phend and Brown bid 9,723. Amones stated due to the location of Phend & Brown's Disko plant, this would allow shorter round trips for hauling loads which the highway will be doing. Amones also stated the approximation of the 17' max set could also lower the actual amount of tons used. It was also stated that this project bid is one project with 5 (five) phases. One company will have to be selected for the total project. Amones recommended Phend & Browns bid for \$351,681.95 at 9,723 tons. Commissioners agreed. Givens made a motion to accept the Phend & Brown bid as submitted. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

4. Larry Rice, retiring Highway Superintendent, was present at the meeting for one last time. Commissioners thanked Rice for his years of service. Rice stated "Thank you. It has been a pleasure."

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported:

1. An average daily population last week in the Jail was 103.79.
2. All the parts are in for the A/C unit at the jail. Work should be completed by the end of the week.
3. Striker stated he had received 2 (two) letters of intent to retire from employees at the jail; he will be working on the payroll impact of the retirements on his budget.

Kerry Schoeph, Consulting Engineer at MSKTD & Associates Inc., and David Lawrence, Timbercrest Administrator, presented a Planned Development of ten (10) duplexes in two (2) phases for Timbercrest located in North Manchester. With this new expansion a new entrance will be on CR 200E. Schoeph stated he had already spoken with the Planning Commission in North Manchester. Schoeph stated the new development would need an ingress and egress that would affect CR 200E and requested Commissioners permission to proceed. Givens made a motion to approve the ingress and egress on CR 200E for the new planned development. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Amy Carpenter and Greg Fox of APEX Benefits, presented:

1. Voluntary Insurance for County Employees – Vision Care is up for renewal with a 2-year rate guarantee. There is set to be a 2.1% increase with the 2-year plan. Following discussion it was decided APEX should set up employee meetings and they were asked to contact the new County Coordinator Jim Dils to arrange a date for the meetings.
2. Voluntary Life Insurance administration was discussed and rate increases for employees who have enrolled in it will be discussed with the employees at the future meeting also.
3. Carpenter stated when Strategic Health Plans contract is up for renewal, APEX would like an opportunity to bid. Commissioners stated they had just renewed in April of '07 and were pleased with the current coverage. APEX could submit for the next renewal time if they so desired.

Larry Thrush was present to acquire information regarding his representation for Commissioners on an Insurance Tort Claim.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, presented an approved by Council Additional Appropriation request for a Reimbursement Grant for Public Safety Computers that will be reimbursed by the State. The Application was signed by the Commissioners.

Cheri Slee, County Surveyor, asked Commissioners if they had decided whether she should move forward with the valuation of the County Drains to be in compliance with the GASB 34. Commissioner stated they needed to obtain more data on the issue. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioners discussed Central Dispatch. Givens stated he thought they should move forward with the concept of creating a Central Dispatch. Templin was in agreement.

Commissioners reviewed the following items;

1. Quote from Tower Clock Repair for the WC Court house clock – will take under advisement.
2. ISDH Weights and Measures Report Card
3. Prosecutor's Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Quarterly Financial Report
4. Mileage Claim for Soil and Water
5. R. Hahn Comp Time Claim
6. IDEM Transfer of Solid Waste Facility Permit – Wabash Valley Landfill
7. IDEM Notice of Decision: Revocation of SSOA-Primco/Speedway Plant #8
8. IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval of SSOA- Kentner Creek Stone
9. IDEM Notice of Public Comment – Wabash AgriProducts, Inc.
10. Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes of April 16
11. Pathfinder Services, Inc Newsletter

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, June 4, 2007 in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.