

## JUNE 11, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 11, 2007. President Les 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. The minutes from the June 4, 2007 meeting were reviewed, with one typo "J&R" should be "J&K". Haupert made a motion to approve as corrected. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent, reported the following items:

1. Two requests from Verizon to bury cable and both were approved:
  - a. Starting  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile west of Bailey Road, bury 100' west from VZ Ped #30804 P. 39 - then, bore 35' south to 335W CR 400S.
  - b. Starting  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile east of SR 13, bore under CR 1000N to 431E 1000N.
2. Request from ACRES Land Trust to install five (5) intersection signs with directions to the Kokiwanee Nature Preserve. The preserve is open to the public from dawn to dusk daily, at no cost. Givens made a motion to approve the sign installation. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 3-0 vote.
3. A request by a WC resident to place a blind drive sign at their new drive entrance. Givens made a motion to grant the property owner permission to place a sign at their own expense as long as the sign is done to the County Highway Specifications. It was seconded by Haupert and approved 3-0.
4. Pam's Café in Urbana has requested, along 500N, a sidewalk due to parking problems at neighboring business. After discussing the request, Commissioners decided this is\* not a County Highway issue.
5. Amones presented two estimate for restoration and repairs on the County Highway Garage building:
  - a. Wabash Valley Restoration 181 bricks for \$21,940.00 and
  - b. Atlas 210 bricks for \$38,740.00Hauptert made a motion to accept the quote from Wabash Valley Restoration. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.
6. Amones presented personnel changes at the County Highway Department.
  - a. Foreman position had interviewed six (6) employees that had applied. Amones recommended John Martin, currently a Mechanic.
  - b. Mechanic position - Amones recommended current driver Kyle Highley
  - c. Driver position - Keith Snyder who is also training currently for Hoe Operator
  - d. There are also two driver positions available that need to be filledCommissioners unanimously approved the personnel changes presented.

Leroy Striker, WC Sheriff, reported:

1. The average daily population last week in the Jail was 103.57. Striker stated they are still working with the Judges to move jail population.
2. A request has been made for a speed limit zone in an unincorporated area, 1175N east of North Manchester Elementary. Because it is an unincorporated area, a County Ordinance would need to be done. Commissioners requested the Highway Superintendent evaluate the situation and make a recommendation.
3. There has been ongoing concern regarding the intersection at 50E in Treaty. It has been requested that the RR take a look at this intersection, which has no lights or arms on the RR crossing. Norfolk RR would not work with the County when previously discussed. Commissioners stated it is time to revisit the situation and request this be reconsidered. Commissioners also requested County Highway look into possible cost of this action.

Tom Mattern, Commissioners Attorney, gave an update on the Class Action Case in regard to the AT&T, the RR and the County Farm Land. An additional information form has been re-filed for a claim from the Wabash County if approved, monies could be expected fourth quarter of this year.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator, stated that he has started meeting with the County Department Heads. He is working to get his office in order with: computer, carpet, paint, phone lines, and cabling.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway, informed Commissioners of Pre-Approval by the State on the June Property Tax Settlement. All is balanced and ready for distribution to units pending the Treasurer's approval.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. Upcoming Budget work session to be held Wednesday, June 13 at 9:00-12:00.
2. Letter from Randy Miller & Assoc. regarding the Chippewa Place Planning Unit Development final Plat & Plan approval meeting to be held June 18, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at the Wabash City Hall.
3. Letter from WLM Surveying – Notice to re-perform a Legal Survey for vacating an alley in Speicherville for Otis and Rosemary Lawson.
4. IN911 Newsletter – Issue 1
5. Barnes & Thornburg Annual Report 2007
6. Indiana State Personnel Department Memo: Health Insurance
7. Employee Retirement Payouts

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

1. Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – May 31, 2007
2. ARC of Wabash County, Inc.: CSI - Wabash Returns “Abomination” fund raiser event - request to use State Historical Markers and different locations throughout Wabash County for “Crime Scene Locations” in the fund raiser event. Commissioners unanimously approved request. The fundraiser is to be held August 11 and 12, 2007.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, June 18, 2007 in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\* Word added in approval on June 18, 2007.