

JUNE 18, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 18, 2007. President Les Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian Haupert and Scott E Givens. The minutes from the June 11, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved with a clarification notation on a motion by Givens that was seconded by Templin and a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Phil Amones and Attorney Tom Mattern were present but had no reports today.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator, presented three quotes for a laptop computer package with a docking station, desk monitor, standard keyboard and mouse. The Commissioners reviewed the quotes: (1) Gov Connection \$2548.24, (2) HP direct site \$2870.74 and (3) Wabash Electric IT \$2673.33. Haupert moved to approve the lowest bid from Gov Connection. His motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper presented the board with a Conflict of Interest statement disclosing her affiliation with Draper Construction – currently doing repairs at the Judicial Center and the Courthouse. She also reported to the Commissioners that she was going to have to replace another computer used at the counter in her office. Draper discussed the recent Clerk's conference she and some of her staff attended and some of the recent legislative changes to affect her office.

Wabash County resident Dan Price, of 68E 200N, addressed the Board concerning certain alleys in Speicherville and a recent "Notice of intent to re-perform a legal survey as filed in legal survey book on pages 94 & 95 at the Surveyor's office of Wabash County, Indiana as requested by Otis G. and Rosemary Lawson". Price reported that in recent court action regarding the same boundaries and conflicting surveys, the Commissioners had agreed to vacate an alley in question to stay out of the court case but they have not vacated the alley to date and that although Price prevailed in the court decision, the Lawsons are still disputing the property line between his property and theirs. Price suggested that "if the County would make the three alleys (between Speicher Road-200N and Washington Street in Speicherville) each 10'2" instead of 12' (as platted), that action would make up the missing 5' from a plotting error in 1891 and should settle the dispute." The Board will look into the situation and take the suggestion under advisement.

Nancy Coffman, Director of Wabash County ARC, along with Board Members Donna Wilhelm and Casey Sausaman, addressed the Commissioners with an

Annual Report of the program activities, financial status, accomplishments and goals of the organization. ARC requested a 5% increase in the funding provided by the County for the year 2008 (\$56,175). Following the report, Chairman Templin expressed the Board's appreciation for the "very worthwhile and well-run program".

Thomas Polk of Wabash Electric Information Technologies discussed with the Commissioners, the Auditor and County Coordinator a review of the IT upgrades completed in the past year and status of the GIS implementation plans and needs. Polk reported on a meeting with Health Department officials and will prepare a quote for cabling, etc. needed to connect the Health Department (located in Memorial Hall and connected to the State network) to the Courthouse network in order for Environmental Specialist Jennifer Swango to use a GIS layer of data purchased from Purdue for sewer and septic mapping information. He also discussed security concerns, approvals and additional firewall protection that will be needed to protect both networks. Polk also presented proposed revised Service Agreements for IT consulting and controls for the 2008 budget.

EMA Director Bob Brown reported to the Commissioners about quotes expected for one more outside security camera at the Courthouse complex. He also reported on the District 3 oversight planning committee meeting he recently attended as the County's representative along with Wabash City Deputy Fire Chief Bob Mullett. Brown filed a copy of the Department of Homeland Security 2007 Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement. The next meeting will be held in Columbia City in September.

The Commissioners reviewed the following personnel issues:

- (1) Concerning recent promotions approved at the Highway Department – They unanimously agreed that no employee promoted should receive lower base pay during the probationary 90 day period than the base pay they were earning prior to the promotion or reassignment. County Coordinator/Human Resources Director Jim Dils was asked to research an official form concerning overtime compensation waivers.
- (2) Amending a final pay-out claim for an employee of the Prosecutor's office – They restated their policy concerning Unused Benefits paid upon leaving employment with Wabash County for all employees as stated in the recently revised Wabash County employee policy manual.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented a draft of the Commissioners 2008 Budget requests for their review.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, June 25th in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse following the Wabash County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M. and a joint presentation from Todd Samuelson of Umbaugh and Associates at 9:00 A.M.