

## **JUNE 25, 2007**

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 25, 2007 following the County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M. President Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Scott E. Givens and Brian Haupert. The minutes from the June 18, 2007 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Haupert, second by Givens and a 3-0 vote.

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

1. Follow up with discussing the railroad crossing at 50E. The crossing may be considered within the next five years.
2. Asked to check about posting a speed limit in a residential area on 1175N, Amones recommended a posted limit. Haupert moved to have Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern work on amending the County's Ordinance. His motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
3. Informed Haupert that a culvert replacement on 900 S was completed.
4. Presented a petition to chip and seal a ¼ mile long portion of Old State Road 15 North. Haupert moved to approve the petition and add this portion of the road to the list to be done. Givens seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote.
5. Also presented a Change Order on Old State Road 15 which the Commissioners approved and signed.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported:

1. An average daily population last week in the Jail was 94.52.
2. The Sheriff presented both the Commissioners and the Council with his requests and recommendations for his Department and Jail 2008 Budgets.
3. Striker also discussed with the Board and County Coordinator/Human Resource Director Jim Dils personnel changes, process of replacement and hiring practices as well as Additional Appropriations that he will need to cover post-employment benefits.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, agreed to represent Wabash County on the District 3 Planning Council. Brown also discussed applying for narrow band frequencies and licensing. He also informed the Board that the next meeting of the District Planning Committee will be July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern asked the Board to call a special Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The Commissioners set Monday, July 2, at 8:45 A.M. prior to the regular meeting.

County Coordinator Jim Dils reported on the progress of setting up his office and that due to the EMA computer available he will not have to order all of the new office equipment that was approved at the last meeting. This will reduce the cost from \$2500 to \$500. Dils also reported he is continuing to gather quotes for carpeting and Dick Smith is helping with preparing the area for cleaning, and painting. Randy Cleaver of Cleaver Cabling has completed running data cables.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper reported about possible precinct changes, She also requested that the Commissioners consider budgeting for personnel to main the Courthouse switchboard again. She also stated that some of her employees are interested in taking an 8 hour class at Ivy Tech in Microsoft Word. Draper is planning to ask the state to pay for the classes due to changes in their software programs.

At 11:00 A.M. the Commissioners accepted Salt bids for the Highway Department as advertised. Hauptert moved to close the bidding process, Givens seconded the motion and bidding was closed by a 3-0. Bids were opened and reviewed as follows: Morton Salt of Chicago - \$57.30 per ton; Cargill of Fort Wayne - \$47.15 per ton; North American Salt - \$47.74 per ton; and Detroit Salt Co. - \$50.89 per ton. Hauptert moved to take all the bids under advisement. This motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported to the Board the results of the County Surplus Property Auction held on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Commissioners also reviewed more of the 2008 Budgets for their funds.

Commissioners reviewed the following:

- County Treasurer's Monthly Report for May 31, 2007
- Weights and Measures Report for period ended June 15, 2007
- Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes of May 21
- IDEM Notice of Decision – Approval: Republic Services of IN, LP
- IDEM Notice of Decision – Approval: Metal Source, LLC
- Employee Per Diem Claim

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, July 2, 2007 in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.