

JULY 30, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 30, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners: Meeting Room. President Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Scott E. Givens and Brian K. Haupert. The minutes from the July 23, were reviewed. Givens moved to approve, seconded by Haupert and approved 3-0.

Phil Amones, Highway Department Superintendent presented two Requests to bury cable from Verizon:

a) 6010 W 200 S .25 mile from Old US24 and b) 220, 240 & 260 Main Street in Liberty Mills to reroute drops. The Commissioners approved and Templin signed both requests. They also signed the official acceptance of the salt bid from Cargill that was accepted on July 11, 2007. Amones also discussed the Bridge 505 (Ferry Street Bridge) project at \$ 824,637.29; and a letter received by the Auditor about the award of \$592,000 in funds for the North Manchester Covered Bridge.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA director, discussed quotes for carpeting in part of his area of the Courthouse and also the NIMS management training courses that the Commissioners are going to take.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern was present but had nothing to report to the Board today.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper left a report with the Auditor concerning the Election Precincts as discussed at last weeks meeting which reported that the State Election Commission has told her that she will not have to split any precincts at this time.

County Coordinator Jim Dils presented quotes from a plasterer for ceiling repair in the Assessor's, Auditor's and Recorder's offices (\$1200) and second floor ceiling at the top of the stairs area (\$1200). The Commissioners approved both quotes. One for rain water damage in the second floor reception area (\$1300) will be sent to Jeff Kumfer as the architects' representative and the Courthouse Roof Project. Dils also discussed with the Commissioners the removal of a tree on the south lawn of the Courthouse.

Health Department Nurses Jane Skeans and Lori Foust presented three quotes for repairs to the restrooms in the Health Department: 1) Kroft Construction for \$6,500; 2) Garrett Construction for \$17,800 and 3) Vandermark Construction for \$16,800. This repair will make one restroom handicap assessable and one for employee use. Skeans plans to use Health Maintenance fund monies for the repairs. Haupert moved to approve the Kroft Construction quote pending

approval by the State for the use of the funds and an Additional Appropriation approved by the County Council. Givens seconded the motion and it was accepted by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Probation Officer Dallas Duggan discussed with the Commissioners the establishment of a Drug Court for Juvenile offenders similar to the one recently established for Adults. Duggan proposed working with Marty Burns on a 12-15 week (twice a week) home detention program that is available. He has talked with Marjery Justice of Family and Child Services about funding for the Drug Court and she is favorable to the idea. His request to the Commissioners for funding the Home Detention fees was approved with their complete support. They also approved transferring funds for the program from the Wards of State and County Institutions budget line item on a motion by Hauptert, second by Givens and a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners also wanted to publicly extend their appreciation to Bill Simpson of BJS Landscaping and also Craig and Carolyn Winegardner for volunteering their time and hard work on trimming and cleaning up around the Courthouse lawn last week.

Thomas Polk of Wabash Electric Information Technology discussed with the Commissioners IT upgrades that are needed including firewall protection for the connection to the Health Department (\$349), Watchguard security renewal for the Courthouse systems (\$845 for two years) and three monitors to be installed for GIS public access (\$269 each). These three quotes were approved and one recommendation for in-house e-mail hosting and protection was taken under advisement at this time. The Commissioners also approved four additional data lines in the Courthouse to be run by Cleaver Cabling. All approvals were on a motion by Hauptert, second by Givens and 3-0 votes.

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee discussed the purchase of a used truck from Shepherd's Chevrolet which will be \$800 more than had been appropriated in her 2008 budget for a total of \$16,800 with the trade of the current truck. She will have \$800 of Miscellaneous Revenue to be used for the additional amount needed. Hauptert moved to approve the trade and transfer of funds. His motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended July 28, 2007

Custodian D. Smith's hours for Pay period ended July 21, 2007

IDEM: Notice of Public Comment – Manchester Metals, LLC

IDEM: Notice of Public Comment – Thermafiber, Inc., Wabash Plant

IDEM: Notice of Decision: Approval – Wabash AgriProducts, Inc.

Wabash County Tourism Commission – Minutes of June 18, 2007

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, August 6, 2007 at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.