

AUGUST 6, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 6, 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. Hauptert. The minutes from the July 30, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert moved to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Department Superintendent, reported the following:

1. 51 miles of chip and seal have been completed.
2. The Town Street Restoration projects have been finished and came in at \$6474.70 under estimate.
3. This week the County received FEMA reimbursement for Snow Emergency costs of \$15,324.65.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern presented an amendment to the County's speed ordinance to reduce the speed limit on County Road 1175 N to 45 mph then to 35 mph to the North Manchester corporate limits. Hauptert moved to approve the amendment as General Ordinance 2007-85-6. Givens seconded the motion and it was passed by a 3-0 vote.

EMA Director Bob Brown recommended Major Steve Hicks of the Wabash County Sheriff's Department as the last appointment for the District Three Planning Council to serve from August 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Hauptert moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Givens and it was approved by a 3-0 vote. Brown reported that he has received two quotes for the parking lot cameras but would like to compare the quotes before making a recommendation. He also presented quotes for carpeting in the EMA Office & Dispatch areas and reviewed them with the Council. K&M flooring quoted a total for the two areas \$1254.75 and Miller Furniture a total of \$ 1619.40. Brown recommended the quote from K&M Flooring and Hauptert moved for acceptance of the quote, seconded by Givens and accepted by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported to the Commissioners the average daily population for the past week was running in the low 80s. He informed the Commissioners of two new officers starting employment: Ben Duecker and Jeff Clark. Duecker will be attending the Academy in the fall. Striker also discussed the AC systems at the jail which have now been replaced or modified.

The Health Department nurses Jane Skeans and Lori Foust asked the Commissioners for permission to purchase a new refrigerator for vaccine storage. They will get quotes and were asked to get quotes also for a security/alarm system also which will need a dedicated phone line. These items will be paid from the Health Maintenance Fund. Foust also asked to purchase an AED for the Health Department and discussed getting one comparable to the fire departments. The Board asked them to contact EMA Director Bob Brown who had recently acquired AEDs for his department and for the Courthouse.

The Commissioners reviewed recommendations for members of the new Wabash County Economic Development Commission. The County Council has recommended Kent Terrill, the Wabash City Council recommended Bruce Ingraham and the Board of Commissioners recommended Hal Job for the three member Commission. Hauptert moved to appoint Terrill to a one year term, Ingraham to a two year term and Job for a three year term. Givens seconded the motion and the appointments were approved 3-0.

Planning Director Mike Howard reviewed the Planning Commission Resolution and ordinance to change the zoning from Residential One to General Business for the Busch Subdivision. Hauptert moved to approve General Ordinance 2007-85-7 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Givens seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

Wabash County resident Todd Rager came to the meeting concerning an expired septic permit for a mobile home at 9181 N. State Road 15. He received a letter from the Plan Commission telling him he must move the trailer due to non compliance. Plan Director Mike Howard stated there had been six letters sent over the past two years with no response. Rager said he is preparing to skirt the mobile home and have the septic system put in now. Chairman Templin advised him to get on the agenda for the next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on August 28th to resolve the situation.

Keith Walters presented the Board an extension of his contract as the Local Public Health Coordinator. The contract originating in October of 2005 is to end August 30, 2007. The funding for the grant that for this position has not been determined by the State Board of Health to date but they have extended the current funding through October 2007. The Commissioners signed the extension pending approval from the Council for an Additional Appropriation on a motion by Hauptert, seconded by Givens and a 3-0 vote with the understanding the contract will not continue past October 31, 2007 without funding by the State.

At 11:00 A.M. the Board along with Jeff Kumfer of Scearce Rudisel Architects received bids for the Courthouse cornice project as advertised.

Hauptert moved the bidding process be closed, second by Givens and closed by a 3-0 vote. Two bids were received, open and read as follows:

	Wabash Valley Restoration	Atlas Building
Lump Sum Base Bid:	\$ 56,430	\$ 84,827.
Alternate One	470.	5,732.
Alternate Two	275.	3,867.
Alternate Three	2,625.	3,661.
Alternate Four	340.	1,688.
Alternate Five	520.	4,001.
Alternate Six	432.	1,707.
Alternate Seven	95.	2,802.
Alternate Eight	30.	1,804.

A motion to take the bids under advisement was made by Hauptert, seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kumfer discussed other Courthouse projects with the Board, County Coordinator Jim Dils and Auditor Jane Ridgeway including water damage repair quotes and the project retainage on the Courthouse roof project, also considered air-lock doors and window quotes for the Courthouse.

Surveyor Cheri Slee reported to the Board that she no longer needs a monitor for the GIS inquiry only computer in her office which will be located to be handicap accessible and the purchase of a new topper for the used truck recently acquired for her office. Hauptert moved to approve the purchase for \$595 and \$100 for lumber to build racks for tools. His motion was seconded by Givens and approved by a 3-0 Board vote.

Commissioners reviewed personnel policy compliance and directed that all department heads coordinate new employee orientation as well as exit conferences through County Coordinator/Human Resource Director Dils to assure compliance with the Board's policies as well as State and Federal laws.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance advertised for Pay August 6, 2007
Custodian D. Smith's hours for Pay period ended August 4, 2007

The Board then also reviewed:

Memorandum on Voter Registration Equipment

IACC: HB 1478 Workshop on Local Option Income Tax – August 29th

Letter from State Treasurer Richard Mourdock: E-911 funds.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, August 13, 2007 in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.