

AUGUST 20, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 20, 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 August 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Haupert, seconded by Givens and a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Highway Department Superintendent, reported that the Highway Department has completed 80.25 miles of chip and seal including the towns last year. Amones and County Auditor Jane Ridgeway discussed with the Board the creation of a new separate fund for the Covered Bridge Grant Project and the Covered Bridge Fund available for maintenance projects on the county's two covered bridges.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average daily population in the jail of 80.67 this week with 79 in the jail today. He commented he is getting ready for the County's Budget hearings this week.

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

County Coordinator Jim Dils updated the Commissioners on Courthouse projects as follows:

1. The tulip tree on the south lawn of the Courthouse was removed last week and the Commissioners asked him to check on the state program for a possible replacement.
2. Letters were sent last week in support of the Watershed project discussed at last week's meeting.
3. An additional phone has been ordered for the Health Department office and will be installed this week.
4. Reminders for the Employee Handbook receipt will be sent out to the few remaining employees who have failed to return them to date.

The Commissioners discussed a letter from Larry Thrush concerning the proposed Health Department Lodging Ordinance. They reviewed and approved the Claims and Allowance docket with a few exceptions advertised for payment on August 22nd and reviewed with Ridgeway some of the Commissioner's fund 2008 Budget requests and the schedule for the Council's Budget Hearings, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Also reviewed were the following:

Monthly Report – Weights and Measures – July 16 – August 15, 2007

Letter from City of Wabash–Order to Remove Unsafe Building: 1269 Adams St.

Invoice # 10174 from Quality Electric

IDEM – Draft of NPDES Permit – Terra Nova Dairy Leasing, LLC

IDEM – Approval of Construction - Confined Feeding Operation – Curless Farms Inc.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, August 27, 2007 in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.