

## **SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 17, 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, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The minutes were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Minutes from the September 10, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Hauptert, seconded by Givens and a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Supervisor, gave his weekly report. He asked direction from the Board concerning Wabash Street in Laketon. A portion of this street is part of the county road system but has not been maintained in the past. Following discussion, Templin stated he saw no reason to black-top the area due to limited use. Hauptert moved to chip and seal this area; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average daily population in the jail of 96.45 for the past week. He stated that the new replacement for the storm-damaged air conditioner has been installed. He also reported that they have begun painting inside the jail cells as needed.

County Coordinator Jim Dils presented quotes for repairs needed as follows: (1) Repair for the clock in the bell tower at the top of the Courthouse: Quotes from The Tower Clock Company were for \$3900 to repair the strike mechanism of the tower clock and \$1200 to install a new 2 RPM (Hurst) synchronized motor; also \$3900 from Central Rubber for Bell housings and Vibration Dampners. Hauptert moved to proceed with all three repair quotes for a total of \$9000, Givens seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. (2) Dils also presented quotes for the second floor Courthouse ceiling repairs. Hauptert moved to approve the quotes for D-T Construction and Plastering Stucco for a total of \$2760. Givens seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote. This repair will be part of the settlement with Atlas Industries for the damage from the unfinished roof project. (3) He discussed needed repairs to the Judicial Center third floor where there has been water damage to the men's' restroom area. Kroft Construction had looked at the area and felt it is a flashing or caulking issue on the outside of the building. Dils was asked to follow-up with quotes for that repair. He also reminded the Commissioners of the Chamber of Commerce's request to help the community "Welcome Home" the seven local National Guard members returning from Iraq on September 21<sup>st</sup>. In other business Dils reported the offer of donated Tulip trees for the Courthouse lawn if the county could move and plant them. It was decided to check into smaller trees through the Extension Office.

EMA Director Bob Brown told the Board he hopes to have a letter ready for the Commissioners to report to the state on the full-time status of the Director for the new grant period. He reminded the Commissioners that as we are going into the fall season now he would like to have the Emergency Weather Ordinance finalized and approved soon. Brown also discussed the Federal and State Surplus Property application he is working on.

Wabash County Health Nurse Lori Foust presented more quotes for the purchase of a commercial refrigerator with an alarm. The Commissioners reviewed the quotes and asked Foust to get more detailed information concerning items needed for the setup and alarm system maintenance of the unit. The Board also approved the purchase of AED Zoll as requested by the Health Department on a motion by Givens, a second by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote.

Linda Wilk, Director of Hands of Hope spoke to the Board of Commissioners concerning the Domestic Violence Awareness Program. She represented Judge Goff and asked permission to place a display on the Courthouse lawn for approximately a week as well as permission to hold a rally at noon on October 16.

The Board reviewed a contractual agreement with Steve Downs to serve as a Commissioner Attorney.

Treasurer LuAnn Layman meet with the Commissioners as the Board of Finance and decided to designate the Rainy Day Fund to be interest bearing in conjunction with the County Council passing a Resolution to appropriate the fund to be used for the payment of unused Employee Benefits upon retirement or termination. She also discussed inviting collection company representatives to discuss an agreement to collect delinquent personal property taxes for the county on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Commissioners signed a contract with Wabash Valley Restoration, Inc. for the Courthouse Cornice Repair Project as accepted at last week's meeting.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable claims and allowance docket presented as advertised for payment on September 17. With a few exceptions they approved the remainder of the claims and allowance docket.

Also reviewed were the following:

Tyco/ Fire Security – SimplexGrinnell Contract for Review  
Hoosier Heartland Contribution Request for Review

No other Business, the meeting recessed; the next meeting will be held Monday, September 24 in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.