

## OCTOBER 9, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 9, 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. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The minutes were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Minutes from the October 1, 2007 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Givens, seconded by Haupert and a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Supervisor, discussed with the Commissioners a Temporary Ordinance to restrict commercial trucks from some county roads during the construction phase of the POET ethanol plant. Following discussion Haupert moved to create a Temporary Ordinance posting no commercial trucks on 800N (from 100E to 300E) and on 300E (from US 24 to 800N). Givens seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners asked Commissioners Attorney Steve Downs to draw up the necessary ordinance for their signatures.

EMA Director Bob Brown presented the Board with his Homeland Security Grant Report for Fiscal year 2007 and gave a brief update on the last quarter's report including 855.75 paid hours and 1518.25 volunteer hours from his department. Brown also updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Internet service installation in his offices and the foundation work on the courthouse basement offices.

County Coordinator/Human Resources director Jim Dils reported the following to the Board:

1. The Errors and Omissions Insurance policy in effect for Public Employees.
2. The Courthouse second floor repair/painting project in the Extension offices is now complete and the Veteran's office should be finished by Wednesday (October 10<sup>th</sup>).
3. Courthouse Cornice Project change orders that will be presented for approval including five more bracket parts at \$800 and brick repair at \$1440. These additional charges along with the Change Order of \$1,120.00 to replace a portion of seven cornice pieces approved last week would bring the Total additional costs to \$3360. Haupert moved to proceed with the additional work and costs as presented and Givens seconded the motion. It was approved 3-0.
4. Regarding the bell isolators for the Courthouse clock, Dils is still getting quotes for the cost.
5. Also checking on problems with the Clerk's office carpet wrinkling.

A letter was presented from County Assessor Kelly Schenkel concerning the status of the 2007 Trending assessment values (which were submitted to the State for approval on October 5, 2007) and the remaining Compliance

requirement for Personal Property Assessment data from 2003 pay 2004 (which the State says it has not received). These must both be approved by the State before Certified Assessed Values can be finalized by the County Auditor so that the DLGF will move forward on scheduling hearings to approve Tax rates and certify 2008 Budgets for all County Taxing Units.

Commissioner Hauptert noted that he had spoken with a candidate willing to serve on the Wabash County Health Board and he moved to appoint Andrea Kumler of LaFontaine to fill the vacant position. Givens seconded the appointment and it was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners Attorney Steve Downs was present and reviewed the following with the Board:

1. An agreement for Collection of Delinquent Personal Property taxes for the Treasurer.
2. Regarding personnel matters discussed with County Coordinator Jim Dils, an Executive Session of the Commissioners was set for October 29 at 8:30 A.M. for discussion of these matters.
3. Information received concerning changes in the Innkeepers Tax Ordinance as requested by the Wabash Convention and Visitors Bureau

Environmental Specialist Jennifer Swango reported to the Commissioners about the moisture problems discovered in the basement of the Courthouse and Health Department area of Memorial Hall. She ordered Air Quality specialists testing. She suggested dehumidifiers will probably be needed for both areas but will have more suggestions when the reports from the tests are back - probably this week.

The Commissioners worked with EMA Director Bob Brown on revising the County's Weather Emergency Ordinance. Following discussion it was decided there would be no levels of emergency designated but instead (1) Weather Related Advisory conditions and (2) Snow Emergency conditions. The details will be written in Ordinance form to be officially passed by the Board. Also discussed was the need to have the Wabash County Employee Manual revised to include notification of employees regarding conditions that require closing of County offices and the notification process that is to be in place.

The Board approved the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket for the Pay Period ended October 6, 2007 as presented by County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

Also reviewed were the following:

Registration Form – Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program  
Claims from Commissioner Attorney Steve Downs

No other Business, the meeting recessed; the next meeting will be held Monday, October 15, 2007 in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.