

OCTOBER 29, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in a called Executive Session at 8:30 A.M. on October 29, 2007 to discuss personnel issues. Present were all Board members: Lester D. Templin, Brian Hauptert and Scott Givens along with Commissioners' Attorney Steve Downs, County Coordinator/Human Resources Director Jim Dils, Highway Superintendent Phil Amones and County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Discussion was held of Personnel Policy issues and concerns. It was decided to call another Executive Session on November 5, 2007 to continue the discussions.

REGULAR SESSION

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 29, 2007. Les Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with all three members present: Scott Givens, Brian Hauptert and Lester Templin. The minutes were recorded by County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Hauptert moved to approve minutes from the October 22, 2007 meeting as written. This motion was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker gave the following report to the Commissioners:

1. Jail Commander Mark Henderson has returned to work following an illness.
2. Sheriff's Deputy Ben Deucker is attending the State Police Academy currently.
3. November 30th will be the retirement date of Lilly Overman of his department.
4. Striker discussed an Ordinance for Sex Offender fees and reminded the Board of a sample he had previously presented. The fees collected would go to the County General Fund to help offset expenses. The Commissioners' Attorney will review the proposed Ordinance.
5. Average jail population was 104.38 this week.

Chief Probation Officer Dallas Duggan discussed with the Commissioners the growing use of the Drug Court and asked their permission to go before the County Council with a request to use Probation User Fees to hire another Part-time Probation Officer to assist with the court duties in the evenings possibly three days a week. Givens moved to approve the request and his motion was seconded by Hauptert and permission was granted by a 3-0 vote.

County Coordinator Jim Dils reported to the Board:

1. Cost estimates were presented for the installation of vibration dampeners on the courthouse bell. The expense of the actual dampeners was approved on 9/17. Hauptert moved to give conditional approval to spend \$1,015. Dils will follow-up regarding details. Givens seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote.

2. The Plasterer is onsite in the Courthouse patching the ceiling and should be completed this week. He quoted an additional \$400 to paint the areas outside the Surveyor's office following the repair. Hauptert moved to approve the additional work, seconded by Givens it was approved 3-0.

3. Dr. William Rauh was sworn in last Thursday as the Commissioners appointment to the Wabash County Health Board.

4. The EEO4 statistics were filed last week as required.

5. Carpet quotes have been requested by the Health Department to be paid through their discretionary funds. The Board asked Dils to proceed with quotes.

Bob Brown, Wabash County Emergency Management Agency Director, discussed the proposed Snow Ordinance again with the Commissioners and reported that the Comcast Internet installation is being done today. Also Carpet is set to be installed on November 17th in the EMA offices in the basement of the Courthouse.

Commissioners received the bids as advertised for the Highway Department Supplies, Repairs, and Materials; also, bids for Construction Equipment Rental Suppliers. At 10:00 A. M. Hauptert moved to close the bids. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote. Bids were opened and received. The bids will be reviewed by the Commissioners' Attorney and Highway Superintendent Amones at a later date. Hauptert moved to take all bids under advisement. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

- IDEM – Notice of Public Comment - GDX Automotive North America, Inc
- IDEM – Notice of Public Comment - Thermafiber, Inc
- Nunn Law Office – Notice of Claim: James King
- IN911 Newsletter – Issue 1
- AMI Risk Consultants, Inc.: GASB 10 Counties

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:00 A.M. on Monday, November 5, 2007 followed by their regular meeting on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.