

## **NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Vice-Chairman Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with two members present: Scott Givens and Brian Haupert. The minutes were recorded by County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Givens moved to approve minutes from November 5, 2007 as written. His motion was seconded by Haupert and approved by a 2-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Phil Amones presented the following to the Commissioners:

1. A Verizon Request to Bury Cable on Old State Road 15 at Paul's Floor Covering was approved.
2. A request to purchase a replacement desktop computer from Visionary Computers for \$848.80 including\* \$160.00 for installation which was also approved on a motion by Givens and second by Haupert. (2-0)
3. An estimate for tile repair needed at 1400N and 100W for approximately \$16,000 to \$20,000. Amones has a verbal agreement with property owners involved to split the cost with the County three ways. The Board directed him to proceed with definite quotes and written agreements.

County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported the average daily jail population this week was 102.91.

Attorney Steve Downs presented an Amended Ordinance for temporarily restricting Commercial Truck Traffic; correcting the penalty for a violation from a Class C Misdemeanor to an Infraction. Givens moved to approve the amended ordinance as presented. His motion was seconded by Haupert and approved by a 2-0 vote. Downs also presented an amended Resolution 93-1 requested by the Wabash Tourism Commission amending the terms of the Commission members. The Board discussed with Downs preparing the LOIT Ordinance for Council, a proposed Snow Emergency Ordinance and revisions considered for the Employee Personnel Policy. Downs was given the Highway Materials and Supplies bids to review.

Wabash County EMA Director Bob Brown reminded the Commissioners of an upcoming meeting with a National Weather Service official from the North Webster station and the Public Safety Conference set for November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

County Coordinator Jim Dils reported a request from a Wabash High School class to place collection containers for the local F.I.S.H. organization in the Courthouse complex. The Board decided that if employees would like to

contribute to the food drive they would not object but did not feel they could sanction placing containers for the public. The Board asked Dils to have the flag swags removed from the Courthouse entrances for the winter months.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, reported the following to the Board:

1. The City Election process went smoothly with limited problems with the voting machines.
2. The old voting machines need to be removed from her storage area.
3. She would like to give an unused '95 DOS computer to Lake County who may need one.
4. She received notice that her anti-virus software agreement is soon to expire.

Chief Probation Officer Dallas Duggan proposed to expand the Juvenile Day Reporting Program staff member from a school-year position to a year-round position next year. This would allow more staff hours to assist with the work load in the Probation department. He could use funds from Probation User Fees. Givens moved to give Duggan permission to proceed. This was seconded by Hauptert and approved 2-0.

Dan Gray representing the Wabash County Tobacco-Free Coalition asked the Board for permission to place a banner and display on the Courthouse lawn from Wednesday, November 14 through Monday, November 19 for the Great American Smoke-Out. Givens moved to approve the request, Hauptert seconded the motion and it was granted by a 2-0 vote.

County Auditor Jane Ridgeway confirmed approval had been granted by the Commissioners for the Annual Celebration of Lights ceremony to be held on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> this year at 6:00 P.M. They also granted her permission for electric candles to be placed in the Courthouse windows again this year through the Holiday season. Ridgeway reported she had received three proposals for processing the Homestead Rebate checks. All of the proposals have been reviewed and approved by the State Board of Accounts. She informed the Board she would like to review the proposals with the Treasurer and they would report back on their recommendations.

Mike Howard, County Planning Director, reminded the Commissioners of upcoming appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission that will be needed by January 2008.

Commissioners reviewed and signed a claim from Scarce Rudisel Architects for \$1311.13.

No other Business, the meeting recessed. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 on the second floor of the Courthouse in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at 9:00 A.M.