

## **DECEMBER 3, 2007**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 3, 2007. Chairman Templin called the meeting to order following the Wabash County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M. with all three members present: Scott Givens, Brian Hauptert and Lester Templin. County Auditor Jane Ridgeway recorded the minutes. Givens moved to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2007 as written. This motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed an Emergency Shelter Placement Agreement with White's Residential and Family Services, Inc. The agreement provides for 4 beds per day at the White's Shelter Care Unit at the current rate of \$128.00 per day per bed. Hauptert moved to approve the agreement as presented, Givens seconded the motion and it was approved and signed following a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Phil Amones reported he had received 3 quotes for the 8" drain needed for a side ditch on 1400N project as follows: a. Troy Eads Excavating, Inc. \$16,577.00; b. Hanks Construction Inc. \$19,600.00; c. Shankster Bros. \$ 22,650.00. Following review of the quotes, Hauptert moved to tentatively approve the quote from Troy Eads Excavating, Inc. pending an agreement for the funding of the project. His motion was seconded by Givens and tentatively approved by a 3-0 vote of the Board. Amones then presented quotes for a new 2007 or 2008 Fleet side Pickup truck he would like to purchase with funds left in his 2007 capital outlay budget. Quotes received were (1) Denney Motor Sales – 2008 GMC Sierra 2500HD 4WD Regular Cab - \$22,475.00; (2) Dorais Chevrolet – 2008 Chevrolet 2500 HD 4WD Regular Cab - \$22,429.00; (3) Wabash Valley Chrysler LLC - \$25,392.00. Hauptert moved to accept the lowest quote for the purchase from Dorais Chevrolet for \$22,429.00. Givens seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote. In other business, Auditor Jane Ridgeway and Amones reported that extensions of current bids submitted by Pierceton Trucking Co., Inc. for advertised Supplies, Repairs and Materials Bids received on October 29<sup>th</sup> and accepted on November 19<sup>th</sup> were omitted from the listing of official bids received and accepted for Item#4: Liquid Asphalt Emulsion and Item#5: Liquid Asphalt. The Board agreed these bid extensions should be included.

Beverly Ferry, Director of the Wabash Council on Aging, reviewed her agency's capital expense budget as approved with the Commissioners. It items approved were One Modified Van w/Lift – Expand; One Small LTV – Expand; and Two Two-Way Radios. Chairman Templin signed the Applicant's Certification of Use of Project Equipment, Facilities and Property and the Non-Collusion and Acceptance agreement.

Wabash EMA Director Bob Brown discussed the contract for the CodeRed Notification system and the funding arranged by internal budget transfers in the E911 fund as well as future funding for the project. He stated the Commissioners' Attorney Steve Downs was reviewing the contract and it would be brought back before the Board of Commissioners for a recommendation when completed.

Ron James of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission along with Ernie Passwater, local representative and Michael Beauchamp discussed with the Board the vision of a Greenway Trail from NE Indiana to the Kentucky line. They would like for the Highway Department to provide hardware and labor to post signs throughout the county for the project. They also discussed the Wabash River Water Trail and the De-Trash the Wabash project as well as needing an appointment for a county representative to replace Passwater when his term expires as he has expressed that he would have to step down. Passwater recommended Michael Beauchamp for the appointment. Beauchamp stated he would consider serving for two years if he could get permission to have some alternates to help. Hauptert moved to appoint Beauchamp to the Commission. His motion was seconded by Givens and approved by a 3-0 vote. They also agreed to consider names of interested parties to serve as alternates. The Board of Commissioners also expressed their appreciation to Passwater for all that he has done while serving as their appointment.

County Coordinator Jim Dils presented architect's requests for payment from Mary Ellen Rudisel to Wabash Valley Restoration for the cornice project: \$31,653.00 and also an invoice to Scarce Rudisel for Professional Services for the Courthouse Doors and Windows project of \$988.75. The Commissioners approved payment of the Professional Services claim but asked Dils to get more information on the Cornice Project status.

Also discussed was an invoice for Professional Services from Umbaugh for consulting work with the Council and Commissioners for the Local Option Income Taxes. Commissioners approved the payment from their Commissioners funds - Other Services and Charges with needed internal budget transfers before year end.

Sheriff Leroy Striker left a report with the Auditor following the County Council meeting this morning reporting an average daily population of 111.84 in the jail this week. Average length of stay for the current population is 67 days.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented proposed ordinances as follows: The Board reviewed and signed the Rainy Day Fund Ordinance (85-12) as approved and passed by the County Council to create and use a Rainy Day Fund for accrued but unused employee benefits to be paid at termination of employment and also Ordinance 85-15 for Real Property Endorsement Fees to

increase the Auditor's Plat Transfer fees from \$1.00 to \$5.00 beginning in January, 2008.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following financial reports presented by Ridgeway:

Payroll Claims & Allowance for Pay Period ended December 1, 2007

Custodian D. Smith hours for Pay Period ended November 24, 2007

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket as advertised by payment December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Auditor's Funds Reconciliation as of October 31, 2007

County Treasurer's Monthly Report as of October 31, 2007

Also reviewed were the following:

An invitation to attend the groundbreaking of the Wabash County YMCA on December 6 at 1:30

Landfill Erosion and Sedimentation Review

Association of Indiana Counties – 2008 Dues

Letter: Team MJV: Green Service

Letter: Public Defender Commission – Additional 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Reimbursement of \$781.73.

Letter: Zimmerman Law Office: 3<sup>rd</sup> Q Wabash County Reimbursement

Indiana Board of Tax Review: Notice of Stipulated Agreement - Meadowbrook

IDEM: CAFO Request for Approval Voidance – Erin Huiras Farm ID #4678

IDEM: CAFO Request for Approval Voidance – Cloyd Mast Farm ID # 1290

IDEM: CAFO Approval Renewal /MMP Renewal– Paul R. Smith # 572

IDEM: CAFO Approval Renewal /MMP Renewal– Dale Farms, Inc. # 3975

IDEM: CAFO Approval Renewal /MMP Renewal– Beauchamp/Ken Dale # 2640

IDEM: NPDES CAFO Permit Renewal NOI App. – Dale & Haupert #ING806291

IDEM: Notice of Public Comment: Specialty Hardwoods of Wabash

No other business, the Board recessed. The next meeting will be December 10, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the courthouse.