

## **DECEMBER 10, 2007**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 10, 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 December 3, 2007 as written. This motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Highway Supt. Phil Amones reported to the Commissioners the following:

1. A request to bury cables by Verizon at 7832 N 600 E and at 7874 S 300 W. Both requests were approved and signed by Chairman Templin.

2. The Wabash Hospital will no longer be providing random drug testing so the highway department will now be using Parkview Health but there should be no difference in cost.

3. The internet service at the Highway office will now have to be changed to Verizon due to a change with KC Online's service that will not be providing static IP addresses.

4. Quotes for a new snow plow were presented. (A) WA Jones in Columbia City for a Western for \$4,454.00 and from Doheny of Indianapolis for a Northman Snowplow for \$6,190.00. After reviewing the quotes, Hauptert moved to accept the quote from WA Jones, Givens seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

5. Amones discussed the funding for the repair needed for the 1400N drainage problem. The Troy Eads Excavating quote was tentatively accepted last week pending an agreement with the property owners affected. Amones believes they have reached a verbal agreement. Commissioner Attorney Steve Downs will get with Amones to draw up a formal agreement between the county and the property owners.

6. An invoice from United Consulting for services rendered on the County Road 800N project for \$28,425.00 was presented and reviewed. The Commissioners decided to pay the claim for the engineering fees from the Wabash County CEDIT Fund as it should be reimbursed by the North Manchester TIF project. The Commissioners will need to request an Additional Appropriation from the County Council in January for the invoice.

7. A Change Order (#1) from United Consulting for the Bridge 505 (Ferry Street Bridge) project for \$13,826.33 was presented and reviewed. There would be federal reimbursements of 80% of the additional costs. Stuart May and Chris Miller from United Consulting were present and explained the problems and that the county may or may not be invoiced for the Change Order when the project is completed depending on the final costs and whether or not the total contract runs over. Hauptert then moved to approve and sign the Change Order. His motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average daily population of 111.47 in the jail this week. He also mentioned that he picked up the 12 passenger van last week that was purchased as a transport vehicle.

Commissioners Attorney Steve Downs discussed the Violent Offenders registration ordinance examples presented by Sheriff Striker, the EMA CodeRed ordinance and the status of a prior lawsuit the County was named in that has dismissed some of the other defendants. Larry Thrush was retained by the Commissioners to work on this suit so Downs stated he would follow up with Thrush.

Keith Walters representing Wabash EMA Director Bob Brown discussed the final snow ordinance and the CodeRed contract being reviewed by Downs.

County Coordinator Jim Dils reported the following:

1. A resignation in the Auditor's office staff and the search for a replacement that has begun.

2. He re-submitted architect's requests for payment to Wabash Valley Restoration for the cornice project of \$31,653.00. Following explanations of the status of the project that will be completed in the spring, the Board approved the payment on a motion by Hauptert, seconded by Givens and a 3-0 vote.

3. The final payment request of \$9883.43 to Atlas Industries of the retainage held less the water damage repairs to D-T Construction of \$1460 and \$1300 to Ron Banter for plastering. Givens moved to approve the payments, seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

4. A request to purchase a paper shredder to be located in the Courthouse. Dils presented quotes for a shredder and the Commissioners approved purchasing a Martin Yale shredder from encumbered appropriations in their budget for \$480.00. Hauptert made the motion to approve. It was seconded by Givens and passed on a 3-0 vote of the Board.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper reported on computer hardware she needs and is comparing the costs of adding 24 or 48 switches to increase the speed of the computers in her office. She will purchase this from her Clerk's Incentive Funds. She will also need to move a computer to another area to initiate filing marriage licenses online next year. She has a new back up tape system and is storing back up tapes in the Auditor's office – off site from her own. Draper also reported she is leaving for the Election Conference and will have a refund for \$100 due to Mary Brane being unable to attend. Draper presented the CSI maintenance agreement for 2008 and the Commissioners approved and signed it.

County Treasurer LuAnn Laymen presented her recommendation for Cash Management System bids received. She introduced Jennifer Southern and Roger Cromer of First Federal/soon to be Crossroads Bank. They offered no

fees for online services and interest on money deposited immediately at the federal base rate less .25%. Based on the rates and services offered, Layman recommended Crossroads over other bids received from Wells Fargo, First Merchants, and First Farmers. She would like to switch the county's checking and savings accounts to be effective by January 1, 2008. Auditor Jane Ridgeway asked about the procedure to replace the nearly 7500 checks she has on hand for the current checking accounts. Southern assured that they will work with check printers to replace the checks and have new ones in time for a smooth transition. The Commissioners asked Layman to explain some of the differences in the various bank fees from the other offers. Following discussion, Givens moved to accept the Crossroads Cash Management System. Hauptert seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote of the Board.

In other matters, Auditor Ridgeway and Treasurer Layman recommended to the Commissioners that Boyce Forms/Systems be contracted with for the Homestead Rebate Checks processing. The Commissioners reviewed the contract. Givens moved to approve the contract with Boyce. Hauptert seconded the motion and it was approved and signed following a 3-0 vote.

Dean Weaver, Wabash City Fire Chief, presented a report on the ambulance services year-to-date to the Commissioners. They reviewed the report with Weaver and thanked him.

Nate Edwards from Laketon asked the Commissioners to remove some trees on the tree lawn of his property at 310 West Lake Street. Amones was asked to check on the trees in question and get quotes for the removal.

The Commissioners reviewed the following reports and correspondence presented by Ridgeway:

- Tax Refund: Oren C & Ilah Wagner
- Request to Bury Cable: Verizon – 700S/300W
- Claim: Tiede, Metz & Downs – December, 2007
- IDEM Notice of Decision: Ford Meter Box
- IDEM NPDES CAFO Renewal Notice: Chamberlain Farms, Inc.
- BICYCLIN - Fall 2007

No other business, the Board recessed. The next meeting will be December 17, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the courthouse. The Commissioners also decided to hold a special meeting on Friday, December 21, 2007 for final year-end business.