

## **JANUARY 14, 2008**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, January 14, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order with all members present: Les Templin, Brian Hauptert and Scott Givens. Auditor Jane Ridgeway recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting and the minutes from the Executive Session on January 7, 2008. Hauptert moved to approve the minutes from both meetings. His motion was seconded by Templin and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Phil Amones reported:

1. A request from Verizon to bury cable at four (4) locations for new installations:
  - a. North side of CR 1100N beginning 250' West of CR 400E extending to the west 447'. (2), 1 ¼" sub-ducts to be placed 2' from the right of way.
  - b. North side of CR 1100N beginning 215' east of CR 300E extending east 1,077'. Bury 2, 1 ¼' sub-ducts 2' from right of way.
  - c. North side of CR 1100N beginning 1,000' east of CR 400E a total of 1,176' of sub-duct to be placed 2' from right of way.
  - d. North side of CR 1100N beginning at Singer Rd extending east 619'. Bury 2, 1 ¼" sub-ducts 2' from right of way.
2. Amones submitted an Invoice concerning Engineering Services on CR 800N from United for \$18,375.00. Commissioners stated this is to be paid from CEDIT and they will acquire an additional appropriation.
3. Amones submitted the 2007 GASB Fixed Asset Report from the Highway Department for Commissioners to review.
4. Amones stated he and John Martin, Highway Forman, will be attending a County Bridge Conference in Lafayette, Indiana on January 30 & 31.

Wabash County Treasurer Luann Layman requested a date be set for a Board of Finance meeting. Commissioners approved and set the date for January 28, at 11:00 A.M., 2008. Layman also requested permission to attend the AIC Legislative Conference on January 29 & 30, 2008. Also attending would be Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Commissioners unanimously agreed to approve attendance for both Layman and Ridgeway.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported:

1. An average daily inmate population this week of 102.94.
2. They have received the final Insurance quote for 2008. The plan will be the same carrier as last year and will be identical to last year's coverage except for two items: 1) it will have no "tail end" clause; 2) it will be \$10,000.00 less than last year's plan. The lower cost is due to the increase in Jail Staff, the Increase in Road Staff, and the good Jail conditions.
3. Striker submitted the 2007 Statistical Information: Officer, Jail, and Dispatch, Statistical analysis. A few of the statistics were as follows: the average daily population increased, bookings increased, length of stays decreased, calls for service on road increased and the calls for service dispatch center, E-911, increased.
4. Last Friday, January 11, a power outage caused problems with the back up generator. Two Brothers was called and replaced a battery.
5. Custodian Dick Smith is in process of acquiring quotes for work needing to be done on the Jail roof. As soon as the quotes are in, they will be submitted to Commissioner for review.

EMA Director Bob Brown stated his appointment on the County Emergency Management Advisory Council will be up on March 1, 2008. Templin made a motion to reappoint Brown for a 3 year term on the CEMAC. It was seconded by Haupert, approved with a 3-0 vote, and request signed by Commissioners. Brown also reported the Highway Department is retiring a 98' Chevy pick up truck with a plow. Its estimated value is between \$3,000-4,000.00. Brown would like to transfer to EMA. Commissioners stated they would take the issue under advisement.

County Coordinator Jim Dils:

1. Requested permission to move forward with repairing the vinyl seems flooring problem in the Records Office. Dils presented a quote from Millers for repairs for \$495.00. This would be paid for with the CCD Fund. Commissioners approved unanimously to proceed with the repairs.
2. Dils requested approval to attend the Human Resource Case Law Seminar in Indianapolis to be held January 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$75.00 and also mileage reimbursement. Commissioners gave unanimous approval for Dils request.
3. Dils and Commissioners had a general discussion on the matter of continuing education in the personnel manual.
4. Dils also reported interviews are currently being conducted for the position of the payroll clerk.

County Attorney Steve Downs was present at the meeting with nothing to report.

After a break for the Drainage Board meeting, Commissioners reconvened and met with Steve Jones of United Consulting. Jones updated the Commissioners on the Bridge Construction Projects.

The Commissioners also reviewed the following:

1. Payroll Claims and Allowance for Pay Period ended January 12, 2008.
2. Signed Certificates of Appointment for Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission.
3. Monthly Report - Clerk of the Courts, December 31, 2007.
4. Letter from Attorney Larry C. Thrush – Motion to Dismiss Suit.
5. Wabash Electric Invoice #5453287, Assure – IT Agreement.
6. Laketon property discrepancy follow-up.
7. Commissioners' Directory Listing.

No other business, the Board recessed. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the courthouse. Courthouse will be closed on Monday January 21, 2008 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.