

JANUARY 22, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order with all members present: Les Templin, Brian Haupert and Scott Givens. Auditor Jane Ridgeway recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting. Templin moved to approve the minutes as written. His motion was seconded by Haupert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Phil Amones presented the 2007 Annual Report for the Highway Department. Amones, Ridgeway and the Commissioners discussed the Major Moves monies and agreed to check with the State Board of Accounts about creating a separate fund within the Highway Department for the Major Moves funding.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 111 in jail this morning. He said Beauchamp and McSpadden would have the final Insurance quotes for the liability renewal 2008 next week. Striker also reported his Deputy Ben Deucker will graduate from the Police Academy on Friday and new hire Dustin Hurst is currently attending the Academy.

Attorney Steve Downs reported the Barshney-Henderson Complaint filed against the County has been dismissed. He also reported on a preliminary review of the County's Manatron contracts.

County Coordinator Jim Dils reported on the problems that continue with the Courthouse heating system. The Commissioners conducted a conference call with Quality Electric to have a discussion about the system and find a solution for the problems. Templin stated that "We cannot expect employees to work in 59 degree temperatures." It was agreed there would be further testing of the system's leaks this week and a replacement valve has been ordered and should be installed within 2-3 days. Quality Electric was also asked to evaluate the heaters in the hallway which have not worked this heating season and see what can be done. Dils also reported on the Property Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance reviews. Templin made a motion to increase the Workman's Compensation deductible to \$1000. His motion was seconded by Haupert and approved by a 3-0 vote. This should save the County \$9948 in the annual premium and claims for under \$1000 will be paid from the Commissioners' Budget line item for insurance.

Planning Director Mike Howard presented three quotes for a larger printer with more memory for GIS mapping requirements. The Commissioners agreed to purchase the printer from Wabash Electric Information Technologies for \$1449.00 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund but instructed Howard to purchase the extra toner cartridges requested for \$493 from his Planning Commission budget. The printer purchase was approved on a motion by Haupert, second by Templin and a 3-0 vote of the Board.

In other business, Bill Konyha of EDG sent a letter asking the Board of Commissioners to execute an amended application to the Indiana Finance Authority increasing the Tax Exempt Volume Cap for Poet to be used in conjunction with the ethanol project in North Manchester. Following discussion, Templin moved to approve the request allowing Poet a better interest rate on their investment. His motion was seconded by Haupert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway discussed year-end reporting of Salaries and Wages paid in 2007. She stated it had been discovered that some personal services for employees have been routinely paid through accounts payable claims rather than payroll; such as for various boards per diem and court appearances. She has sought the advice of the State Board of Accounts and the IRS Field Specialist for Government Entities as to the proper procedures for paying and reporting such payments. Following discussion the Commissioners approved checking with a tax specialist.

The Commissioners also reviewed the following:

1. Claims and Allowance Docket as Advertised for payment- January 22, 2008.
2. Wabash Fire Department Year End Report
3. Monthly Report – Weights and Measures as of January 15, 2008.
4. Contract for Maximus for Indirect Cost Recovery
5. Certification Invoices from Manatron
6. INDOT Advance Notice: Selection of Historic Bridge Preservation Program
7. Letter and Invoice from Larry Thrush for Barshney-Henderson Complaint Dismissal
8. Receipt of Notice of Tort Claim: McCoart
9. IDEM Documents for Public View – City of Huntington Solid Waste Permits
10. IDEM Notice of Decision-Approval: Republic Services of Indiana, LP

No other business, the Board recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2008 following the Wabash County Council Meeting in the Commissioners Meeting Room at 8:00 A.M.