

JANUARY 28, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session following the 8:00 A.M. County Council meeting on Monday, January 28, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with all members present: Lester Templin, Brian Hauptert and Scott Givens.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting. Hauptert moved to approve the minutes as written. His motion was seconded by Templin and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Phil Amones submitted the WC Highway Inventory dated 12/31/07. Amones also informed Commissioners that he had been served papers on a Tort Claim concerning an accident on CR1300N.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported:

1. An average daily inmate population last week of 109.47.
2. Striker informed Board there will be a State Jail inspection within the next 30 days.
3. Striker submitted 2 quotes for Liability Insurance: 1) Arch Insurance Group, the current carrier, for \$53,028.00; 2) Indian Harbor Insurance Company for \$53,469.13. Striker stated that coverage would be the same for approximately \$10,000.00 less than last year. Striker recommended Commissioners go with Arch. Templin made a motion to approve the recommendation to go with Arch for \$53,028.00. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote. Striker stated though it is not the common practice of Insurance companies to insure for more than one year at a time, they are looking into the possibility, in the future, of insuring for a two year period.
4. He also reported: over the weekend a reserve officer was involved in a car-deer collision with some minor damage to the vehicle.

County Attorney Steve Downs concurred with Auditor Jane Ridgeway on the issue that all personal services paid to employees should be paid through payroll. Downs also stated he would get with Ridgeway to review the Manatron invoices for certification.

County Coordinator Jim Dils:

1. Briefly reviewed his assistance to Striker in acquiring competitive insurance quotes.
2. Dils had received a response from Quality Electric concerning issues with the heating and cooling system but, it did not put into detail what was needed. He will request more specific information and submit at the next Commissioners meeting.

3. Dils presented a resolution that would allow him to access the PERF information on the internet. Templin made a motion to approve resolution. It was seconded by Hauptert, approved with a 3-0 vote, and signed by Commissioners.
4. Templin stated that Commissioners will be working with Dils on an employee evaluation and payroll merit system.
5. Dils submitted an agreement given to him by Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper: An Election Management System Software Maintenance Agreement with Micro Vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve agreement. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote. Templin stated he also had an emergency request by Draper to replace a calculator that would be paid from the Clerks Incentive Fund for \$200.00. Templin made the motion to approve purchase. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway noted to Commissioners that utilities costs at the Courthouse had risen. Electricity for the month of December had increased from \$2,027.00 last year to \$5,800.00 this year. Also, that gas had risen from \$2,600.00 to \$3,600.00. Ridgeway also informed Commissioners that the W-2's and the 1099's would be going out to all employees today.

Chairman Givens informed Amones that a few local farmers had asked him if an area on SR15, which was having water problems, would be a county or state issue. Amones stated it was a state concern. Givens will contact the state to see what could be done to address the problem.

EMA Director Bob Brown submitted his Summary of Year End Report. It gives an overview of all the hours worked by EMA staff and volunteers as well as the type of events that they assisted this past year. Brown also requested permission to purchase packaged meals that can be ready in 5 minutes with a shelf life of 3 years. The MREs would be available for emergency needs in the county. The cost is \$4.72 per 3 meal packs with 12 packs per case. Brown would like to purchase 4 cases for a total of \$240.00. Payment would come from EMA funds. Hauptert made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Templin and approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

1. County Treasurer's Monthly report for December 2008.
2. Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended – January 26, 2008

They also reviewed the following:

1. Letter: Notice of Tort Claim-Byrns
2. Universal Valuation, Inc. 2008 Building Appraisal Updates
3. Wright Express Government Fleet Card Program credit application

No other business, the Board recessed. The Commissioners will meet again on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the courthouse.