

## **FEBRUARY 18, 2008**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 18, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Haupert, and Scott E. Givens. The minutes of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes from the February 11 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve with amendment to remove the word "profits" from the Poet bond paragraph. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Department Superintendent, reported:

1. Applicant for Operator/Driver accepted: Mike Rehak - Highway department has full staff now.
2. Amones presented an Invoice from United Consulting for engineering services on CR 800N from SR 13 to CR 100 totaling \$59,150.00. This was approved and signed by Chairman Givens.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported,

1. An average daily population last week in the jail: 97.66.
2. Asked Commissioners to compose a memo to all County Employees to better explain the Salary and Wages situation since Council has frozen payroll at 2007 rates until the State certifies our Wabash County 2008 Budget. The Auditor reminded Striker of the numerous memos that she and County Coordinator Jim Dils had drafted and sent to all Department Heads over the past six weeks. She asked if he felt it would be more effective to hard copy all Memos to every employee instead of relying on department heads to pass information on as presented. Following discussion, the Commissioners asked that Dils draft a response for them to questions and concerns presented by Striker.
3. Striker presented three (3) proposed Agreements to Defend, Indemnify, and Hold Harmless between Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Sheriff's Department. Commissioners reviewed these with County Attorney Downs and will take this matter under advisement.

Steve Downs, County Attorney reviewed:

1. The railroad agreement between Northern and Southern Railroad presented and signed by Givens. Downs stated the crossing for 800N is in process of being ordered by Railroad.
2. Downs also stated an extra bit of research should be done on the three (3) Proposed Agreements given by Striker.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA Director reported:

1. A need to replace another door in the basement. It would cost under \$200.00 for a cross buck door. Templin made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved 3-0.
2. Brown stated he would like to purchase a new office chair. Commissioners stated he needed to acquire three (3) quotes.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported:

1. Copies of the Railroad Agreement to Steve Downs, County Attorney and the Commissioners.
2. A letter received from Rick and Linda Bake, 2052N 400E, Lagro, concerned about land across from them that is an eyesore. Would like assistance in contacting owner and cleaning up this area.
3. He presented a renewal lease for the copier for the Extension Office to be reviewed. Commissioners will take under advisement, they want to review the cost and compare with other companies.

Mike Howard, Planning Commissioner reported:

1. He has contacted parties involved in the Rick and Linda Baker concern. He is addressing the situation.
2. Howard presented a request to go before Council with an Additional Appropriation for an invoice from Attorney Larry Thrush regarding an unpaid balance of services to date in Terra Nova Dairy VS. Wabash County Board of Zoning totaling \$13,462.64; Commissioner approved the request.
3. Recommendation for appointment to the Plan Commission Board: Steve White. Templin made a motion to approve Steve White to the Plan Commission Board. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. INDOT Indiana's Historic Bridge Inventory
2. INDOT SR 16 Small Structure Replacement over Branch of Silver Creek
3. City of Wabash – Order to remove unsafe building; 126 Stitt St.
4. Common Construction Wage Hearing set for Wed. February 20<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 P.M.
5. Notice of decision – Approval: G&S Metal Consultants, Inc.
6. Public Defender Commission–Request for Reimbursement, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2007

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Claims and Allowance Docket as advertised for payment Feb.18, 2008
2. Refund of Taxes: Manchester Clinic, LLC \$1,013.36
3. Refund of Taxes: Manchester Midwest Poultry Services, LP \$9,179.52
4. Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – January 31, 2008
5. Weights and Measures Monthly report – February 15, 2008

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2008 following the County Council meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.