

MARCH 10, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 10, 2008. Chairman Givens called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Hauptert, and Scott E. Givens. The minutes of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Minutes from the February 25, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve as written. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Department Superintendent, presented to the Board:

1. A request to bid both truck and chassis together this year. Commissioners questioned whether this would leave any bidders out.* Amones stated they only have a twelve 12 foot door at the highway shop and some of the newer vehicles are too big, so that will be a consideration also.
2. Five (5) Letters of Interest (RFPs) were presented which had been received by Auditor Jane Ridgeway prior to 4:00 P.M. on Friday, March 7, 2008 regarding Bridge No. 645, Historic North Manchester Covered Bridge over the Eel River: 1) United Consulting; 2) DLZ Indiana, LLC; 3) USI Consultants, Inc.; 4) Butler Fairman & Seufert Civil Engineers; 5) Beam, Longes & Neff, LLC, Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors. Commissioners will serve as the review board for the beginning of this project.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported:

1. An average daily population for the week beginning 3/03 and ending 3/09 was 100.2.
2. Requested renewal on a maintenance agreement with Two Brothers on all four (4) of the county Generators – renewal March 30, 2008 thru March 30, 2009 totaling \$1,000.00. Following discussion, Commissioners approved request and signed agreement.
3. Striker presented the idea that the IT maintenance and support for the Courthouse and the Jail could be combined, possibly at less cost for more service. Striker stated Thomas Polk of Wabash Electric Information Technologies would put a new proposal together. Commissioners will take the matter under advisement.
4. Striker expressed a Thank you to the Wabash City School for transporting the jurors last week during the trial.
5. There will be bills for the Sheriff from the Prosecutors office.
6. There will be a State Jail Inspection next week.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA Director, discussed getting quotes for five (5) or six (6) roof cameras in his new grant proposal. Brown and Commissioners discussed the idea of a keyless entry system at the Courthouse. Commissioners asked if a handicap power door for the basement entrance was an option. Brown stated it is not eligible for his homeland security grant.

Jim Dils County Coordinator and Human Resources Director reported:

1. Toby Stephan – Butler, Fairman & Seufert was on the Agenda today but had to cancel.
2. The Jail Committee will meet on April 3, 2008. Minutes from the meeting will be sent by Hauptert.
3. The representatives from the Bowen Center asked if the Commissioners would like for them to present the information they presented to Council. Commissioners had all been present during the Council meeting when Bowen Center made their presentation so second presentation would not be necessary.
4. Quality Electric is asking permission to work over the Good Friday Holiday weekend March 21, 2008: Judicial Center restroom – lower level, attic, probation area – restroom and outside wall. The Commissioners unanimously approved request.

County Attorney Steve Downs reported:

1. A Request from the Wabash County Hospital Board for the Commissioners to appoint a new Trustee as their representative to the Board. Templin made a motion to appoint Roger Cromer. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.
2. A letter was sent to William P. Schultz regarding proposal for 2008 Trending Adjustment Program and Contract for 2008 New Construction; Downs reported no response to date.
3. Metz Appraisal is due on the 800N right of way which Downs has been working on with Templin.*

Jenny Nance, Probation Department, requested to go before Council for an Additional Appropriation for two (2) new computers from Visionary computers totaling \$3,000.00. It would come from Adult Probation User Fees. Commissioners requested two (2) more quotes be acquired and submit them to the Auditor's Office for the Additional Appropriation request.

Lori Foust and Jane Skeans, Health Department Nurses, presented a quote from Phone Line, Inc. for material and labor to install a temperature monitoring unit for a refrigerator with medicines that need to be kept at a specific temperature. It will monitor temperature-high/low, alarm will sound if undesirable temp happens, auto dialer to report alarm, battery back-up on temp unit, and download temp history. Templin made a motion to approve going before Council to request an Additional Appropriation of \$1,158.00 to be

paid from either Local Health Maintenance Fund or Homeland Security/Health fund. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director, presented quotes for a sound system in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse from Peru Music, The Noisemaker, and Sound Design by Todd Miller. Commissioners will take under advisement. Commissioners discussed a Wabash County resident's concerns about the Terra Nova Dairy. Howard stated IDEM had approved with no problem but this has presently been appealed to State Courts.

Commissioners reviewed, approved, and signed:

1. The authorization to proceed with a website for GIS Professional Services. Monies from Wabash County Assessors Reappraisal fund and Courthouse Budget will be combined to establish a GIS Department in the General Fund.
2. Additional Appropriation requests from the Wabash County CREDIT Fund for: 1) Laketon Regional Sewer District - \$5,000.00; 2) North Manchester TIF District - \$50,000.00; 3) CR 800N Project - \$150,000.00 for upcoming or ongoing projects as presented to go before County Council March 24, 2008 as presented by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

*The Commissioners also addressed the following requests and appointments:

1. Letter was received from City of Wabash Mayor Robert Vanlandingham to appoint a City Council member to the Wabash County animal Control Authority. City Council Member Pat Lynn has stated an interest in the position. Commissioners unanimously agreed to appoint Lynn to the Wabash County Animal Authority.
2. Downs presented a Certificate of Appointment for the Alcoholic Beverage Board; appointee, Gary D. Wood. Commissioners unanimously approved appointment and signed Certificate.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. Purdue University Letter – Assignment of Interim CED – Teresa Witkoske.
2. IDEM: Approval of Renewal of Solid Waste Facility Permit – Wabash Valley Landfill
3. IDEM: Notice of Decision – Approval – republic Services of Indiana – Wabash Valley Landfill
4. Oracle Elevator notice of 4.75% increase to customers reflecting on next statement.
5. Letter from Catholic Charities of Ft. Wayne Senior AIDES program regarding upcoming eligibility requirement certification of Senior Aides.

Commissioners also reviewed and approved the following:

1. Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended – March 8, 2008
2. Tiede Metz & Downs, P.C. – Claim for February , 2008; approved and signed by Givens

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

*Amended with approval – March 17, 2008.