

## **MARCH 17, 2008**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 17, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Haupert, and Scott E. Givens. Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway recorded the proceedings of the meeting. The minutes from the March 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, stated that three of the items under his name in the original notes, had not been presented by him. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Department Superintendent, requested a date be set to accept bids for two (2) new dump trucks. Commissioners set date for April 21, 2008. Highway Department will send out the legal notices.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented three quotes for two (2) computers that crashed as an emergency need; 1) Visionary Computers - \$2,260.00, 2) Wabash Electric - \$2,422.00, 3) Mitting's Electronics & Computers - \$2,519.94. Haupert made a motion to approve Visionary Computers quote to go before Council for funding. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote. Commissioners specified the monies requested are not to exceed \$3,000.00.

County Attorney Steve Downs reported:

1. William Shultz has agreed to changes in his contracts according to Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor. Schultz will send new contracts to Wabash County reflecting the requested changes.
2. Metz Appraisal continues to work with Commissioner Templin on the 800N Right of Way property acquisitions.
3. Downs has reviewed Ordinances for POET that will be presented to the Wabash County Council at next weeks meeting.

Jim Dils County Coordinator reported:

1. A quote from Oracle totaling: \$2,253.00 concerning a problem with a frayed cable on the dumb waiter at the Judicial Building. Dils reviewed the current contracts with Oracle and found that the dumb waiter does not fall under the full

maintenance contract with Oracle. Templin made a motion to proceed with repairs of dumb waiter totaling \$2,253.00. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

2. Dils also presented a quote from quality electric for repair or replacement of three (3) existing heating and cooling units in the hallway of WC Courthouse. Repair costs would total approximately: \$3,530.00. Replacement cost would total approximately: \$11,680.00. Dils stated he would gather more detailed information and report back.

Sherry Cox, Animal Warden, and Dave Young, President Animal Control Board;

1. Presented a written list of the Wabash County Animal Control Board Members for Commissioners to review. Hauptert made a motion to accept the board as presented. It was seconded by Templin and approve with a 3-0 vote.
2. Informed Commissioners that County Ordinance for Animal Control has not been revised since 1987. They are currently reviewing and updating Ordinance. Young discussed using their own attorney as opposed to the County Attorney. Commissioners stated they could use their own attorney to be paid from a special line item in the Commissioners budget.
3. Cox and Young met with Auditor Jane Ridgeway after the meeting to review their current budgets and discuss preparation for the 2009 budget.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported:

1. An average daily population for the week beginning 3/10/08 and ending 03/16/08 of 98.33 inmates.
2. Striker presented the Jail Inspection report. Striker stated that problems centered on over crowding which has been a problem for many years. Striker said that all "major deficiencies" have all been fixed and that they are continuing to work on improvements at the Jail. Staff, Staff training, safety and management did get positive marks on the Inspection report.
3. Striker presented a claim from the Wabash City Police Department for the transport of two (2) EDO (Emergency Detention Offender) persons totaling \$127.37. Striker stated he had contacted the State Board of Accounts as well as other Indiana County Sheriff's Departments concerning the County reimbursing City transport fees. Both stated gasoline and mileage were the two items where funding was assisted. The State said any other costs were discretionary and the other Sheriff's Departments had no such claims to date. Striker requested mileage at \$.36 cents-a-mile to be paid and no extra

monies for officers making transport. Commissioners stated they would take this issue under advisement.

Marilyn McDonald, Wabash County Coroner, followed-up after meeting with Council last month concerning LifeMed EMS. After speaking with LifeMed, McDonald stated three (3) victims of a fire had been transported all in one transport. McDonald has a meeting with LifeMed to discuss why the charges do not reflect one transport. McDonald also presented a quote from another company for transports. Commissioners requested that McDonald see about getting a contract with quoted prices drawn up with this other company.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reviewed the current budget status on all Commissioners accounts prior to next weeks Council meeting where Commissioners will request additional appropriations.

Jack Krouse, Construction Controls, met with the Commissioners and discussed the qualifications of his company for future projects with the County.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM: Notice of Request for Approval Voidance – CAFO – Whitesell Farm ID 427
2. Invite to the 2008 Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. Road show

Commissioners reviewed and approved:

1. Accounts Payable Claims & Allowance Docket advertised for payment – March 17, 2008 with the following exceptions: Health Department claim for postage – Commissioners approved part of claim and will review the remainder at next weeks meeting. Also reviewed and approved per diem claims at the state lunch standard of \$6.50.
2. Additional Appropriation Request for payment to Boyce Forms for processing the Homestead Rebate Checks
3. Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts – dated February 29, 2008
4. Data Pit Stop – Quote for Assistance with Assessor Value Roll & Homestead Rebate Checks
5. Wabash Electric – Quotation for ARCServe Backup Client Agent for Windows

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2008 following the County Council meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M.