

## **APRIL 7, 2008**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Hauptert, and Scott E. Givens. The minutes were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the March 31, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Templin moved to approve the minutes as written. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, presented a request to bury cable by Verizon to provide service to 11N Cardinal Drive, the Commissioners approved the request. Amones and the Board discussed quotes for the used pickup truck to be transferred to EMA. Amones was asked to get more quotes. Amones reported he would like to re-surface Packerton Road north of 13 to the county line. Amones also reviewed the bids received last week for the County Road 800N Project. County Attorney Steve Downs also had reviewed all bids received and approved them as qualified bids received. The Commissioners followed the recommendation of United Consulting and accepted the lowest bid from Phend and Brown for \$899,883.78; on a motion by Hauptert, second by Templin and a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average daily jail population for the week beginning 3/31/08 and ending 04/06/08 of 98.61. Striker also inquired about the Highway checking the condition of County Road 600E south of 124 – Amones said he would look into it. He asked the Commissioners to consider re-roofing the jail this spring due to leaks in the living quarters and office areas. The Board asked the Sheriff to obtain quotes for the project. Striker also informed the Commissioners that he has been named in a class-action lawsuit by the ACLU concerning the sex offender registry, he commented that all Indiana Sheriffs are involved.

Wabash Emergency Management Director Bob Brown was present but had no report.

County Attorney Steve Downs also was present and presented a petition to the railroad filed concerning the County Road 800 N Project.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reviewed the memo prepared explaining the final Employee Group Health Insurance Renewal updates and changes. Dils also reviewed the phone network situation in the County offices and the Board gave him permission to proceed with the new phone install for the Circuit Courtroom.

County Auditor Jane Ridgeway informed the Board that the GIS Committee has decided they are ready to open the new internet website for free public access to Wabash County plat maps data. All mapping will be available with the exception of the Wabash – Noble Township maps which are under final review by Surveyor Cheri Slee and should be added soon. This is launching the GIS project that has been created over the past two years jointly by the Assessors, Auditor, Planning and Surveyor offices. The Health Department is also working with Purdue University on layers of information to also be added soon. A press release will be sent to the media.

Kevin Greene of CPI and Amber Davis of Debco met with the Commissioners to consider future projects.

Commissioners reviewed and approved:

Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended – April 5, 2008

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment–April 7, 2008

Quarterly Report – Wabash Fire Department - January – March, 2008

Additional Appropriation Request – CCD Fund – Sound System

Commissioners also reviewed the following:

IDEM: Request for Approval Voidance – CAFO – Brian Murphy – Farm ID 416

IDEM: Request for Approval Voidance - CAFO – Randy Renbarger – Farm ID 1291

LPA Invoice – Voucher: 2008 Bridge Inventory

Verizon North, Inc–Application for Permit to construct in County Owned right-of-way

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will next meet in regular session on Monday, March 31, 2008 in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved 3-0 on April 14, 2008