

## MARCH 31, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 31, 2008 immediately following the County Council meeting. 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 24, 2008 meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted Templin asked that "Miller West" be changed to "Miller East". Templin made a motion to approve minutes as amended. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Indiana State Representative Bill Ruppel reviewed the Summary of Major Provisions (HEA 1001 - 2008) passed in the recent session regarding property tax relief and discussed how it could affect Wabash County.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Department Superintendent informed Commissioners that the deck on Bridge 165 at Richvalley and 700W needs repaired. Amones stated this bridge does not qualify for federal funding. Amones asked if County monies could be used though there is no estimated price. Amones stated they need to evaluate the extent of repairs to give an estimate. Commissioners unanimously approved that the Highway Department move forward on reviewing the situation and compiling an estimated cost for repairs.

Bob Brown Wabash County EMA Director advised Commissioners that they had passed the EMA Planning Grant Assessment with the State.

At 10:00 A.M., Commissioners received bids for the CR 800N Project from State Road 13 to County Road 100E as advertised. Four (4) bids were received. Haupert made a motion to close bids. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote. Bids were opened and reviewed as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Contract Items &amp; unit price totals</u>	<u>Pavement items &amp; unit price totals</u>
1) Wayne Asphalt & Con. Co, Inc	\$ 968,292.68	-\$ 2,146.00
2) E & B Paving Inc	\$ 932,126.10	\$24,245.25
3) Phend & Brown, Inc	\$ 899,883.78	-\$ 8,409.40
4) Gaunt & Son Asphalt Inc	\$1,033,605.67	-\$11,551.50

Templin made a motion to take the bids under advisement. It was seconded by Haupert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils County Coordinator reviewed a memo he will be sending out to Employee Group Insurance participants regarding proposed insurance changes for the policy renewal. Hauptert made a motion to move forward with only the Core Plan and to make effective May 1, 2008. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote. Auditor Jane Ridgeway confirmed that the county will absorb any increases on premiums in April and May as part of the extended Open Enrollment period.

Mike Howard Plan Commission Director reviewed the three (3) quotes previously received for a sound system for the Commissioners meeting room and presented to the Commissioners during the March 10, 2008 regular meeting. After reviewing, Howard recommended the company THE NOISEMAKER Proposal #2 with an Equalizer and CD Recorder for Audio recording only - totaling \$4,050.00. Hauptert made a motion to move forward and to go before Council for an Additional Appropriation request from the CCD fund for the purchase. Templin seconded the motion and it was unanimously.

Commissioners also reviewed the following items:

1. INDOT – Indiana’s Historic Bridge Inventory – Advance Notice
2. INDOT – Group IV – “Call for Projects”
3. IDEM – Expansion of Existing Facility: Midwest Poultry Services, LP – Automated Egg Producers
4. Karr Truckpointing Letter
5. AIC - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Training Session Registration Offers –Commissioners will not be in attendance
6. DLGF – Fire Protection Districts Notice
7. Revisited the EDO Transport claim submitted by the City Police to the County – Commissioners made no decision and it is still pending

No other Business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 7, 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 7, 2008