

APRIL 21, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday April 21, 2008. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Hauptert, and Scott E. Givens. Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway recorded the proceedings of the meeting. The minutes from the April 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Templin made a motion to approve as written. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Department Superintendent, reported:

1. A review of the pre-construction meeting with Phend & Brown on the 800N project.
2. Amones and John Martin will be attending the 2008 IACHES Conference on June 4th and 5th in Indianapolis.
3. Amones discussed a complaint from Riverwood Estates concerning Chip & Seal.
4. Amones also informed Commissioners that the highway's state estimated revenue is down this year a total of \$500,000.00. Amones stated that since 2000 the cost for blacktop, patch material, group insurance, fuel costs, and several other costs have all risen. Amones stated to help with the loss; it would be wise to discontinue all chip and seal projects this year. Typically 120 miles of road would be chip and sealed. This cut would allow \$75,000.00 to purchase patching materials. Commissioners suggested using some of the monies from the state's major moves project be used. It is meant for improvements, but with the 800N project using the major moves monies, when the bonds are sold the money would come back to Commissioners and Council to disperse as necessary. Commissioners also suggested that at least 50 miles of road be done this year or later it could cause problems. The matter will be taken under advisement. The Auditor is working with the State Budget representative to try to amend the approved budget for 2008.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported an average daily population in jail for the week beginning 4/14/08 and ending 4/20/08 of 98.71.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA Director, reported:

1. An appraisal by Dorais Chevrolet on a 1998 Chevrolet K2500 Cheyenne Pickup Truck; wholesale value- \$3,500.00 and Estimated selling price- \$4800.00. This is on a used highway truck to be transferred from the Highway Department to EMA. Commissioners unanimously approved going before County Council for an Additional Appropriation request.
2. Amateur radio group changing antenna type – four (4) new operators for a total of 12.

3. Reviewed Grant information currently being worked on.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, reported:

1. Reviewed the contract with Phend & Brown on the 800N Project. The 800N Project is from State Road 13 to County Road 100E. It includes turn lanes, railroad crossings, drainage, and utilities. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. It was seconded by Templin and approved with a 3-0 vote. Contract Agreement was signed by Commissioners and Auditor Jane Ridgeway.
2. Downs also submitted performance bonds and payment bonds to Ridgeway.

At 11:00 a.m., Bids for the Highway Department were received as advertised for two (2) complete single axle dump trucks as advertised. Templin made a motion to close the bids. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Bids submitted are as follows:

<u>Selking International</u>	\$221,264.00
Ft Wayne	
<u>Erik Chevrolet</u>	\$227,490.00
Kokomo	
<u>Hoosier Trailer & Truck</u>	\$219,298.00
Ft Wayne	

Wiers International

Logansport	three (3) separate bids:
Northern Equipment	\$217,949.00
Omaha Standard	\$214,489.00
WA Jones	\$222,481.00

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

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM – Receipt of Air Permit Application – Wabash Alloys
2. Catholic Charities – Letter – Participation in Senior Aide Programs
3. Safeco – Notice of Bond Cancellation – United Telephone Co/Marsh USA
4. Nipsco requests concerning gas meter at 31 W Main – old jail
5. Letter from Roll Call presenting on line access to news source that they offer
6. GIS Fee Ordinance – first draft- fees too low need to revise
7. IDNR letter concerning land acquisition and classification changes for the state

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Payroll claims & Allowances for Pay Period ended April 19, 2008
2. Monthly Financial report- County Auditor- March 31, 2008
3. Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment – April 21, 2008
4. Monthly Report- Clerk of the Courts – March 31, 2008
5. Weights and Measures Monthly Report – April 15, 2008
6. Prosecutor’s ICJI Victims Services Quarterly Financial Report 3/31/08
7. Wabash Electric –Invoice for Recorder’s Office Printer Repair/Support – Commissioners stated the funds should come from recorder’s fund
8. ESRI Inc. Invoice –Commissioners stated it is to be paid by Health Department
9. Quality Electric Invoice- Commissioners stated it is to be paid by Surveyor
10. E911 – Invoice from J& K Communications --- Templin made a motion to approve. It was seconded . by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2008 following the County Council meeting in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.