

APRIL 28, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday April 28, 2008 following the County Council meeting. 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 21, 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. He had received the signed contract from Phend & Brown.
2. Reviewed Bridge #175 - Richvalley - estimates for repairs - need to acquire a more precise total
3. Recommendation for the Bids for the two (2) complete single dump trucks was tabled until next week following discussion.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported an average daily population of 115 last week with 31 new bookings.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator, reported:

1. Dils has a meeting with the Jail Committee on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.
2. Three of the main heating and cooling units on the main floor of courthouse are in need of repair or replacement-units are wearing out. Dils presented quotes from Quality Electric for both: to repair units - \$3,530.00; to replace units - \$11,680.00. Commissioners wanted to know about a switch to turn off after hours, how efficient the doors near the units are, and if any other cost would be added to current quote. Dils stated he would look into these issues and present Commissioners with some final numbers.
3. Dils reviewed an invoice totaling \$609.00 for a dedicated line for a scanner/copier that is to be paid with Surveyor funds.
4. Dils had received an invoice from Quality Electric totaling \$60.50 for a door in the upper part of courthouse to be wired shut. Dils requested that in the future that all repairs be presented to him prior to any work done to help keep repairs cost effective.
5. Dils presented the idea of an Energy Audit be done. Commissioners stated they are not interested at the current time.
6. Dick Smith, Commissioners Custodian, has started with putting up the buntings around the courthouse.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, received a copy of the Notification of the final approval RE: Vera Hinshaw, et at. V. AT&T Corp., et al - Indiana

which he will review. Downs also requested Auditor Jane Ridgeway look into any notes or details from original filing for him to also review.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, Wabash County Health Department, informed Commissioners that Dr. William Rauh, Wabash County Health Board Member appointed by Commissioners is not able to attend the meetings held on Tuesday evenings due to ER work at Hospital. A new appointee may need to be presented.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor, informed Commissioners she is planning to attend a 101-IAAO Seminar at IVY Tech in Kokomo. It is a part of her necessary Certification as Assessor. She asked permission to stay in Kokomo for the week rather than driving back each day.

Tom DeArmond, Council on Aging, presented the January 1 – March 31, 2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly operating financial status report. DeArmond reported that the transit rider ship is up 9.1% and fuel costs are up 61%.

Commissioners signed the Request for Additional Appropriations, to go before the County Council on May 27, 2008 to add a new budget line item in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for the transfer of a 1998 Chevrolet K2500 Cheyenne Pickup truck with Western Snow Plow from the Highway Department to EMA for the sum of \$4800. Templin made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Givens, approved with a 3-0 vote and signed by all three Commissioners.\*

Commissioners set the County Surplus Property Auction for June 27, 2008 and stated the SRI Tax Sale will be held in early October 2008.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. RIPEA newsletter
2. Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes - Wednesday, March 17, 2008
3. SRI Incorporated – Tax Sale Options Evaluation
4. Warrick County Commissioners Letter
5. State Surplus property Sale (Not Federal) Letter
6. Historic Design Group, Inc. Letter
7. Purdue Univ. Letter for Road Scholar Core Course
8. Criminal Justice Institute Claim Voucher for Grant period – July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
9. AIC – Retirement Solutions

*The Board chose to have this Commissioners meeting, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 dedicated in memory of former Commissioner Darle Dawes 1930-2008.*

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

\*Amended with approval on May 5, 2008.