

MAY 5, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday May 5, 2008. Chairman Scott E. 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 April 28, 2008 meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted; Highway- Paragraph 3, "Commissioners request for Additional Appropriation to Council". Templin made a motion to approve as amended. It was seconded by Haupert and approved 3-0.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Department Superintendent, reported:

1. Amones presented three (3) copies of a contract with Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. for services and estimates for services on Wabash County Bridge #175 (Richvalley) carrying CR 700W over the Wabash River. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the contract with BF&S.
2. The Town and Street Project for 2008: Servia, Somerset, and Frances Slocum Estates – Amones stated they would like to wait until 2009 to work on Cloverleaf, Lakeview Estates, and Riverwood. Proposals were set to be received for Project June 2, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
3. Amones presented W.A. Jones as choice from truck bids; \$39,689. Due to "past history" with the lowest bidder, Amones choice was the next lowest bidder which was W.A. Jones. Templin moved to accept bid from W.A. Jones. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 3-0 vote.
4. Request from Verizon to bury cable within county right of way: Jack Lutz, 5 Cherokee Court – no action was taken.
5. A Church in Urbana requested the County furnish stone on a parking area that is a county owned right-of -way. Commissioners gave persons in charge at the church permission to place stone on the right-of -way, but at their own expense.
6. Amones reviewed the Historic Bridge Presentation on eight (8) bridges here in Wabash County that he had presented at the Fort Wayne District meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported:

1. An average daily population of 111.66 last week.
2. Jail Committee met with RQAW, Consulting Engineers & Architects. RQAW reviewed their qualifications and discussed a possible proposal for replacing/remodeling the Jail.
3. Presented a quote totaling \$690.60 from Wohlford Heating & Refrigeration to replace one of the two low speed air compressors used to supply air to all the temperature control panels in the jail. Striker requested permission

to accept the quote and replace the unit. Templin made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote. Payment will come from the County Misdemeanant Fund.

4. Striker also stated they are having problems with one of the reserve unit vehicles and are down to one. Striker requested permission to look for a replacement vehicle for the reserves. Commissioners gave unanimous approval to look into a replacement vehicle.
5. The Sex Offender Ordinance is still being drafted with County Attorney Steve Downs.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA Director will be hosting and in training, Homeland Security Comprehensive Assessment Model, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week with several other Counties in attendance.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney was present with nothing to report today.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator, reported:

1. The Courthouse Cornice Project will resume in the next couple of weeks.
2. Dils had presented quotes from Quality Electric for repair: \$3,530.00, and replacements: \$11,680.00 on the hallway heaters last week. Dils stated Quality does have a switch that will allow the units to be turned off when needed. Templin made a motion to approve repairs for \$3,530.00. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.
3. Dils discussed with Commissioners the proposal from RQAW at the Jail Committee meeting and the need to acquire possible proposals from two prior companies that had presented interest at previous Jail Committee meetings. Hauptert stated he would follow up with these companies.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, reported:

1. Two (2) requests for Additional Appropriations; 1) quote for 512 MB RAM upgrades on three (3) eight (8) year old computers; \$72.77 each plus labor for all three (3) at \$60.00 – total cost \$278.31. 2) The State of Indiana has provided the Superior and Circuit courts of Wabash with laptops as well as a printer for Superior Court to assist with the NO-Contact orders on line – this will give immediate notification to law enforcement. There is a need for a wireless router, \$77.99 and a wireless print server, \$131.71 for these new laptops. Duggan is requesting Visionary Computers install the equipment so that both courts and probation can utilize the new laptops. Together these two requests total approximately \$500.00. Templin made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.
2. Duggan informed the Council that Wabash County has a serious drug problem and in the past has kept the drug screening costs they use in probation down to around \$10,000.00. Duggan stated in 2007 a more aggressive approach needed to be taken with drug screening with clients

which called for changes in the screening process. These changes come at a cost increase. Duggan requested approval for an additional appropriation to go to Council totaling \$15,000.00 from Adult Probation User Fee Funds for the drug screening changes. Templin made a motion to approve additional request. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor, asked Downs to check on any ruling the Attorney General has made regarding the Township Assessors. Schenkel also requested permission to attend a Class C required course at the Ivy Tech in Kokomo May 12-16, 2008. It can be paid out of Sales Disclosure Funds. Templin made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Cheri Slee, Wabash County Surveyor, presented the Support Agreement with GIS which totaled \$1,900.00 to be paid from the GIS Support Fund. This was signed by Commissioners.

Jane Skeans and Lori Foust, Health Department Nurses, informed Commissioners that they need to replace a computer in their office. In the past, the State would replace the computers every couple of years, but Skeans said the State is no longer replacing these. Skeans stated the CHIRP program they use to look up records on children's shot information is causing issues with the current computer. Skeans presented a quote for \$1,107.00 for a Dell Computer. Skeans requested to go before the Council for an Additional Appropriation. Templin made a motion to approve request. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, Wabash County Council on Aging, discussed with Commissioners ways to reduce service for transits due to high costs of gasoline. Ferry also discussed a concern with young riders whose parents are not home when they arrive and how to address the issue. Ferry stated they have sent this concern to INDOT in Indianapolis possibly to help with how to handle this issue. Commissioners stated Ferry may want to attend the Council meeting on May 27, 2008 to discuss the rising gas price concerns.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. FAF 2008 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Support Fee request
2. Claim for Highway – IACHES Summer Conference
3. Report of Conditions of School Funds
4. Historic Bridge Inventory, Advance Notice of Public Presentation

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended – May 3, 2008
2. Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment – May 5, 2008 with 2 exceptions for excess of per diem claims from the Health Department.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

*Approved as written 5-12-08.*