

MAY 27, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday May 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. following the County Council meeting. 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 minutes. The minutes from the May 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Templin made a motion to approve as written. It was seconded by Givens and approved with a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, Wabash County Highway Foreman, discussed that the Chip & Seal Projects will be starting soon - approximately 50 miles is scheduled for 2008. Martin also stated the part time mowers will be cut back from four (4) to three (3) and they will be working less hours.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, reported on an Easement Agreement with AT&T. This pertains to a class action suit in 2007 with a claim for Wabash County of \$6,163.50. AT&T wants an agreement with Wabash County on an area of land at the County Farm that is 8 ¼ feet on either side of a fiber optic cable currently lying along the railroad totaling 2,953 feet. The agreement would not allow Wabash County to give approval to anyone to lie on, over, or go under this area without AT&T's approval and with out compensation to AT&T. Downs stated presently Wabash County can allow usage without AT&T's approval or compensation. Commissioners stated this could cause problems in the future. Following discussion, Commissioners agreed to sign the Agreement, but to cross out the stipulation that AT&T would get compensation on usage. Templin made a motion to revise existing agreement. It was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, presented the Commissioners with a letter of invitation to attend a Purchasing Summit in Fort Wayne. Commissioners and Brown discussed the possible selling of an EMA Crown Victoria vehicle at the County Surplus Property Auction set to take place on June 27, 2008.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator, reported:

1. Stocks found from Farm Bureau to County Highway were "Book Certificates" of some kind that were settled in the 1990's and are of no value.
2. The Elevator issue last week has already been fixed. The elevator repairman showed up without any notice to put in the infrared edge detector. He stated it was a miscommunication on their part. The repair man stated the "quick" fix discussed at last weeks meeting would not fix the problem. Dils contacted Scott Givens and Givens agreed to go ahead with the installation of the infrared edge detector. Dils stated the elevator was working fine now. Dils asked for approval to pay the \$1,200.00

invoice. Templin made a motion to approve payment for \$1,200.00. It was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

3. Dils and Teresa Witkoske, Extension Office, reviewed with Commissioners the need for a new copy machine on the second floor. The maintenance agreement on the current machine had lapsed and a second machine is idle that does not work. Commissioners stated recycling the old machine would be a possible idea. After much discussion on models, lease vs. purchasing, and different companies, Commissioners gave unanimous permission to look into a machine that will be what is needed for basic daily needs and not to get options that will not be used; and to get a machine on a trial basis as the Auditors Office had done before leasing there current machine. Dils and Witkoske would look into a specific model that would fit their needs and work on keeping with the current cost budgeted.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, was present at the Council meeting but not at the Commissioners. Striker reported to Auditor Jane Ridgeway an average daily population of 110.78 last week at the jail.

Beverly Ferry, Wabash County Council on Aging, presented the Letter of Intent (5311). Commissioners reviewed and signed the Letter of Intent. Ferry informed the Commissioners that the old hi-top vans will no longer be purchased. Due to safety issues, the State has recommended the light transit buses. Ferry stated they have requested one bus and due to the change in the bus type, there is a higher expense. Ferry stated she would need to submit an additional appropriation request at the next meeting for approval to go to Council.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM: NPDES CAFO Information – Renewal Dale Farms, Inc – Chamberlain Farms ID #972
2. IDEM: NPDES CAFO Information – Renewal Dale Farms, Inc – Home Farm ID #1076
3. IDEM: NPDES CAFO Information – Renewal Dale Farms, Inc – Sand Hill Pork #ID 6185
4. IDEM: NPDES CAFO Information – Renewal Dale Farms, Inc – Hot House #ID 1099
5. State Use Committee Annual Report
6. North Manchester Ethanol, LLC Roadway Easement from County Attorney Downs
7. Norfolk Southern Corp – Acknowledgement of Railroad Protective liability Insurance Policy.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

1. North Manchester Public Library Appointment to Library Board of Trustees – Hauptert made a motion to approve Joe Accetta. It was seconded by Templin and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Contract for Auctioneer Tony Stout: County Surplus Property Auction – June 27 -4:00 P.M.
3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure; Clerk Lori Draper: Draper Construction – signed by the Board.
4. NIPSCO: Work order to supply natural gas service to POET ethanol facility – Commissioners signed
5. County Treasure' Monthly report – April 30, 2008

No other business, the meeting recessed. Monday, June 2, there are scheduling conflicts for the Commissioners. Commissioner Templin will be present to receive proposals for the Town Street Restoration Project as advertised at 11:00 A.M. but the Board of Commissioners will not meet on Monday, but will convene in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse. Drainage Board will also meet on Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

Approved as written, June 3, 2008

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