

June 9, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday June 9, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Scott 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 June 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Templin made a motion to approve as written. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, reported:

(1) The 800N Project – dirt removal; they will have to remove about 1' of dirt yet from State Road 13 – west, this will be approximately 1300 cu. yards at a cost of \$14 per cu. yd. for an additional cost of \$18,200. They are making application with the state to work from the sides and not have to remove lane lines. This could save almost \$8,000. United Consulting will prepare a Change Order for the project.

(2) The Bridge 505 (Ferry Street) Project is completed and should be opened today.

(3) Following a review of the bids received last week for the Town and Street Restoration Project, Hauptert moved to accept the lowest bid from Gaunt and Son Asphalt, Inc. at \$44.00/Ton – Servia and \$47.75/Ton – Somerset for a Total of \$233,533.25. His motion was seconded by Templin and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported an average daily jail population of 102.47 last week. He also reviewed a claim for emergency repair submitted by E911 Director Sandy Beeks. The Commissioners unanimously approved the invoice from JK Communications. Sheriff Striker reminded the Board of the Relay for Life and the Bake Sale event sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. He also inquired about calling a special E-911 meeting to look into the 2009 Budget funding.

Wabash County EMA Director Bob Brown shared photos of the E911 tower that fell during the latest storm over the weekend. Brown stated they may receive some assistance from the storm damage and insurance. J & K Communications will review the damage and cost of repair. He later reported he had spoken with the county's insurance carrier and we have a \$5000 deductible that will apply. He said Beauchamp and McSpadden gave him the verbal approval to proceed with the repair or replacement of the tower. Brown also reminded the Board he will be involved in training for the next three days at Grissom.

County Attorney Steve Downs and County Coordinator Jim Dils were both present with nothing to report today. Dils mentioned that Wabash Valley Restoration will be returning this week to resume the work on the Courthouse Cornice project.

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Carolyn Calloway was present requesting to use the Roann Covered Bridge for her daughter's wedding on August 29th. She asked to have the road blocked off and bring in port-a-pots for the event also. They stated there would be no alcoholic beverages served. The Commissioners required that all clean up be the responsibility of the family and Templin made the motion to allow the wedding at the bridge on August 29th. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Nancy Hoffman, Executive Director of Wabash County ARC, Donna Wilhelm, Board Member and Kathy Brubaker, Shelter-based Manager gave a report to the Board concerning ARC activities and funding. They reported that in spite of cost-cutting there is insufficient funding for all of the current programs and expected 60% reductions in State funding for 2009. Also due to an aging population, poor economy and high cost of gasoline for transportation they are asking the Commissioners to consider a higher donation from the County General Fund for 2009 of \$56,175 to help continue at the current level of programs. The Board thanked the group for all the activities of the organization, expressed their appreciation and encouraged them to continue to work cooperatively with the Wabash County Transit.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director of Wabash County Council on Aging was present to submit a formal request for an emergency Additional Appropriation of \$5000. The Commissioners approved and signed the request to be presented to the County Council on June 23rd.

Wabash County resident Craig Winegardner was present to discuss general lawn maintenance and plans for suggested projects to improve the Courthouse lawn. The Commissioners would like to contract with him to do the lawn and shrub maintenance on a regular basis following Custodian Ron Harris's retirement this summer. He and his wife have done a great deal of volunteer work on the lawn and maintenance of the Lincoln Memorial area in the past years. Winegardner agreed to the Commissioners request and the details will be worked out for a contract.

Maximus representative Jeff Dorsett was present to explain the work his company does for counties in indirect cost recovery services. The Commissioners agreed to contract with Maximus again this year for their services. The county will not be charged unless there recovered costs and will only be charged for half of the costs recovered.

Lagro resident Phillip Daly requested the Commissioners consider setting some rules and regulations for golf carts and mopeds before they become a problem on the county roads and unincorporated towns.

Plan Director Mike Howard presented a request to the Board to name him as Chairman of the GIS Committee and Cheri Slee as Vice Chairman to be the

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contacts for the Schneider Corporation, replacing former employee Matt Moorman.

Scarce Rudisel Architects Mary Ellen Rudisel Jordan and Jeff Kumfer reviewed products and choices for the Courthouse air lock doors and window replacement project. It was decided to advertise for specifications for the project on June 30th.

The Board further discussed the retirement of Courthouse Custodian Ron Harris in July and asked County Coordinator Jim Dils to obtain a quote for cleaning from MJV Group to extend their contract for cleaning the Judicial Center and also meet with Commissioners Custodian Dick Smith about plans for reassigning some of Harris's current responsibilities such as trash and snow removal.

Commissioner Templin reported he had examined the carpet problems discussed last week in the Clerk's office and feels it needs to be replaced.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reviewed the Transfer Resolution for Professional Services requested by the Commissioners to contract with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele, and Associates Inc. for \$35,000 for a job description and evaluation study for all county employees. The appropriations will be transferred from Personal Services for a part-time Building Inspector position that has not been filled this year and the balance from Wards of County and State Institutions. The request was approved on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote. The Board also signed a request for an Additional Appropriation for \$7,000 to contract for a preliminary Jail Facility Study. This request was also approved on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote. Both requests will go before the County Council on June 23rd.

Commissioners set a 2009 Budget prep work session with County Auditor Jane Ridgeway for June 24th.

Commissioners reviewed the following items:

J & K Communications, Inc. – Invoice # 12823: E-911 UPS Back-up Battery
IDEM CAFO – Midwest Poultry Services, LP – Automated Egg Producers Farm
ID #980

DOC – Community Corrections Grant Award – State Funding July 1, 2008 –
June 30, 2008

Hasler, Inc. – Postage Meter Rental Rate Increase

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 16, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Approved June 16, 2008.