

JULY 21, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday July 21, 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. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the July 14th meeting were reviewed. Templin made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, presented the following to the Board:

1. Two (2) requests to bury cable from Verizon, both at residences: one at 5599 E and the other at 2165 E 400 S. Both requests were approved and signed by the Commissioners.

2. Amones also stated United Consulting reported that Phend and Brown would like to request a Change Order for additional expense for 4' taper on the sub grade on 800N. The additional cost may be \$2100 to \$2500. Following discussion, the Board denied the request for additional costs of Phend and Brown on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote.

3. Amones has received estimates of costs for the rehab of the North Manchester Covered Bridge (Bridge 645): The Field Survey and Environmental Study are not to exceed \$120,000; Inspection and Engineering at \$110,000; Construction costs are estimated at \$592,000, with possibly \$180,000 in T2 funds making the County's share around \$193,200 for a total cost Estimate of \$966,000.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average daily population in the jail last week of 114.76. Striker reported he had received numerous requests from the public last week during the 4-H Fair for ordinances to make portions of county fairgrounds smoke-free, especially the eating establishments and in the arena stands. Also requests that dogs not be allowed except for K-9s involved in the 4-H Fair events. The Board indicated that both restrictions would be under the jurisdiction of the Fair Board. Givens stated he would discuss these issues with Fair Board representatives.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown requested permission to purchase a portable storage cabinet for uniform storage (priced at Lowes for \$109.00) from his uniform account. The Commissioners gave pre-approval of the claim for the cash purchase on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote. Givens asked Brown to please check with local hardware stores prior to the purchase to see if they could match the price. Brown also mentioned an EOC grant he is working on for approximately \$125, 000 to \$128,000.

The Commissioners held the First Reading of proposed General Ordinance #85-5.2008, by title only, as scheduled: the Wabash County False Alarm Ordinance. The ordinance passed on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a vote of 3-0. Second Reading will be held on July 28th. Attorney Steve Downs reported he is reviewing the LifeMed Agreement with the Town of North Manchester and the proposed GIS Ordinance with Plan Director Mike Howard this week. Downs advised "holding off" on agreeing to the AT&T class action lawsuit at this time and that he has a meeting with Norfolk-Western this Wednesday.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator, reported the following to the Commissioners:

1. The Courthouse Cornice project was completed on Saturday. Jeff Kumfer, architect with Scarce-Rudisel, proposes that the Commissioners move forward with respect to the brick repair around the Courthouse windows and the tuck-pointing as well as replacement of the damaged bricks discovered. The Wabash Valley Restoration Project Manager suggested they could return later this summer (tentatively around August 4th) if the change orders are approved.

2. Recommendations of the County's insurance providers Beauchamp and McSpadden; to increase auto medical limits from \$2000 to \$10,000 for any additional annual premium of \$1672; or from \$2000 to \$5000 for any additional annual premium of \$716. Templin moved to increase the medical limits to the \$10,000 limits on the County's auto fleet. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

3. In regard to Historic Covered Bridge coverage: Amones does not believe any bridges in Wabash County are covered by insurance. There would be an increase of \$.59 per \$100 of coverage or and annual premium of \$295 for \$200,000 of coverage. Amones stated if a bridge is designated a Non-Traffic bridge it can be replaced with any structure. If a "Traffic" bridge is damaged or destroyed there should be federal funds available. Amones will investigate the options.

4. Concerning the air conditioning problems in the Health Department, Dils reported that Quality Electric had installed the Trane units around 2003 and they have worked numerous times on them and do not have a solution. Templin suggested having Quality Electric bring in someone from Trane to examine the problem. Dils will contact Quality Electric.

5. In regards to shredding the Clerk's documents as preciously discussed, Dils will make arrangements with Richard Smith for a highway truck and help to haul them to be destroyed locally.

6. Finally, Dils reminded the Board that he will be holding a meeting with Department Heads and Kent Irwin on Thursday of this week to begin the Job Classification and Compensation Study contracted by the Commissioners.

Health Environmental Specialist Jennifer Swango reported to the Board that she is ready to work with Schneider GIS for the food establishment and septic layers. She asked for approval from the Commissioners for a GIS Professional Services Agreement for \$11,874. Schneider has agreed to bill over a 2 year period. Swango has \$7,814 available in her 2008 budget and has requested \$4000 in her 2009 budget. The Board approved for her to go to the Council for pre-approval of the 2009 share of the contract before committing to the agreement. If granted, she will not have to ask for an additional appropriation for this year. Templin moved for approval to go to Council with the request. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed 3-0.

The Board, Dils and Commissioners Custodian Richard Smith reviewed the quote from Five Star Roofing of Hartford City for the Jail Roof Repair with representatives Chris Spegal and Brad Liggett. Following questioning and discussion, Templin moved to approve the quote (not to exceed \$45,000 with a Performance Bond from Five Star pending approval of the agreement by County Attorney Steve Downs. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed 3-0.

In other business Council on Aging Executive Director Beverly Ferry presented a claim to the Commissioners for her Second Quarter 5311 grant of \$65,102. Ferry reported to the Board about a "New Freedoms Grant Program" that may be available but she would like to get through a full year of five day a week services before expanding and services for now. Ferry also reminded the Board of an Open House at the Senior Center on September 11 and she would especially like for new incoming Council and Commissioner members to be able to attend.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment; and reviewed the following:
Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts: June, 2008
Weights and Measures Monthly Report – Joe Vogel: June 16 – July 15, 2008
BFS: Audit of Old State Road 15 Project from State Road 124 to Meridian Road
IDEM: Town of North Manchester application to modify current Land Application Permit
IDEM: Request for Variance – CAFO – Tom Christman Farm ID 1526

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, July 28, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the Wabash County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – July 28, 2008.

