

JULY 28, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday July 28, 2008 following the Wabash County Council meeting. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 A.M. 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 28th meeting were reviewed. Hauptert moved to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Templin and approved by a 3-0 vote.

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

1. The pre-cast railroad crossing has been delivered for the 800N project. The electric pole has been moved although the service has not been connected.

2. An email from County Attorney Steve Downs informed Amones that a \$2500 Historic Landmarks grant for the North Manchester Covered Bridge has been approved to "take to the next level".

3. The draft of the bridge inspection report has been received from United Consulting and he has reviewed it and made a few corrections. The Commissioners must approve it before it is sent back.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown reported that the Indiana Integrated Public Information System would like to borrow some unused radio frequencies from Wabash County. With the Commissioners approval he will draft a letter stating their permission. Brown also informed the Board that he has ordered the storage cabinet for uniforms from Wabash True Value Hardware.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator, reported the following to the Commissioners that Craig Winegardner has asked about getting estimates for some projects for the Courthouse lawn. He believes the vocational school will provide the labor and the only costs will be materials. The Commissioners gave permission for the quotes. Dils also reported that the consultants hired for the employee job study will be holding interviews with department heads on Thursday.

County Assessor Kelly Schenkel requested permission for lodging costs next week at the Holiday Inn Express for another certification class. She will have the funds to pay for the expenses from her Sales Disclosure or Reappraisal funds. Hauptert moved to approve the request, Templin seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved Schenkel's request.

Marilyn McDonald, Wabash County Coroner, asked the Commissioners to approve a claim retroactively for her and a deputy for lodging in Fort Wayne during a class for State Certification. The Commissioners discussed the travel policies of the county and told McDonald they would have appreciated being asked prior to the class, but considering the distance back and forth to Fort Wayne each day with mileage at \$.44 per mile they approved the request to go to Council for funded on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and a 3-0 vote.

County Treasurer LuAnn Layman asked the Commissioners for approval to lodging for herself and her deputy for three days next week in Fort Wayne for the semi-annual Treasurer's Conference to be held at the Hilton-Grand Wayne Center. She was given permission on a motion by Templin, second by Hauptert and 3-0 vote. Auditor Jane Ridgeway also asked and received permission to attend the Fall Auditor's Conference to be held in Clarksville in October.

County Attorney Steve Downs presented the False Alarm Ordinance for second and final reading by title only and the Commissioners approved the Ordinance 85-5-2008 on a motion by Hauptert, second by Templin and a 3-0 vote. Downs also told the Board he will review the contract agreement with Five Star Roofing and ask for more details to be included. He is also still working on the GIS Fee Ordinance with Mike Howard and the EDO agreement with the City of Wabash is to be presented to the City Council this week.

Henry Becker of Roann was present to discuss the cost of plans for repairs to the North Manchester Covered Bridge. He was involved with the rebuilding of the Roann Covered Bridge which was led by the Roann Covered Bridge Association and has many concerns about the County spending so much for the rehabilitation of the Manchester Bridge. Becker questioned if the County had contacted Limberlost Construction and looked into other practical options for the preservation of the bridge while saving money for the project. The Board and Amones explained the procedures required for state and federally funded bridge projects and stated that bidding would be open to any contractors when specifications are available, local firms would have the opportunity to bid on the project.

The Board appointed Michael E, Ralston, M.D., F.A.C.S. Orthopaedic Surgeon with the Wabash Orthopaedic Center, to serve the remainder of the term of Dr. William Rauh on the Wabash County Health Board by a motion of Hauptert, second by Templin and a 3-0 vote.

Jeff Kumfer of SRA met with the Commissioners for final decisions on the Courthouse door and window project. It was decided to run the legal ad for bids on August 6 and 13 with bids to be received on August 18th at 11:00 A.M.

In other business, the Commissioners requested that the Recorder use her Record Perpetuation Funds to pay for a service call for problems with her computer that is not covered under the IT agreement with IntraSect Technologies. They also gave permission for Courthouse Custodian Dick Smith to purchase mats for the entrances to the Courthouse and approval for the renewal of the Web-blocker for the Courthouse computer systems from IntraSect Technologies.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Claim and Allowance docket for the Pay Period ended July 26th, and reviewed the Auditor's Financial Statement – June 30, 2008 and the County Treasurer's Monthly Report – June 30, 2008 as well as the Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes from June 16, 2008.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, August 4, 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 – August 4, 2008