

AUGUST 4, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Wabash County Commissioners met in Executive Session on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 8:30 A.M. with County Coordinator Jim Dils, County Attorney Steve Downs and County Auditor Jane Ridgeway to discuss personnel issues. County Attorney Downs will review the Employee Handbook with Dils.

REGULAR SESSION

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday August 4, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 A.M. with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Haupert 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. Templin motioned to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Haupert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

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

1. Road Cut request at 350E, 1000 feet north of 1200 South for Tile: approved and signed.
2. AT&T request for a Road Cut on Hanging Rock Road – East of 524 to replace defective telephone facilities: approved and signed.
3. Manchester Covered Bridge Project – Commissioners gave approval for United Consulting to work on contract for project.
4. INDOT has denied funds for the Meridian Road Project for 2008.
5. No information received regarding railroad ties at the 800N Project.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported the average daily jail population was 110.05 this past week. Sheriff Striker stated there will be a need to go to Council for additional appropriations for inmate medical expenses.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown reported that 2 estimates have been received on replacing windows, hanging doors and repairing an entrance door at the Old State Highway Building: Draper Construction submitted an estimate for \$6827.00 and Links Home Improvement submitted an estimate for \$6915.00. Brown stated that Wabash County Emergency Management has become a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Brown will be recognizing volunteers in September. Recipients will receive a letter from the President recognizing them for their service. Costs will be

covered through the Volunteer Support Fund. Brown asked the Commissioners to attend the September meeting to assist in presenting awards. Brown also thanked Commissioners for the paint and repair work being done in the basement.

County Attorney Steve Downs reported he has contacted Fine Star Roofing asking them to send warranty information for the jail roof. Downs and Jim Dils will work on a general contract agreement to cover what is expected on repairs.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator presented a proposal from SRA for architectural services to determine scope of work on the south façade of courthouse. Cost of proposal is \$14,500. Templin motioned to approve; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote. Ads will appear 8/6/08 & 8/13/08. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 8/15/08. Bids are to be submitted by 8/25/08. Work on the Courthouse basement (patching & painting) should be completed in the next two weeks. The Health Department is still having problems with proper cooling. Templin suggested that if the problem continues they should have Trane representatives come in and review the system.

Lori Draper, Clerk of Courts reported: a) There will be an Indiana State Clerk's Child Support Bureau Conference she needs to attend. She will be taking another staff member. It will be an overnight conference; Child Support money will pay costs. Hauptert motioned to approve; Templin seconded and the motion passed 3-0. b) The Fall Clerk's Conference will be held in Monticello. Templin motioned to approve Draper attending; Hauptert seconded and the motion passed 3-0. c) There is now Passport Agent Training required. Draper will be sending at least 3 staff members to the training on August 14th. Draper has worked this out with the Courts. Cost will be mileage and meals. d) Draper reported that an employee will be moving back to Wabash County: she wants to return this person to a Deputy position. Commissioners told her to present it to the Council for a Transfer of Appropriations.

Mike Howard, Planning Director, presented an authorization for GIS Professional Services for a cost of \$11,814.00 for the Health Department GIS layers. Jennifer Swango has previously had approval for the costs, to be spread over a two year period. Commissioners accepted, and Chairman Givens signed the agreement. Howard also reported that DNR & FEMA reviewed the Floodplain Development Permit and that the community is in good standing.

Bill Konyha, President and CEO of the Economic Development Group of Wabash County, presented an application for an Indiana Economic Development Corporation Infrastructure grant. Grant money for the POET Infrastructure Grant has already been approved but the application needs

completed. Templin motioned to approve; Hauptert seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Application was signed by Givens, Downs and Ridgeway.

Thomas Polk, IntraSect Technologies, Inc. presented information regarding a NAS back-up solution to protect the government's data. Options were discussed to outright purchase or monthly rental. Templin wants a comparison of cost between the tape back-up currently being used versus this proposed NAS backup solution. Polk will develop the cost comparison and advised that the tape backup system is good technology to protect the data but it is not disaster recovery solution.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor, presented tax refunds submitted for payment due to errors in assessment. The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following tax refunds:

1. Boyd, David L & Kristin K. – refund of \$787.40
– Reason – Size of home was incorrect and land value changed.
2. Oswalt, Terry G. & Kimberly A. – refund of \$198.56
– Reason – Measurements were incorrect on house and basement.
3. Stout, Leonard E, Etal 1/2 Int McKillip, Dennis – refund of \$406.08
– Reason – Mobile Home was assessed here plus personal property.
4. Hensley, William B III & Cindy, Trustees – refund of \$4,438.74
– Reason – Was being taxed for neighbors building.
5. Hoefler, James K. & Debora S. – refund of \$1,596.46
– Reason – Should be all R Value (No NR value).
6. Brekke Roger I & Patricia A – refund of \$22.14
– Reason – was assessed for neighbor's utility shed.

In other business, the Commissioners restated that the Recorder should use her Record Perpetuation Funds to pay for a service call for problems with her computer that is not covered under the County's IT agreement with IntraSect Technologies.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:
Accounts Payable Claims and Allowances Docket advertised for payment August 4, 2008
IDEM – Emission Calculations – Metal Source, LLC
DNR – Wabash County – NFIP Community Assistance Contract
State Surplus Sale

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

