

AUGUST 18, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 18, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 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. Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent asked that a correction be made to the August 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. The asphalt projects in Somerset and the Frances Slocum Estates were completed on the August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Chip and Seal projects through out the county will begin August 12. Templin motioned to approve the August 11<sup>th</sup> minutes with the corrections regarding the road projects. The motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent, reported the Chip and Seal Projects have begun. Amones then introduced Toby Steffan, engineer from Butler, Fairman & Seufert. Steffan presented the Inspection Report on Bridge 175 (Richvalley). The following items were discussed:

1. The structure is in good condition but is in need of repairs.
2. Project would need to be completed in cool weather due to material that would be used.
3. Repair time line would be 3 – 4 months.
4. Estimated cost of rehabilitation is \$ 368,000.00
  - a. \$75,400.00 of this cost would cover the cost of keeping the bridge open to one lane during the construction.
  - b. Estimated cost to replace the structure is \$1,600,000.
5. Site distance and guard rail do not meet current State standards. Steve Downs, Commissioners' attorney will review the checklist acceptance letter presented by Steffan. Downs will return with a revised document to address the guard rails and site distance.

Hauptert motioned to approve BFS to begin the next phase of designing the project on Bridge 175. Templin seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported that he is dealing with FEMA this week to continue the claims process. Brown asked if there was a decision on the Old State Highway building repairing doors and replaced windows. The quotes were reviewed that were presented on August 4, 2008: Draper - \$6827.00 and Links - \$6915.00. Templin motioned to accept the Draper quote. Hauptert seconded. Commissioners asked that Brown request Draper complete the project before winter. Commissioners discussed where the funds would come from. Ridgeway will verify what fund to use or if an Additional Appropriation was required. Motion was approved 3-0.

Steve Downs, Commissioners' Attorney, reported the following:

1. Town of North Manchester has not responded re: Ambulance Contract. Downs will follow up.
2. False Alarm Ordinance – Sheriff Striker questioned how the fines for the False Alarm Ordinance were to be implemented. Downs stated it was just a fee that needed to be billed and collected.
3. Railroad Construction – Downs stated that the 800 North crossing can be operated for a year if it is restricted to a 20 feet opening until crossing arms are installed. Templin asked if there was a “paper trail to show the issue in the INDOT – RR Crossing Division court.” Downs stated he would follow through with INDOT.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. South Façade – The pre-bid meeting occurred last Friday. Some of the contractors represented were Atlas, Wabash Valley Restoration, D-T Construction, D & C Construction and Zolowski. The bid deadline is August 25.
2. Five Star Roofing – Arrived on Wednesday of last week to start the Jail roof project. Some issues arose. On Thursday the air conditioner stand was still an issue. Discussion about the amount of tear off occurred. Friday Dils received notice that project was completed and ready for inspection. Performance Bond is in dispute. Dils requested a representative from the Commissioners to be part of the inspection. Givens and Dils will inspect today.
3. Health Department Damage – Insurance reimbursement funds have been received. Discussion occurred regarding what account to deposit the funds. Commissioners requested the check be deposited in the CCD fund and any replacement purchases will be paid from there.

Commissioners requested that the Health Department report how they are using the recent computer equipment purchases appropriation approved and the proposed purchases of more new equipment.

The Auditor reminded the Commissioners of their Budget Hearing with the County Council this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. and of their council packets for the meeting on Thursday morning at 8:00 A.M.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:  
Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment – August 18, 2008  
Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – July 2008  
County Treasurer's Monthly & Auditor's Financial Report – July, 2008

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.