

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 15, 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. The minutes of the September 8th meeting were reviewed. Templin motioned to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent reported:

1. AT&T Relocation of Facilities and Fiber Optic line on 800 North Project Statement for \$64,049.40. Amones stated that the final bill could be more. Attached was a scope of work. Hauptert motioned to take it under the advisement; Templin seconded, motion passed 3-0. Steve Downs, Commissioners' Attorney will review it.
2. INDOT – 2008 Transportation Enhancement (TE) Application for Bridge 165 (Steel Truss in Liberty Mills) & Bridge 645 (Historical Covered Bridge in North Manchester) – Letter from INDOT stating only one project will be considered. Amones recommends that Bridge 645 should be the project INDOT should consider. Templin motioned to apply for Bridge 645. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0.
3. Requested that the Commissioners consider raising the Minimal Threshold for bids from \$25,000.00 to the State minimum. An Ordinance may need to be changed to allow this. Ridgeway and Downs were asked to research.
4. Requested permission to re-design old State Form 95 (Bid Form). State Form 95 is no longer required by the State Board of Accounts and is out of date. Downs suggested that it be reviewed along with Minimum Threshold
5. Requested permission to ask the Council for Additional Appropriation for Fuel \$79,000.00 and Hospitalization Insurance \$25,500.00 Templin made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Requests to go to Council. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0.
6. There are small dead trees on Bailey road. They will be cutting them down.

Steve Hicks, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported that the average daily jail census last week was 107.19. Hicks also reported that there were no roof leaks during the rains over the weekend.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported:

1. Mitigation Grant Committee's first meeting will be on September 30 @ 1:00 PM. A Commissioner needs to part of that committee. Hauptert volunteered to attend the meeting.
2. Homeland Security Letter – Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant. The state is requesting to put a repeater on the cell phone tower south of Somerset. The Commissioners need to authorize the re-direction of \$482,000.00 funds. Hauptert made a motion to approve the re-direction of funds. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0. Givens signed the letter.
3. FEMA officials exited last Thursday. Brown does not have an exact dollar amount that the entities in the county will be reimbursed. EFT paperwork has been completed by the Auditor. Funds should be coming fairly quickly.

Steve Downs, Commissioners' Attorney stated he had nothing to report today.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated he had nothing to report.

Dr. Jeffrey Pyle, President of the Wabash County Health Board presented a report on the Public Health Preparedness & Response for Bioterrorism Grant. Dr. Pyle stated that the original grant was for \$13,725.00. There remains \$ 11,513.69 to be spent in the grant funds. Dr. Pyle proposed to spend this money as follows:

- WI-FI Card – 159.99
- Computer, Software & 2 monitors - \$1239.96
- Copier/Fax/Printer/Scanner - \$4,449.00
- Supplies for Copier - \$738.00
- Cross Cut Shredders (Qty 2) - \$479.92
- Paper Supplies - \$204.64
- 275 ANSI Compliant Safety Tee Shirts - \$4,250.00

Dr. Pyle stated that all of the requests were initiated prior to the August 9, 2008 grant deadline. Hauptert motioned to approve the \$11,513.69 request. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0. Dr. Pyle asked for clarification on the guidelines for bringing financial items to the Commissioners. Ridgeway stated that anything over \$100.00 even if it is included in the year's budget needs to be approved by the Commissioners in order to be included in the County's fixed assets and liability coverage. Dr. Pyle stated the next Health Department Board meeting is on October 14, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Toby Steffan, Butler Fairman & Seufert and Amones presented information:

1. Bridge 175 Contract updated to remove the liability limit and included Appendix E. Downs reviewed the contract and is satisfied. Hauptert motioned to accept the contract. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0.

2. Bridge #13 (Red Bridge) – work was done in 2005 & 2006. Original contract was \$132,000.00. Steffan asked Commissioners to sign a letter requesting INDOT to participate in the Supplement of \$4,682.00. Givens signed the letter to INDOT.

Ridgeway presented:

1. Contract from Tyco/SimplexGrinnell. This is a Contract for Alarm and Detention Inspection. Commissioners asked Dils to review.
2. Vehicle titles for the new buses bought for the Wabash County Transit.
3. Proposal regarding the Employee Sick Leave Pay Out. Commissioners approved the plan.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment – September 15, 2008

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – August, 2008

IDEM Notice of Public Comment – Wabash Alloys

Claim for Wabash County Transit – additional \$5000.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, September 22, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

Approved on September 22, 2008.