

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 29, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with Lester D. Templin and Scott Givens present. Brian K. Haupert was not present. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Templin motioned to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and approved by a 2-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway reported:

1. Amones working with Brian Miller, United Consulting to identify ways to create field entrances for Richard Miller and Rod Warren 800 North. Brian Miller will work with Andy @ Phend & Brown to see what can be done.
2. Fuel Tank Inspection will happen this week.
3. Haupert had a request for a tree in Laketon to be taken down that sits in the county right-of-way. Laketon has 66 feet R-O-W. Templin states if it is on county R-O-W, the county will need to take it down even if is behind a building. Amones needs to check on the power lines to see if the county will take it down or if it will need to be hired out.
4. Requesting an additional snow plow for this year. Commissioners requested Amones get at least 2 quotes if not 3.

Steve Hicks, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the average daily jail population for last week was 115.85. Hicks reported that a squad car/deer accident occurred this past week.

Steve Downs, Commissioners' Attorney reported:

1. AT&T & 800 North Project – Amones still has not received an itemized bill.
2. Bid Ordinance is still being worked on. Current State Law is under \$25,000.00 no requirement for bond; \$25,000.00 - \$75,000.00 – 3 quotes; and over \$75,000.00 requires a bid bond. Amones states that the county has always been lower. Downs asking for guidance on dollar amounts. Templin stated the Commissioners ask for quotes on everything. The proposed ordinance is setting the threshold for requiring bid bond. Commissioners asked Amones to use the old basis for the Annual Bids in November. Ridgeway & Downs stated that all County Ordinances need to be codified and indexed. Commissioners asked Ridgeway to get quotes for indexing and codifying the ordinances.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported

1. Simplex-Grinnell – Sent letter to request billing in arrears.

2. Signed the agreement for the clock preventative maintenance for \$350.00 which is less than last year.
3. Employee Sick Leave Buy-Out form sent out to employees last week. Those that have been returned are mainly asking for the full buy out. A few have asked for modifications on the number of hours, but it has been very insignificant.
4. Scarce-Rudisel brought an Interior Designer to look at the windows in order to be able to recommend coverings. Dils gave Commissioners color samples for the windows on the outside. Power washing has been completed. Tuck point is beginning today.
5. Solid Waste Management is requesting that a Health Savings Account be setup in their payroll which the Auditor's Office does. There may be additional fees from Fundware Financials to set this up. Commissioners asked Ridgeway to follow-up with Fundware on cost to set this up. Commissioners will go ahead and then decide what to do about any additional charges – to pass them on to Solid Waste Management or to pay it out of the Commissioners funds. Ridgeway also needs documentation to verify who is handling the HSA administration.
6. Five Star performance bond remains unresolved. Downs states he has had phone calls with Five Star's surity company. Givens stated that he thought the county would not be billed for it. Downs states the question is not about the county paying for the bond but if the bond was legal.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported that the tower in Laketon is coming down today and will be replaced by Friday. Brown will be out of the county on Thursday for training.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, Health Department requested permission to go to Council for Additional Appropriation Request for \$ 20,000.00 for vaccines. Templin motioned to approve to go to Council. Givens seconded; motion passed 2-0. Carter-Lowe is getting quotes for Microfiche reader to be purchased from insurance proceeds to replace the one damaged.

Phillip Draper requested guidelines for the ability to use utility vehicle on the road. Reported that he talked to the DNR, the Sheriff's Department and the Roann Town Board and got approval to use. Draper stated that he was then stopped by a Sheriff's deputy and told that they were not to be used on the roads. Gene Tomlinson asked what the Commissioners main objection was to off road vehicles. Givens stated that his concern is the proof of insurance and farmers concerned about individuals driving on their property. Templin states that you create situations when you allow more vehicles on the road. Hicks stated he planned to come to the Commissioners about an Ordinance to address the issue after the first of the year. Hicks stated that he would suggest the Commissioners hear from Conservation Officer Jerry Hoerdts to get information about his point of view. Templin asked if there were statistics

about off road vehicle accidents. Givens asked Hicks to talk to Hoerdt to obtain additional information.

Chris Lowden, Centennial Wireless presented information about using the cell phone service and applications to optimize department efficiency: Highway Department, Probation Department, Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management for example through the use of cell phone coverage and GPS. Whitley County start up is \$ 15,000.00 and \$3,000.00 monthly cost. Lowden asked Commissioners to look at the following website agilissystems.com for information. Givens stated that they would look at the information and then consider it. Givens asked Lowden to get back with Dils after a couple of weeks.

Kelly Schenkel, County Assessor requested approval to go to Council for Transfer of Funds for \$ 500.00 to pay Chris Paul the additional for Level II Assessor Certification. Templin motioned to approve. Givens seconded; motion passed 2-0.

Schenkel stated she is unhappy with the current Sales Disclosure program from Manatron/IDOCs. The State has a program to do Sales Disclosures but the State also requires a back-up system. The current Sales Disclosure program's maintenance fees are \$ 4,451.00 a year. Manatron just sent a bill for \$2,000.00 for the IC code changes. AS2, the company that currently does the Assessor's Personal Property Software, demonstrated their Sales Disclosure system last Friday. It will allow cross reference and search and is capable of integrating into GIS. The AS2 program will cost \$ 4,451.00 and a scanner at a cost of approximately \$ 4,000.00. The current scanner can not be used with the new system. The annual maintenance fee for the AS2 program is \$3,500.00 for the year 2009. AS2 does not charge additional fees for IC code changes. Schenkel states that she has funds to cover this change. Givens asked to make sure we can get out of the current contract and if that current scanner can be used in another office. Ridgeway asked if the current copier/scanner could be used. Schenkel will check into this.

Ridgeway informed Commissioners that the old VAX computer equipment in the corner of her office can be removed. Ridgeway asked for permission to pursue to allow for more space in her office. Commissioners asked Ridgeway to get quotes to move the equipment and lay carpet on the floor.

Ridgeway informed Commissioners that SRI has identified 7 parcels sold that they are recommending be declared invalid. Ridgeway stated that we are awaiting additional information.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:
IDEM – Public Notice for a CAFO permit – Wendel Dawes facility Farm # 1522
IDEM – Notice of Decision – Approval Poet Biorefining – North Manchester

Hank Eilts of Hank's Construction, Inc. was present to inquire as to when to expect payment for the contract for clearing brush and trees on 800 North. The Invoice/Claim had not been submitted to the Auditor's Office at this time. At the September 2, 2008 meeting, Commissioners approved up to \$10,800.00 with the caveat of requiring copies of invoices for the Railroad additional requirements of flagman and insurance. Claim was prepared and signed by Templin.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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.