

OCTOBER 14, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday October 14, 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 October 6th meeting were reviewed. Templin motioned to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported:

1. New Standard for High Visibility Public Safety Vests goes into effect November 24, 2008. Brown states that there will be an approximate expense of \$1,000.00- 1,200.00. Sheriff's department will need 20 vests as well. Templin suggested Brown contact other county entities to see if a bulk purchase would save money.
2. Quarterly Report on Volunteer Hours were 1701 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours for the 3rd quarter. The total for the year is 4667 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours/year.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent reported:

1. Buried Cable Permits to Bore from
 - a. Embarq - Old Frances Slocum Trail East of 100 West
 - b. Verizon - 909 W 400 S to bore for telephone service
2. Annual Bids Advertising has been done.
 - a. State Board of Accounts states we can make own Form 95
 - b. In 1998 the State no longer required annual bids. Amones clarified that we can still do annual bids, but it is no longer a requirement.
 - c. Downs is still looking at the Ordinance and Form 95 with Amones and Ridgeway.
3. Snow Plow Quotes presented to Commissioners. Ernst Truck Equipment is \$9,600.00 and W. A. Jones \$9,426.00. Templin motioned to purchase from WA Jones. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0.
4. 800 North Field Entrances are done on the POET project. Cost of materials - \$ 210.40 for Miller and \$ 486.38 for Warren.
5. A Petition has been forwarded to Jerry Holmes on 250 South to complete for road improvement.
6. Meeting with INDOT on Friday at 10:00 to request funds for Bridge 645.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that last week's average jail population was 112.33. Eddie Gidley is in Lutheran Hospital due to heart attack. Prognosis looks good. Roof has not leaked. Striker asked Downs to review the contract he had sent him.

Steve Downs, Commissioners Attorney asked Amones if there has been a breakdown on the AT& T bill on the 800 North project. Amones stated nothing further has been received. Downs stated that there has been nothing back regarding the Railroad Crossing on 800 North.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported:

1. Sick Leave Pay-Out –
 - a. Elected Officials Pay-Out will be based on 2008 Deputy Pay and will be paid out in January 2009 due to not being able to change an elected officials salary during the year.
 - b. Employee buy out appropriation will be presented to the Council on October 27th.
2. Dils and Ridgeway will be meeting with Group Health Insurance Brokers tomorrow to discuss structure of the plan. Dils asked Commissioners for their input. Givens asked about Laser situation. Only were only 1 or 2 were completed last year.

Beverly Ferry, Wabash County Council on Aging gave Commissioners the 3rd quarterly report on Transit. Transit can continue five days a week with reduced hours for the remainder of this year. Beginning January 1st will be able to return to full hours. Ferry continues to work on local donors for support. The new buses have been put in place. Ferry states that they are still trying to raise local match. Ferry states that next year funding should be okay. The three years after that will be challenging due to how the funding is based on 3 years of history.

Vicki Williams, Animal Shelter reported to Commissioners a complaint regarding bounced check fees from a purchase and return of a dog. Refund for the \$60.00 fee to adopt a dog has been processed. Commissioners stated to have the person work with the bank to have fees waived. Williams will present it to the Animal Shelter Board this evening.

Dallas Duggan, Wabash County Probation requested a signature on HEA 101 and DCS. Givens signed State and Federal Child Welfare Funding Grant.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor reviewed and reported the following to the Board:

1. Liability insurance is significantly higher than it has been previously. Amones reviewed coverage and is having a building and two trucks removed from the policy. Beauchamp changed how it was being divided up between the highway department and the general fund. Templin states equipment should be kept separate. Hauptert states the buildings were covered together under the general fund. Ridgeway states coverage is being reviewed and that a separate spreadsheet of equipment will be kept. Templin asked that the value of items be reviewed. Ridgeway asked Commissioners for clarification regarding separating out costs for

departments that have separate funding sources, i.e. Health Department, Highway, Corrections. Commissioners stated that if the department has funding sources other than the General fund, costs should be separated out. Dils asked for clarification on Workmen's Compensation costs. Commissioners stated that Workmen's Compensation costs fall under the same guideline.

2. Presented North Manchester Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Contract. Hauptert motioned to approve the contract. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0. Commissioners signed contract.
3. Property Tax Refunds & Overpayment requests. Hauptert motioned to approve. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0.
4. Clerk's CSI Computer Maintenance Contract for 2009. Hauptert motioned to approve contract. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0. Commissioners signed contract.
5. Auditor's employees request for additional office space. The state is increasing the Auditor's duties. The office is not large enough and not conducive to provide a quiet work space for the growing amount of work and variety of new duties being assigned by the State as well as the County. Employees also requested space for a break room for all courthouse employees to utilize for breaks and lunch breaks. Templin states that there are requirements to provide a quiet nursing break room space also. Commissioners will look at possible solutions to both issues.
6. Hank's Construction bill for brush removal along railroad at 800 North project needs justification to additional charges. Commissioner's asked Ridgeway to call Hank's and get a copy of the original contract to document the bill.
7. Discussed the Commissioner's proposed budget and reviewed some of the Council's suggested cuts.

Hauptert raised the following issues:

1. Stan Cripe requesting that the county pays for a \$700.00 bill from Shankster to explore drainage issues on 1400 N & 200 W. Hauptert motioned to deny request since Commissioners did not request services. Templin seconded; motion passed.
2. Jim Dixon states that there are bad spots on 700 N at 200 W due to water coverage. Amones states that road has been closed due to water and ice coverage.
3. Options for solving the 1400 North bog issue: cul-de-sac or by-pass. Commissioners asked Amones to work on costs on proceeding with a cul-de-sac option.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

SRI – Invalid 2007 Tax Sale Parcels – Refunds due

Additional Appropriation Request to go to Council for Unused Employee Sick Leave Pay-Out

ARC of Wabash County – Quarterly Claim

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written on October 20, 2008