

OCTOBER 20, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 20, 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 for Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the October 14, 2008 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 reported:

1. Roger Tate, Habitat for Humanity and Simeon Shankster were in attendance to request permission to bore under Tanner & Second Streets in Servia to install a new sewer line. Amones states he is okay with the request. Commissioners approved the request. Tate thanked the Commissioners for the approval.
2. Amones requested information regarding flu shots availability and who is paying for it. He was informed the Health Department is now giving shots and he should contact that office to arrange for shots. Payment may be provided from departmental funds. Shots are also an eligible expense under the county health plan.
3. NIPSCO Utility Permit – 300 West 1400 North to bury a line
4. Annual Bids copy presented to Commissioner's Attorney and Auditor.
5. Railroad Crossing on 800 North – still waiting on reply from INDOT. INDOT new grant cycle ending November 20, 2008 is available for safety upgrades. Commissioners requested Amones to apply for the grant to do the crossing upgrade. If the grant is denied, Amones needs to find out why it was denied.

Steve Hicks, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the average daily jail population last week was 112.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported that the grant to fund lights on the parking lot was denied.

Steve Downs, Commissioners' Attorney reported:

1. Working on Sheriff's Compensation package. Council meeting is next week.
2. Five Star Performance Bond – Company can not locate issuing party. Prosecutor Attorney states that it would be under a Blackford County venue. Commissioners asked Downs to contact Blackford County prosecutor.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported :

Water leak on Hill Street. Water line has been repaired. The water meter pit still needs repair. The bricks are crumbling and will not hold the weight of the cover. Wabash Valley quoted \$3,815.00 to fix the pit. A plastic water pit would be a more cost effective fix. Templin requests Dils to pursue input from Indiana-American Water.

Jerry Holmes presented a petition to Commissioners to upgrade County Road 250 South from 700- 800 West to a Chip-n-Seal from gravel. Amones stated that some drainage issues will need to be dealt with. Templin made a motion to do the upgrade in 2009. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Mike Howard, Planning Commission presented a request to vacate an alley in Servia to Commissioners. Tate states that the proposed sewer line is more than 50 feet away from the Wilson well. Commissioners asked Amones to look at the Servia situation and report back regarding the request to vacate.

Templin motioned to approve the State's 2009 Holiday Schedule for the County Offices. Hauptert seconded motion; motion passed 3-0.

Kathryn Carter-Lowe, Health Department requested the Commissioners to pay for the flu shots for county employees. Commissioners stated that there are no funds to pay for it. The Sheriff and Highway departments had funds in their budget last year to cover the expense. Other employees paid for the shot out-of-pocket. Dils submitted a bulk claim for those employees with the county's health coverage and the employee was reimbursed directly. Commissioners stated that this should be the process this year.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended October 18, 2008
Claims and Allowance Docket as advertised for Review October 20, 2008
Indiana Economic Development Corporation
North Manchester Ethanol, LLC – Project 341185/Grant I.D.: IDGF-06-824
Tiede, Metz and Downs invoice for September, 2008
IDEM – Minor modifications for Wabash Valley Landfill
Mediacom – New Rates
Pathfinder Services – Annual Recognition Dinner
Animal Shelter Quarterly Reports

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, October 27, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the Council meeting.

* Approved as written on October 27, 2008.

