

OCTOBER 27, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 27, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order following County Council at approximately 10:30 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 20, 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. Habitat Project in Servia – Roger Tate, Habitat reported that they abandoned the filter field plan that was presented last week. They are considering 2 other locations. These would need to use a mound type system due to poor drainage. Commissioners reminded Tate to stay more than 50 feet away from a well. Tate will report back to Commissioners.
2. A request to vacate Tanner Street and alley in Servia. Amones showed Commissioners a layout of the town. Commissioners took under advisement as there is no formal request at this time.
3. P. Wilson request for road cut on 200 North between State Road 15 and Larry Meyers. Commissioners approved request.
4. 800 North Railroad crossing. INDOT Railroad safety improvement grant request is only \$50,000.00. Templin requested Amones discuss it with County Attorney Steve Downs before proceeding to make sure it will not interfere with what Downs is pursuing with INDOT.

Kathryn Carter-Lowe, Heath Department reported:

1. Request for change in permit fees for vendors at festivals. Carter-Lowe reported that it is costing more to implement the program due to increase in fuel costs and the use of contractual help to cover the number of festivals occurring in the county. Hauptert made a motion to approve increase in fees. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0. Commissioners requested Carter-Lowe to check with the Health Department's Attorney to verify if the Fee Ordinance needs to be amended or if anything additional was required.
2. Homeland Security Grant was awarded for \$ 10,000.00. It runs from August 10, 2008 through August 9, 2009. The funds are specifically to be used for setting up and implementing mock emergency situations. Carter-Lowe stated that she would report back to the Commissioners about the details of the grant.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported on upcoming meetings: Dils asked for input on dates to schedule the next Jail Committee Meeting; and for a volunteer to serve on the Compensation/Classification Study Committee. Hauptert will serve on the Compensation/Classification Study Committee. Dils will report back to Commissioners on actual dates of meetings after he has conferred with others.

Templin stated that he needs to be replaced on the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Templin made motion to remove Templin and put Givens on the board. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0. Templin will make a list of other Boards he serves on so they too can be reassigned.

Judge Robert McCallen, III, Wabash Circuit Court presented documentation regarding the emergency procurement of a computer and software to replace a system that crashed last week. Templin motioned to approve the procurement. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0. Commissioners signed the agreement with CIS.

Commissioners were asked to attend a Special Joint Session for Commissioners and Council Members on Monday, November 17, 2008 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room regarding the Sheriff's Compensation and other budgetary matters.

Steve Jones, United Consultants reported that they are applying for federal monies on behalf of Wabash County to cover 80% of the costs of engineering the Covered Bridge Project.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:
County Auditor's Financial Report for September 30, 2008
County Treasurer's Monthly Report – for September 30, 2008
Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – September 30, 2008
IDEM: Notice of Decision: Approval – Effective Wabash Alloys, LLC
Wabash County Tourism Commission – Minutes of September 15, 2008

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. The Commissioners will also hold a Special Joint Session with the County Council to discuss a contract for the Sheriff and finalize the 2009 Budget on November 17, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

Approved as written on November 3, 2008.