

DECEMBER 1, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 1, 2008 following the County Council meeting and a small reception honoring retiring Commissioner Templin and County Council members Eppley and Fuller. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 11:45 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 November 24, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Bob Brown, EMA Director, offered the following clarifications on his report: Grant was \$305,000.00, the 12 hand held radios were for the Wabash City Police Department and would fill 75% of needed radios, and the quote for a new fleet car from Sheriff was \$23,175.00 from Dorais. Hauptert also stated the meeting started at 9:00 A.M. Templin motioned to approve the minutes as amended; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent reported two requests for road cuts from Troy Eads;

1. 4658 S 100W at Grace Fellowship Church, corner of 100W and SR 15 need to put in a drain;
2. 2401 W 700N - resident Mike Schuller wants a tile for a drain in the basement of his home.
The cost is \$10 per foot for a 40ft right of way.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported;

1. Parking lot security cameras are up and functioning.
2. Brown requested approval to attend a meeting on December 4th in South Bend for a State Meeting having three districts together. Commissioners unanimously approved request to attend meeting.
3. Brown wants to use funding to purchase a small 45 pound Honda 1000 watt generator. It runs around \$700.00. Brown stated he is waiting on an invoice regarding vests he is purchasing. He will have a better idea of funds available to purchase the portable generator after he receives an invoice. Brown stated he would revisit this request with Commissioners before the end of the year.

Hauptert stated Treasurer-Elect Sharon Shaw had requested permission to attend the newly elected Treasurer's meeting in December in Indianapolis. It is a one day meeting. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported;

1. Installation of a new exterior basement door, on east side of the courthouse, was completed last weekend by Draper Construction. It came in under quote.

2. Our current group life insurance, Lafayette Life, is ceasing group life and disability coverage. All existing coverage has been transferred to a new carrier; Sun Life Insurance. All the costs and benefits are all the same as previous carrier. All premiums have been locked in for the next 28 months.
3. South side façade window replacement project – a meeting will be held Monday, December 8th at 11:00 am. Dennis McKee, D-T Construction and Jeff Kumfer, Scarce & Rudisel will meet with Commissioners, Dils and Department heads of the affected offices. Templin expressed concerned for making sure that clean up be addressed in the meeting.
4. Dallas Duggan would like the Commissioners to visit the Probation Office to discuss needed changes. Commissioners agreed to visit next Monday, December 8, 2008, at 10:30 A.M. Also, Duggan had previously requested and received permission from the Commissioners for his staff to receive firearms training. Dils stated that although six individuals have completed the training, the Judges have not yet approved for these individuals to carry firearms.
5. Health Department informed Dils last Monday that they were applying for a Grant worth \$10,000.00. Jane Skeans, Public Health Nurse, asked him to get quotes to install a back up generator to support vital departmental functions in case of a power outage. Dils stated last week he and Bob Brown, EMA Director, had three contractors on-site and received one rough proposal. Dils stated he is expecting the other two proposals later this week. So far, the minimum cost would be around \$18,000.00 to install. Commissioners asked if there was funding available. Dils stated on Wednesday, Skeans informed him they may receive yet another grant to help with the difference of the cost of the proposed generator.

Auditor, Jane Ridgeway, reported that the Highway Department is running low on funds. Ridgeway requested permission to temporarily transfer money from Local Roads and Street fund. This would be repaid by December 31, 2008 or as soon as POET Revenue Bond proceeds are received for reimbursement of costs for the CR 800N Project. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Templin and passed with a 3-0 vote. Ridgeway stated we are anxiously waiting on the revenue from the TIF District Bonds for the reimbursements.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:
Payroll Claims & Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended – November 29, 2008
Accounts Payable Claims & Allowance Docket as advertised for December 1, 2008

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.