

DECEMBER 8, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 8, 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 December 1, 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 Supervisor reported:

1. Highway would like to switch the CDL testing to Indiana Testing facility as of the beginning of the year. They come on site, take samples, and complete their own lab work. They are more flexible on their hours, price is the same. Highway currently uses Wabash County Hospital. Steve Downs Commissioners' Attorney raised a thought of concern regarding the Highway Departments switching of the CDL testing from Wabash County Hospital. Downs wanted to stress the idea of using the local hospital. Commissioners stated they would take this under advisement and get back with Amones.

2. Invited the Commissioners to attend an early coordination meeting here in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse along with Wabash City officials on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. INDOT will hold an early coordination meeting to discuss all 2009 projects.

3. Amones has received the scoring on the bridges from the State. He would like to set up a time to review. Commissioners set next Monday, December 15, 2008, following Commissioners meeting.

Steve Hicks, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported;

1. The population last week in the County Jail was 111 with a peak of 116.
2. Hicks wanted to know if Commissioners had a decision on where to purchase the three fleet cars previously approved by Commissioners pending Council approval of budget. Council approved Budget last Monday, December 1, 1008. Commissioners unanimously approved the purchases from Wabash Valley Chrysler.
3. Wabash County resident Kassidy Garcia called about excessive music from a neighbor's home. County Coordinator Dils and Commissioner Hauptert stated they had also been contacted with the complaint. Hicks stated when police arrived the music was not excessively loud. Hicks asked if there is a noise ordinance for the County. Givens stated he had spoken with Mike Howard Wabash County Planning Director and a noise Ordinance is in the works.
4. Leroy Striker, Sheriff, discussed the changes that need to be addressed now that he will no longer be privately managing

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the kitchen at the jail. Striker stated in the past he has offered meals to the employees in his department for \$1.00. He wanted to know if this service would continue and if the pricing was set appropriately. Also Striker asked if a separate checking account needed to be set up for the kitchen fees and any emergency expenditure that the Jail Matron may run into. Commissioners discussed the need to contact State Board of Accounts for recommendations and or requirements. Auditor Jane Ridgeway stated she would contact the SBOA for their guidance and work with the Sheriff for a smooth transition and setting up the new accounting procedures.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported;

1. Last week Brown had discussed the desire to purchase a small 45 pound Honda Generator. It appears the funds will be available for the purchase. Brown stated he would like to purchase from Big R. Brown stated no one else in this county handles Honda. Brown had spoken with the Urbana Fire Department. They have two of these generators and are pleased. Brown stated the cost is approximately \$699.00 with a possible discount from Big R for 10%. Templin made a motion to approve request to purchase the Honda Generator for \$699.00 or less; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and a passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Brown also would like to purchase some battery rechargeable jumper packs and will check on pricing.
3. Brown stated we could receive a GIS Grant totaling about \$14,900.00 for the 2009 year. GIS data has to be available to the state after signing for the grant. Templin expressed concerned that the State has never given full disclosure of what will be done with the information. Brown and Commissioners agreed this needs to be reviewed and researched before any action is taken.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported;

1. Dils stated when working with the Wabash County Hospital in the past and they agreed to a 25% discount with small claims.
2. Change in Insurance - our contract with Employee Group Health Insurance reads that our employees are eligible for insurance coverage with 30 hours of service per week. It is 35 hours of service per week in our handbook. Dils presented Commissioners with an amendment to be compliant with our handbook changing the effective hours to 35 hours of service per week. Amendment was signed by Commissioner Givens.

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3. Dils informed Commissioners that the next Jail meeting is set for December 18th at 5:00 P.M.
4. Our current elevator maintenance contract is on an automatic renewal. Dils stated he would welcome comparable quotes to review. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Kathy Carter-Lower, Vital Records-Health Department, stated the Health Department would like to submit application for a Grant from West Nile Prevention at the Indiana Department of Health totaling \$1,000.00. It will be used as a part of public education to make people aware of the threat of the West Nile Virus to Wabash County Residents. Carter-Lower stated there is money in the county health fund to pay the initial fee that will then be reimbursed. Templin made motion to approve application for Grant; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Auditor, Jane Ridgeway stated we were the first county to file net assessed values for the 2009 budget.
State sent a note of congratulations for job well done.

Givens recognized Wilson's vacate request to vacate:
Part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 21, Township 20, Range 7E. In the Fausts Second and Third Addition in the platted town of Servia.

Alley Description

To Vacate that portion of the 16 ½ foot alley which lays south of Lot 11 in Fausts 2nd Addition, North of Lot 10 in Fausts 2nd Addition, West of 2nd Street, and East of the 16 ½ foot wide alley lies West of lots 10 and 11.

Street Description

To Vacate that portion of the 66 foot side Tanner Street which lays south of Lot 09 in Fausts 2nd Addition, North of Lot 25 in Fausts 3rd Addition, West of 2nd Street, and East of the 16 ½ foot alley which lies West of Lot 09., and extends South to the North line of Lot 25 in Fausts 3rd Addition.

Per Original Plat, Book #3 Pages 28, 29 and 124, 125.

David Wilson stated that pine trees have been planted and a drive way exists on this area. Wilson stated to his knowledge there were no ditches, tiles, or utilities in the area. Commissioners stated utilities, ditches, and tiles would need to be reviewed. Givens also stated depending on how the land is platted out, the land may need to be split with the neighbor. Wilson stated he wanted to vacate because according to his grandparents who had lived in the home for 65 years, it was already vacated. Wilson just wants it to be done. Wilson submitted his advertisements and certified receipts of notification to surrounding residents. Hauptert made a motion to take under advisement and review with drainage board; his motion was seconded by Templin and passed with a 3-0 vote.

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Ware Wimberley, III, Wabash Carnegie Library Director requested Wayne Barkey be reappointed to the Library Board. Templin made a motion to re-appoint Wayne Barkey on Library Board; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

- Dexter Axle letter: Notice of Entire Plant Closing
- IDEM: Receipt of Air Permit Application: Ford Meter Box Company, Inc
- Pathfinders letter concerning Recycling Division discontinue shredding services- Jim Dils will contact for details
- Commissioners Funds' Year-End Transfers
- Letter from Trula Frank: CVB Re-appointments for 2009- Templin made a motion to approve Andrew Duffy replacing Todd Richards and Pravina Patel to replace David Ericsson; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.
- Kelly Schenkel Claim - certification
- Payroll & Claims Schedules for 2009

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, December 15, 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 December 15, 2008.