

JULY 7, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday July 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order 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 June 30, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Templin made a motion to approve the minutes with a clarification of the suggested costs for electronic data in a proposed GIS ordinance. His motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Templin made a motion to declare today (Monday, July 7, 2008) dedicated in honor of former Sheriff and Highway Superintendent Larry Rice who passed away last week. Hauptert seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, reported they have started building up 1400N east of 100W.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported the following to the Commissioners:

- 1) An average daily population in the jail last week of 107.73
- 2) He presented three bids received for roof repair at the jail for the Board's review as follows:
 - A. Five Star Commercial Roofing Company from Hartford City: \$ 32,000
 - B. Bambi's Roofing, Inc. from Atwood: \$72,100
 - C. Curran Roofing Company from Marion, Indiana: \$119,519

Wabash County Emergency Management Director Bob Brown informed the Board he will have a meeting this afternoon with FEMA representatives concerning the County's infrastructure damage from the recent storms. He has estimated nearly \$180,000. Brown reported there usually is a 75% reimbursement for qualified costs. Brown also presented two bids from the communication tower replacement: 1) J-K Communications for \$31,793.45; 2) Mobil Radio of Kokomo. Following discussion the Board approved accepting the bid of J-K, providing the insurance carrier approves the specifications on a motion from Hauptert, a second by Templin and a 3-0 vote.

County Attorney Steve Downs reported he is continuing work on the following:

- 1) A False Alarm Ordinance
- 2) A contract with Craig Winegardner for Courthouse lawn maintenance;
- 3) An ordinance for GIS fees
- 4) Research on the County Ambulance contract
- 5) A proposed agreement with the City for Emergency Detention Orders was reviewed by the Board.

Trula Frank of the Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the Board with packets of their new and revised information to promote Wabash County. She reported on the revised City-County Map with updated information and the CVB's new website. Frank reviewed the proposed 2009 Budget for the CVB which will be partially funded by an anticipated \$86,000 from the County's Innkeepers Tax and reviewed various Community projects and the addition of Joyce Summers as part-time clerical staff.

Teresa Witkoske and Pandora Woodward of the County Extension Office presented an overview of some of the programs and activities of their office. Woodward thanked the Board for their past and present support and presented 2009 budget estimates for the 4-H Programs and Council. She asked for an increase in funding from the County in 2009 as well as various other funding sources to be used. Following the presentation, the Commissioners decided to increase their request for the 4-H Council Appropriation to \$5000 on a motion by Hauptert, a second by Templin and a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed more of their own 2009 Budget projects and requests to be presented to the County Council. They also reviewed and approved the following items:

Accounts Payable Claim and Allowance Docket as advertised for July 7, 2008
Appointment of Non-Voting Member for Redevelopment Commission
Wabash Fire Department Quarterly Report – June 2008
Employee Security Bond – Penny Collins, Soil and Water Conservation

They also reviewed the following:

Employee Bonding: Soil & Water Conservation
INDOT: Bridge #645 North Manchester Covered Bridge Preliminary Engineering Contract
UNITED Consulting: Driveway Permit – CR 800N and SR 13

The Commissioners met with Architect Jeff Kumfer of Scearce-Rudisel and discussed the various products, proposals and estimates for the Courthouse Entry Door and Window Projects

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved July 14, 2008