

JANUARY 3, 2012

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Scott E. Givens, Barry J. Eppley, and Brian K. Hauptert. Ridgeway opened the floor for nominations for the County Commissioner Chairman. Givens made a motion to nominate Brian Hauptert as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote. Ridgeway turned the meeting over to Chairman Brian Hauptert. Hauptert opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Givens made a motion to nominate Eppley; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 2-0 vote. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the December 19th and 30th, 2011 meetings were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 19th as presented and approved the minutes of the 30th as amended. His motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented two (2) requests for permits to construct utility fixtures within county-owned right-of-way from Frontier Communications:
 - a. Place cable 1,360 feet on the east side of CR 200 E north of Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester.
 - b. Start at the southwest corner of CR 200 E and 1400 N bore under 1400 N to 1590 E 1400 N.Eppley made a motion to approve both utility application requests; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to attend the Annual Bridge Conference to be held January 18th and 19th. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated one driver/operator will retire on January 31, 2012. Requested permission to begin the process to hire a replacement. Commissioners unanimously approved request.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 12/26/11. The average daily population was 75.28; one (1) inmate housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated he will be meeting with the Swanson Corporation regarding a cash free system that could be implemented at the Jail Commissary.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated EMA volunteered approximately four (4) hours last evening at SR 13 and SR 114 due to a transformer fire and power outage.
2. Stated he would like to acquire three (3) 60,000 watt military surplus generators that run both 120 and 240 current. The existing generators at the courthouse and central dispatch are a much lower wattage. Brown stated the cost would be \$700 per generator. Givens made a motion to proceed; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney,

1. Presented Resolution 2012-85-01 regulating traffic on county highways; specifically reducing the speed limit to 45 mph on Cooper Road from Mill Creek Pike to 700 West. Eppley made a motion on the second reading of Resolution 2012-85-01; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated it is acceptable to transfer an old courthouse server to the Lagro Township Trustee. The terms are to be decided and drafted in an identical resolution to be adopted by both the township and county.
3. Continues to work on revising the Animal Control Ordinance
4. Stated the Cumulative Bridge Fund Ordinance and the K2 Ordinance should be presented to the Council as they pertain to financial matters.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder, requested permission to upgrade her computer software and replace the server to handle the upgrade. The vendor will be the current provider Fidlar Technologies Inc. The upgrade will be paid from the Recorder's Security Protection Fund and the Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund for a total cost of \$14,911.84. Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented a request to hold the Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage on February 12, 2012 on the courthouse grounds.
2. Stated the County Tobacco Free Coalition Youth members from Wabash High School and Manchester Intermediate School would like to conduct a cigarette butt clean-up on March 21 at 4:30 P.M. beginning in the courthouse parking Lot. They will then walk to the front of the Sheriff's Department and end up at 41 West Canal Street which is the CTFC office. Commissioners unanimously agreed to allow both activities at the courthouse.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Discussed the 2012 Appointment to Region III-A Board of Directors. Eppley made a motion to appoint Brian Hauptert; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the 2012 Appointment recommendations to Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Beth Driscoll – Charley Creek Inn, Richard Ford Foundation and Sue Hampton – Wabash Holiday Inn. Both appointees would be nominated for a two (2) year directorship beginning January 1, 2012. Eppley made a motion to appoint Beth Driscoll and Sue Hampton for a two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2012; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented the 2012 Annual Appointment of Veteran Service Officer; Max Reed. Eppley made a motion to appoint Max Reed as the 2012 Veteran Service officer; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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4. Presented Officials Bonds for Commissioners' Acceptance: Auditor and Surveyor. Givens made a motion to approve both bonds; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Presented the Report of Wabash County Salaries and Wages paid in 2011
6. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 1-03-2012; TIF:
 - a. Ford Meter Box: 12/21/11 \$ 35,000.00
 - b. POET: 12/29/11 \$125,000.00
 - c. POET: 1/3/2012 \$984,695.83Commissioners unanimously approved.
7. Stated the final Sheriff Pension Fund payment was made from the Rainy Day Fund on 12/21/11 for a total of \$59,139.
8. Presented a claim from the City of Wabash for reimbursement to the city for payment to Barnes and Thornburg totaling \$25,750 for the Charley Creek Inn TIF bond. Ridgeway stated there has been some interest in distributing the City's TIF funds directly to be maintained by the Wabash City Clerk-Treasurer. Commissioners unanimously approved payment of the claims and unanimously approved for the City to hold and maintain this TIF Fund, as well as the other City Redevelopment Commission created TIF Funds. Ridgeway stated the paperwork will be drafted for transfer of control.
9. Stated she will meet with Bill Konyha later this week to help finalize the paperwork to close the POET Infrastructure Grant.
10. Presented request to appoint Mary K Kramer, 3757 W Millcreek Pike, to the Wabash City Plan Commission. Eppley made a motion to appoint Mary K. Kramer to the City Plan Commission as of January 1, 2012; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Year-end review of Commissioners' Budgeted Accounts

2012 Annual Dues for IACC: \$950

2012 Region III-A Annual Appropriation: \$12,445

2012 Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor, Inc. Contribution: \$3,000

Weights and Measures Monthly Report as of 12-15-11

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Reminder: County Council Organizational Meeting will be held at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, January 9, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

- Approved as written – January 9, 2012