

## JANUARY 23, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 23, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented two (2) utility applications from Frontier Communications requesting permission to bury cable at 4790 E 1300 N and 3788 W Mill Creek Pike. Eppley made a motion to approve both requests; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Recommended that Jimmy Gibson be hired for the Operator/Driver replacement; approved at the January 3, 2012 meeting. Commissioners gave unanimous approval. Gibson will start on February 6, 2012.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 1/22/12. The average daily population was 86.42; four (4) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail. Land stated extra cots were obtained from the Miami County Jail.
2. Presented the Sheriff Department's 2011 State of the County Report.
3. Presented lease agreement from Crossroads Bank for three (3) 2012 Dodge Chargers from Wabash Valley Chrysler; contracts have been reviewed and approved by County Attorney Steve Downs. This will be a three (3) year lease agreement for a total payment of \$70,642; first semi-annual payment due June 6, 2012. Land stated at the end of the lease, the county will own all three (3) vehicles. Land said using the lease option allows remaining funds to equip all vehicles and purchase of a used 4-wheel drive vehicle from Wabash Valley Chrysler.
4. Requested permission to trade-in the Sheriff Department's 2007 Ford Explorer for the purchase of the used 2005 4-wheel drive Jeep. The cost will be \$14,875 minus \$1,200 for the trade-in; a total of \$13,675. Eppley made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Stated Attorney Downs continues to review agreements for the proposed kiosk system at the Jail Commissary.

Keith Walters, Assistant EMA Director, was present with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney,

1. Presented Resolution 2012-85-02, approved at the December 19, 2011 Commissioners' meeting, authorizing the transfer of property to Lagro Township; a used county server for \$35 with no warranty. Commissioners signed Resolution 2012-85-02. An identical resolution will be presented to

## JANUARY 23, 2012

Lagro Township Trustee Andy Delong for approval and the signatures of the Largo Township Advisory Board.

2. Stated he will be present at tonight's Council meeting to present the proposed K2 ordinance and the proposed ordinance for authorizing the retention of interest in the Cumulative Bridge Fund, approved by the Commissioners as Resolution 2011-85-12 on December 12, 2011.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with no report.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Wabash County 2011 Annual Financial Report
2. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 1-21-12. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 1-23-12. Commissioners unanimously approved.
4. Informed Commissioners that Attorney Downs is reviewing a proposed resolution, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-8-5.1 which would allow the transfer of unused and unencumbered funds from the General Fund 2011 budget into the Rainy Day Fund. The above statute states that no more than ten percent (10 %) of the total budget for that fiscal year can be transferred into the Rainy Day Fund. The total transfer would be \$691,406 which allows a \$875,000 cash operating balance in the General Fund and for un-appropriated expenses in 2012. Ridgeway stated she will present the proposed resolution at tonight's Council meeting. Commissioners unanimously approved.

### **Items for Commissioners' review:**

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts for December 2011

Wabash County Historical Museum Claim – Second half 2011 Allocation totaling \$7,500

ARC of Wabash County, Inc. Claim – First quarter of 2012 Allocation: \$14,625

Weights & Measures Monthly Report Dec. 16, 2011- January 15, 2012

CEDIT Encumbrances: Laketon Sewer Project \$1,900 and Grossnickle Drain Project \$210,000

Microvote Software License Agreement from the Clerk – Eppley made a motion to approve contract agreement; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Haupert signed agreement.

SRI Tax Sale Statistics

Intrasect HP Care Packs for server totaling \$946 – Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

2012 Budget Status Booklets

Hauptert stated he received a letter from State Representative Rebecca Kubacki regarding the Class D Felon letter sent jointly by the Wabash County Commissioners and the Wabash County Council. Kubacki stated she has discussed the issue with members of the State legislature. She will continue to gather information and update the Wabash County Commissioners on the issue.

## **JANUARY 23, 2012**

Sheriff Land stated he will be at the State House tomorrow for the committee's hearing and will report his findings regarding this issue.

Hauptert made a motion to appoint Eppley as representative on the Brownfield Coalition Committee; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Auditor Ridgeway stated she would prepare a list of all Commissioners' committees and board appointments for next week's meeting.

Eppley announced that Doug Kroft of Kroft Construction, who completed the Commissioners' meeting room renovation, used wood from the former judges' desks and created a cabinet which he presented as a gift to the county. Eppley extended his appreciation to Kroft for his gift.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, January 30, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – January 30, 2012