

## AUGUST 15, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the August 8th meeting were approved as written, on a motion by Darle, seconded by Brian and approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

County Highway Foreman Phil Amones reported to the Commissioners that the Chip and Seal projects are now completed with 140.2 miles finished this summer. Darle asked that he check on a complaint received about mowing at the corner of State Road 114 & 400E.

County Health nurses Jane Skeans and Lori Foust were present to inform the Commissioners that Larry Thrush, attorney for the County Health Board, was currently drawing up a contract for the position of Local Public Health Coordinator as an independent contractor rather than a county employee position as previously requested. They stated that this contract would be between the Wabash County Commissioners, the Wabash County Health Board and Keith Walters and would involve no county employee benefits. Skeans said that only 4 or 5 other counties do not have a Local Public Health Coordinator. When asked by the board what the duties of the Local Public Health Coordinator would be, Skeans and Foust replied: (1) "planning for emergencies" such as a mass prophylaxis clinic; (2) "training" volunteers and others as there could be a need of up to 360 people to help with one clinic. They stated that currently there are only 11 listed as trained to give smallpox inoculations in Wabash County; (3) "disaster coordination" such as working with local health care facilities, volunteer fire departments, health care providers and others. They also stated that all of these duties cannot be done in 20 hours per week as the Wabash County Council had proposed for the position and that the state will not deal with the county nurse positions they will only deal with a local public health coordinator for statewide planning. The board asked that they have Mr. Thrush direct the contract to the Commissioner's Attorney Tom Mattern for review prior to the next Commissioners meeting.

Ralph Bolinger presented the Commissioners with a DEED OF DEDICATION for the roadways in the Cherry Springs Estates subdivision. This deed would dedicate to the county 2.58 acres more or less of roadway 40' wide. Following review of the document, Brian moved to accept the deed, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote. When asked about signage to be placed on the roadway, the board told Mr. Bolinger that the state would be responsible to place a stop sign at the intersection of State Road 15 and any speed limit signs would need to be petitioned by the property owners to the Commissioners.

Mary Ellen Clark, Wabash County CASA Director, asked the Commissioners to approve and sign an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute S.T.O.P. and VOCA GRANT PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE agreement for the changes in the CASA funding grant for Our Children, Our Future. She explained that now the CASA grants will be a “spend-down” status need. The board granted the request and Chairman Les Templin signed the agreement.

Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel reported to the board on the progress of the GIS request for proposals. She stated that with all the problems her office had been having in rolling over the new assessed values to the auditor’s office she had not had the time to work on researching the specifications needed for a new GIS program for the county. Following discussion the Commissioners suggested that a committee of county officials and employees who would be using the GIS system be formed to work together to investigate various programs available and seek the advice of other counties currently using GIS for their input and assessment. Schenkel and County Auditor Jane Ridgeway were asked to begin organizing such a committee and to try to meet weekly.

The board approved the payroll claims and allowance docket for the pay period ending August 12<sup>th</sup>, they also reviewed the following:

- a) The Monthly Report of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the month of July, 2005.
- b) IDEM Permit Application Plans and Specifications for Sanitary Sewer Lift Station #10 Replacement Project for the City of Wabash.
- c) IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval of GDX Automotive permit for a stationary rubber and plastic parts manufacturing operation.
- d) IDEM Expired Approval for Ned L. Bowman Farm # 3114 to operate above threshold numbers – 300 dairy.
- e) IDEM Expired Approval for Bryan Deeter Farm # 1855 to operate above threshold numbers – 600 swine.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, August 22, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.