

JANUARY 18, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on January 18, 2005, in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present.

Minutes for the January 10th meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, presented a contract with United Consultants for construction inspection of Bridge 208 located on Old State Road 24 over the railroad. Steve Jones of United was present to answer any questions and reported that the project was scheduled to be let in May with 80% of the expected \$88,000. costs to be covered by Federal Highway funds. Brian moved to approve the contract with United and Darle seconded the motion. It was approved by a 3 to 0 vote. The commissioners also approved and signed the title sheet for the blueprint plans for the Bridge 208 construction.

Rice also gave an update on the county roads situation following the recent storms with 12 roads still closed due to high water or washed out road areas. He expressed his frustration with the problems of individuals stealing, moving or driving around the warning barricades that his department has placed at the flooded areas.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections director updated the commissioners on the Moake Park recommendations for potential cost savings for the work release program area remodeling. One suggestion was to use inmates to do the painting. The commissioners decided to take these recommendations under advisement. The commissioners also reviewed the Wabash Co. Community Corrections report for the month of December, 2004 as submitted by Hobson.

A software maintenance agreement for the MicroVote Election Mgt. System at \$1650 per year was approved on a recommendation of Clerk Lori Draper. Moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, passed by a 3 to 0 vote.

Following a request from Wabash County Hospital to re-appoint Kelly Stouffer for another four-year term, Brian moved in favor of the appointment, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented for review: the Payroll Claim & Allowance docket for January 7th; Insurance premium claims from Beauchamp & McSpadden; Custodian's hourly report; and a schedule of IV-D hearings to be held in the courthouse.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be January 24th, following 8:00 A.M. County Council meeting.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Brian K. Hauptert

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Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor