

MAY 2, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on May 2, 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 April 25th meeting were approved with one correction: Fred Hoover not Brewer was present with the group presenting a traffic petition. Moved by Brian, seconded by Les, approved by a 2 to 0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reviewed GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2005-I: AN ORDINANCE CREATING, AMENDING A SPEED ZONE, Creating a 35 mph speed zone on Old State Road 24 West past the Wabash Alloys plant entrance. Brian moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Chairman Les Templin signed the ordinance prepared by Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern.

Also reviewed was GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2005-III: AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, Creating a four-way stop at the intersection of 200E and 250S. As approved at the April 25th meeting. Commissioner Chairman Les Templin also signed this ordinance prepared by Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern.

Rice then discussed damage being done to county roads by farm equipment and the cost to the county for the repairs. Rice asked permission to mow any crops planted in the county road right-of-way and also to bill landowners for the cost of repairs to damaged roads. Brian moved to authorize both requests, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

A request to obtain quotes to trade for a government bid pick-up truck for the highway department was approved on a motion by Brian, second by Darle and a vote of 3-0.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, reported the court had appointed a panel of three appraisers for the eminent domain case connected with the Old State Road 15 S, Phase II project and that they would be meeting next week. Also reported was an agreement reached for the Cly property, thanks to the efforts of Les, Larry, Phil and Toby Steffen of Butler, Fairman & Seufert.

Mattern also reported receiving a letter from Natalie J. Stucky of Bose, McKinney and Evans LLP law firm concerning Mortgage Releases - Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS").

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA Director, presented a request from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to change the flood level at the Wabash Street bridge from a 12' level to a 14' level as recommended by the Weather Service. Brian moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Brown also asked approval to seek quotes to purchase upgrades to the EMA radio equipment not to exceed \$2200. Approved on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote. Brown will now request an additional appropriation from the council to pay for the upgrade from E-911 funds.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Lori Draper was present to request permission to take two staff members with her to attend the Clerk's Conference on June 21st. Permission was granted by the board. Draper also asked the board to sign an agreement with CSI Computer Systems, Inc. for the procurement and implementation of the Clerk's computer system as proposed. This agreement had been previously approved by vote.

Les read a letter from Jim Ridenour, President of the Wabash County Historical Museum, Inc. requesting \$20,000 from available Solid Waste District grant funds to assist in purchasing carpeting and installation for the museum. Darle moved to grant the request, seconded by Les. As a member of the museum board, Brian abstained. The request was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry from the Council on Aging presented the First Quarter report which the Commissioners signed. She also reported it is time to apply for new years funds.

Circuit Court Judge Robert McCallen III, along with the Clerk presented ORDINANCE 2005-II: AUTHORIZING A SENTENCING COURT TO ORDER A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO REIMBURSE A COUNTY FOR THE COSTS OF THE DEFENDANT'S INCARCERATION. Following an explanation of Indiana Code 36-2-13-15 and discussion of the proposed ordinance, Brian moved to pass the ordinance as presented allowing that a person MAY be ordered to reimburse the county. He also requested a report of collections from the Judge and or Probation department in one year, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

County Auditor Jane Ridgeway relayed to the board a request from the Animal Shelter to check into trading a pick-up truck gifted by the county for a newer truck. The commissioners approved the request to obtain quotes on a trade and asked that insurance quotes also be obtained. It was requested that the Animal Shelter representatives meet with the Board of Commissioners to present the quotes.

Following discussion the Commissioners were in agreement that Les Templin would replace Brian Haupert on the WEDCOR board, accepting his resignation and that Brian would replace Les on the Workforce Development Board. Notification of the new appointments will be made to the respective organizations.

The Commissioners asked the Auditor to begin the procedures to prepare an Ordinance to increase the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund tax rate to be effective in the year 2006. The auditor was also given permission to attend the Spring Conference of the Indiana Auditor's Association the last week of May.

Following discussion Brian moved to accept an agreement with Pay Trust Solutions for Bond Payments, seconded by Darle, and passed on a 3-0 vote.

Also reviewed were: Claims advertised to be paid, A security agreement contract for an alarm system in the judicial building, a final acceptance of a proposal for 2005 Trending Adjustment with William P. Schultz, and hours for custodian Dick Smith

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be May 9, in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Brian K. Haupert

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Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor