

MAY 23, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session following the Wabash County Council meeting, Wabash County Courthouse.

Vice Chairman Darle Dawes called the meeting to order with Brian Hauptert present, Les Templin on vacation.

Minutes for the May 16th meeting were approved as written. Moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, approved by a 2 to 0 vote.

Highway Foreman Phil Amones presented a petition from Connie Smith of Urbana requesting a four-way stop at the corner of Ruth and Washington Steets, one block north of the Urbana Post Office. Brian moved to take the petition under advisement, seconde by Darle and approved by a 2-0 vote.

Amones also reported road damage on 500N west of 700W where a concrete bunker-type silo being built. The owners received a building permit for a 60'x100' storage building from the Plan Commission. The department has received complaints saying that they are planning to store chicken manure in the open structure. Brian stated that the damage to the road needs to be addressed to the property owner and Darle stated that since we do want to encourage development, we should perhaps find comparisons of other counties and how they address the issue.

The Board of Commissioners approved a contract with United Consulting for Construction and Project Management for Bridge 208. Also they reviewed quotes for a 2006 Extended Cab pickup truck, accepting the lowest quote from Denney Motor Sales for \$24,050, on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a vote of 2-0.

County Attorney Tom Mattern reviewed the eminent domain case process, reporting that the court appointed appraisers filed their report on 5/13/05 of a value of \$700. for the Prosser property in question. Brian moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Darle and approved by a 2-0 vote.

The Commissioners reveiwed and signed the Local Road and Street Annual Financial Report; reviewed a letter from ARC concerning a meeting with interested officials previously set for June 20th; The County Treasurer's Report for April; and the Payroll claims and allowance docket for 5/21/05. An agreement with Pay Trust Solutions was tabled until the next meeting.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 101 inmates in jail today.

County Clerk Lori Draper inquired about the telephone line and alarm system at the judicial center annex and reported on the damage reported thus far due to the power outage this morning. Brian suggested it would be prudent to send out requests for all departments to check and report any damage to the Auditor due to the power problem.

Veteran's Service Officer Max Reed was present to inquire about having the carpets cleaned in courthouse offices he will be moving into, telephone and internet service. He will get estimates and report back to the board.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 31st, in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor