

JUNE 20, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present.

Minutes for the June 13th meeting were approved with one addition: Permission was granted for Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel and two of her staff to attend an Assessor's Conference in Indianapolis July 31st - August 4th, at a registration fee of \$135. each plus expenses. Deputy Noble Township Assessor Jean Schuler will be working the County Assessor's office during that time. Moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, and approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

County Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported:

- 1) Division Road 700' east of State Road 15 has a regulated drain with sinkholes on each side of it, he requested that the Drainage Board look at the situation and see about necessary repairs.
- 2) Rice asked the commissioners to sign the Notice to Bidders for 1200 tons or less of Calcium Chloride or Rock Salt delivered to the Wabash County Highway Department. Bids to be received at 10:00 A.M. on July 18, 2005.
- 3) He presented a request for permission by Great Lakes Geophysical to conduct a vibroseis geophysical seismic survey along 600W between 100N & 400N (Paullus Road) and 300N between 200W & 500E (Mattern Road). Rice commented that the company has included a certificate of insurance. Brian moved to grant the request, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.
- 4) Rice reported that he had discovered that the 950S-350W DNR Access Road project had been removed from the July bidding schedule due to new procedures set by the state. By meeting and talking with various state officials, he has worked to have the bidding rescheduled and it may now be on for August bidding.
- 5) Rice commented that the Phase II part of the State Road 15 S project is still set for contract letting on July 20th.
- 6) Also that the floor has been repaired at the Highway garage.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported that 86 inmates were in jail today and that they would be moving 5 inmates into the new Community Corrections on Monday, June 27th. Also that Rick Hahn has been hired as the new full-time Community Corrections Field Officer moving from a Jail Officer position so the Sheriff will begin interviewing to fill that position.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Lori Draper reported that her microfilm camera broke last week and the repair was \$357.50 plus it needs additional repair parts. She currently has no appropriation in her Record Perpetuation Fund for the repair but could use her Clerk's Incentive Funds for the expense as they do not have to be appropriated. She also reported that the carpet wrinkling is better but not completely smooth in the judicial annex building, the air exchanger has been turned off and she feels it may be a problem on very humid days. She had rented a dehumidifier but would need two for each floor to do an effective job. Also she reported that Roger Ford had given her an estimate for washing the front windows inside and out and cleaning the lights. No action was taken.

The clerk also reminded that the County is to appoint a committee to recheck the polling places for HAVA compliance from the survey committee report done earlier. She recommended Ann Gillespie and Susan Doctor be appointed, Brian so moved, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported that the June Property Tax Settlement checks had been issued to the taxing units of the county on Friday, June 17th.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer, requested permission for herself and her deputy to attend the Treasurer's Convention for three days in August. Extra part-time staff will be hired to cover her office during this time. The board granted her request.

Following the Drainage Board meeting, several County Officials met with the Commissioners to discuss Salary, Wage & Benefits issues and recommendations for increases for the 2006 Budget Year. They also asked the Commissioners to consider requesting an increase in the mileage rate paid.

The Commissioners reviewed:

- 1) Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for the period ending June 17th.
- 2) Weights and Measures Monthly Report for May.
- 3) Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Report for May.
- 4) County Treasurer's Monthly Report for April.
- 5) Auditor's Monthly Financial Reports for May 31st & June 17th

Commissioners met in an afternoon session to work on Budget Requests for 2006.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, June 27th, following the Wabash County Council Meeting at 8:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

ATTEST:

Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor