

SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on September 12, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the September 6th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Brian, seconded by Les and approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

County Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported to the Commissioners as follows:

- 1) The replacement culvert for Pleasant 49 at Ijamsville is in and open.
- 2) Still no answer on Phase II Old State Road 15. Brian had talked with Senator Weatherwax and there are several other counties in the same position.
- 3) Bridge 13 power lines are back up.

Rice and the board also reviewed a claim for the new pick-up truck, the commissioners approved the claim for payment on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote; Verizon claims for damages; and a Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance for Old State Road 15 Phase III submitted for approval by Bill Cook of INDOT.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern reported a hearing set for September 23rd at 1:00 P.M. for a request to release funds by the Prossers for the Old State Road 15 Phase II project. The board had no objections. He also reviewed the Grant County Ordinance for administrative expense dealing with grants and the board instructed him to draw up a similar ordinance for Wabash County.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 99 in jail today, and also reported to the board:

1. Reserve officer Campbell was involved in a car crash with a deer.
2. Chief Deputy Mike Shrider has returned from temporary duty in New Orleans.
3. Deputy Steve Hicks and Dusty have also returned from helping in Mississippi.
4. An incident at the jail this morning with a sewer backed up but it is currently being repaired and cleaned.
5. Discussed the 2006 budget concerning telephone expense in the E 911 fund.
6. Notified the board that he filed Additional Appropriation requests for gasoline, water & sewer for the 2005 budget with the County Council to be considered in October.

Bids were received and opened for improvements to the old law library as advertised at 9:30 A.M. when Brian moved to close the bids, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Two bids were received:

A. D-T Construction of Silver Lake: Base bid \$74,983.00; Alternate 1 - \$ - 400.00;

Alternate 2 - \$ 12,660.00 (Item 3); & Alternate 3 - \$ - 2100.00 (Item 4)

B. Pete Gross General Construction of Warsaw: Base bid \$104,328.52; Alternate 1 - \$-300.00;

Alternate 2 - X; & Alternate 3 - X

Bob Wade representing Searce Rudisel Architects reviewed the bids with the Commissioners and Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern. The board wanted to know about the time frame expected for the project, Wade thought Project Architect Jeff Kumfer would have to clarify some of the details and alternate bids. Darle moved to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Brian and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, Wabash County Emergency Management Director, reported to the board on the recent National Incident Management System (NIMS) training held in Wabash. He reported 54 participants. He presented the following resolution to the Commissioners that was adopted on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a vote of 3-0:

WABASH COUNTY INDIANA

RESOLUTION # 2005-5

A Resolution

ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)
as the requisite emergency management system for WABASH COUNTY INDIANA.

It is hereby resolved by the County of Wabash, State of Indiana that:

WHEREAS; Emergency Response to critical incidents, whether natural or manmade, requires integrated professional management, and

WHEREAS; Unified Command of such incidents is recognized as the management model to maximize the public safety response, and

WHEREAS; The National Incident Management System, herein referred to as NIMS, has been identified by the Federal Government as being the requisite emergency management system for all political subdivisions, and

WHEREAS; Failure to adopt NIMS as the requisite emergency management system may preclude reimbursement to the political subdivision for costs expended during and after a declared emergency or disaster and for training and preparation for such emergencies or disasters.

THEREFORE; It shall be the public policy of Wabash County Indiana to adopt the NIMS concept of emergency planning and unified command. It shall further be the policy of Wabash County Indiana to train public officials responsible for emergency management.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2005 by the Wabash County Indiana Board of Commissioners

By: /s/ Lester Templin, President /s/ Darle Dawes, Commissioner /s/ Brian
Hauptert, Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor

Mary Ellen Clark, CASA Director explained that her organization, Our Children, Our Future, will be merging with the Youth Services Bureau of Wabash County and moving into the Wabash Chamber of Commerce offices. She presented a memorandum of understanding requesting the Commissioners approval for a change in grant writing procedures with the new structure of the organization. The commissioners were in consensus to approve the memorandum.

Wabash City Mayor Bob Vanlandingham was present to hear Fred Lanahan Regional Director of WorkOne discuss the changes with the new regional workforce board effective July 1, 2006. Wabash County will be joining the Northeast region of Fort Wayne and will have an appointment to make on the new board from the elected officials including the Mayor and the three Commissioners. On the present 45 member board both the Mayor and one Commissioner represent Wabash County but on the new 16 member board only one representative will be appointed to speak for all four county officials. Lanahan explained the make up of the board will be 1 from each of the 11 counties in the region, 1 appointment from each of the 4 largest cities in the region (Fort Wayne, Marion, Huntington & New Haven) which will represent Labor, Economic Development, Education and Faith-based organization and then one additional member from the largest city, Fort Wayne. Following discussion, Brian nominated Mayor Vanlandingham to be the county's representative, seconded by Les and a 3-0 vote. The Mayor accepted the nomination on the agreement it will be a cooperative effort and one of the Commissioners will step in when needed.

The Commissioners also reviewed:

1. Payroll Claims Docket and Allowance for the pay period ended September 10th.
2. A letter from the City of Wabash discussing a new Capital Improvement Plan for the County to be prepared and adopted prior to 2006 to cover the years 2006, 2007 & 2008.
3. Findings of Fact and Order from the Board of Works and Safety of the City of Wabash (Hearing Authority) of September 7, 2005 in reference to and Order to Remove Unsafe Building at 693 Calhoun Street and 664 Calhoun Street, Wabash, Indiana.
4. IDEM Expired Approval for the Nathan Vrooman Wabash County Farm ID#4415.
5. IDEM Notice of Public Comment for a proposed air permit by Manchester Metals, LLC.

6. Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission meeting minutes of July 13th and agenda for September 14th.
7. Report of the Tax Sale for delinquent properties to be held on October 26, 9:00 A.M.
8. Auditor's report of the meeting with Manatron representative last week.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, September 19th, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.