

OCTOBER 17, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session on October 17, 2005 in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman of the Commissioners Les Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes for the October 11th meeting were approved as written on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice gave his weekly report to the Commissioners:

1. The Old State Road 15 Phase II project is still held up in INDOT attorney's office due. The county share has been paid and nothing is proceeding as this point.
2. He also presented a Request for Verizon to bury cable along 500' south of 500S to Whites Residential property at 5233 S. CR 50E.
3. A Conflict of Interest statement was filed by Clerk of the Circuit Court Lori Draper as a partner in Draper Construction who is doing some remodeling work at the highway office.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported a daily average jail population of 103 for the October 9-16 period. He also reported he is currently waiting on damage estimates on a vehicle in his fleet involved in a crash over the weekend. Discussion was held about a new teen court planned by Superior Court Judge Goff for one evening biweekly. Striker mentioned that his facility could be used as well as the courthouse if necessary.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern had nothing to report.

Wabash County Emergency Management Director Bob Brown presented the EMA 2006 grant proposals to the Commissioners:

1. Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program has \$40,068. available with plans to continue to add mobile data units in police cars for North Manchester, Wabash City and Wabash County and also using \$850 (SHSP grant) from Homeland Security. Brian moved to approve the request pending the confirmation of receiving the grants, Darle seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote.
2. Additionally a Homeland Security Grant for \$68,369. less the 850. above should be available for the county in the new year. Recommendations from the EMAC grant planning committee are as follows:
 - a. 16 - 800Mz handheld radios for \$21,136.
 - b. 3 - Large screen monitors and software for \$5,499.95
 - c. A security management system for the Courthouse for \$11,500.
 - d. A county employee ID SMART CARD system for \$9500.00
3. Brown also asked Commissioners opinion about a request to take over parking control for Southwood High School ballgames using seven

reserve officers and to continue to assist North Manchester police with Halloween patrols on weekends. The board stated they had no problem with trying the additional patrols for a while. Brian moved to allow EMA to work with the schools and community to provide unarmed security within the county, Darle seconded the motion and it passed on a 3-0 vote.

Extension Office Manager Nancy Radabaugh discussed the relocation of her offices stating they had selected the paint and carpet colors; they hope to keep the same telephone extension numbers; and requested using a counter top from the current employee break area which they could trade for a smaller one. She also said they have marked the outlets needed in the new rooms and will need new keys and locks for the area. The extension office currently has a copy machine purchased by the Commissioners in need of expensive repair and feels they would rather purchase a new portable copier for less. The Commissioners agreed.

The Board then addressed change orders for the second floor remodeling:

1. An additional \$1261. for the surveyor's room 203. Approved on a 3-0 vote following a motion by Brian and seconded by Darle.
2. Deleting a suggested diamond bulkhead at a cost of \$2234. Also on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.
3. An addition to the contract to include the Extension Office work due to the time frame for an additional \$25,192. which Brian also moved to approve, seconded by Darle and passed on a 3-0 vote.

Brian reported an offer from a local individual for safe secure storage of the pews and banisters etc. to be removed from the Superior Court area and suggested using that option. He moved to cancel the County Surplus Auction planned for October 28th due to a lack of items to be sold at this time, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

The board also reviewed and NPDES permit for Southline LLC for a concentrated animal feeding operation. A 700-800N CR 200E. The Commissioners asked Rice to respond to the permit request that the roads are not equipped to handle that increased traffic and weight for construction and operation of the facility and the owners will be responsible for damage to the roads. It was stated that Miami and Fulton Counties have ordinances through the planning commission to provide funds for repairs, etc. and that perhaps Wabash County should consider working that into our planning ordinances also.

Mrs. Rex France was present to discuss with the Commissioners the problem of transportation for her husband's dialysis treatments, as the Council of Aging is not able to provide that service. She was told that the

board has discussed the matter with the hospital and they are looking into possible solutions.

County Health Nurses Jane Skeans and Lori Foust presented the Commissioners an amended contract for the Local Public Health Coordinator as an independent contractor. Dr. Gifford and Dr. Beckett of the Health Board had signed the agreement. Brian moved to approve the contract, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, October 24, 2005 following the County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M.