

OCTOBER 24, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 2005 in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse following the Wabash County Council meeting. Chairman of the Commissioners Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the October 17th meeting were approved as written on a motion by Brian, seconded by Les and approved unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

Matt Bobay, Construction Engineer of Butler, Fairman & Seufert presented a change order to amend the last change order for the Old State Road 15, Phase III project by \$7000. The change order was approved on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote. Bobay also reported on the Wabash #13 (Mississenwa) Bridge project which has the last three items to be finished and is expected to have an over-run \$80,000. The county will be responsible for 20% of the additional cost.

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 and Bob Alterman hopes to have a definite answer this week. The contractors are ready to proceed.
2. A letter has been prepared in response to the IDEM permit issued to Southline LLC for a concentrated animal feeding operation stating 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.
3. Rice also reported that the road damage on 750S has been repaired.
4. Rice requested permission to present to council the thought of a Local Option Highway Use Tax presentation by Tom Martin of LTAP as a joint meeting with the Commissioners. The board had no objection to him setting up a presentation.
5. Rice also requested amending the Salary Ordinance to right the Department Heads the right to set the starting pay rate based on experience and has discussed this matter with some of the council members.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern is working on a utility ordinance and had nothing else to report.

Wabash Electric Information Technology official Tom Polk presented a revised proposal for an Assure-IT Service Agreement to expand his company's contract with the sheriff's department for IT consulting and computer maintenance for the Courthouse. The board asked Commissioner Attorney Mattern to review the agreement and report back to the board next week.

The board reviewed and approved the following:

1. 2006 Holiday Schedule
2. Meeting schedule for 2006
3. Custodian Dick Smith's hours worked for the past pay period.
4. Payroll Claims and Allowance docket for the period ending October 22, 2005
5. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 30, 2005.
6. Clerk's Monthly Report for September, 2005.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, October 31, 2005 following the County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M.