

NOVEMBER 14, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session on November 14, 2005 in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse. Vice Chairman of the Commissioners Darle Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Haupert present. Minutes for the November 7th meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 2-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average of 99 jail inmates this past week. The Sheriff also informed the board that he and Auditor Jane Ridgeway were working with representatives of Experience Works for possible part-time employees provided for training at no cost to the county. Mike Shrider of the Sheriff's Department presented an insurance check to be endorsed by the Commissioners for damages covered on one of the squad cars that had been wrecked recently.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported the following to the board:

- 1) The Old State Road 15 Phase II project should be processing now as an agreement has been reached between INDOT and IMI so contracts that have been held should now proceeding. He stated that McCoy will start on two of the three bridges.
- 2) Bridge# 208 – is moving along well.
- 3) Rice presented a Request to Bury Cable from Sprint on Co. Rd. 500 N – under 500 E approximately 120' to a new residence.

Tom Mattern has an approved Utility Easement form. Brian moved to adopt the policy for utility work, Darle seconded the motion and it passed on a 2-0 vote. It was decided to hold an Executive Session next week, November 21st at 8:00 A.M. to discuss a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment by Plaintiffs Otis G. Lawson and Rosemary Lawson vs. Danny Joe Price, Janice Price and the County of Wabash by the Wabash County Commissioners, Defendants to the fact that certain alleyways, controlled by the County of Wabash, are at issue in this cause of action.

The Board approved the Architect's drawings and plan specifications as presented on a motion by Brian, second by Darle and a 2-0 vote. Bids will be received November 21st at 9:00 A.M. for the Prosecutors Office remodeling.

Matt Bobay and Toby Steffen of Butler, Fairman & Seufert presented a final Change Order on the Old State Road 15 Phase III project. In addition, he reviewed the Phase II Project status and said he had a letter stating that the price would not be increased due to the delay. Jean Gilbert was present to ask about the sod placed along the Old State Road 15 Phase III project which is still in need of repair. Toby Steffen said he would check on that again.

County Assessor Kelly Schenkel, Noble Township Brenda Conner, County Surveyor Cheri Slee, and Plan Commission Assistant Jennifer McColley were present to request that the switchboard operators be located on the second floor of the courthouse. The commissioners were presented with a letter from the three part-time operators also requesting the same. The board said they would consider the requests and had not made a definite decision yet.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown reported on the battery back-up being installed in the Courthouse for the new generator.

The commissioners declined a request from the Auditor to submit an additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund for the new computer hardware and financial software systems at this time. They prefer to seek other funding sources.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be an Executive Session at 8:00 A. M. to discuss legal matters and the Regular Session at Monday, November 21, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.