

DECEMBER 5, 2005

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 5th following the Wabash County Council meeting. Commissioners Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the November 28th meeting were approved with a typo correction of Mr. Burdette's name by a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice gave his weekly report to the board as follows:

- 1) Matt Bobay of Butler, Fairman & Seufert had reported that the Old State Road 15 Phase II project is moving forward. – Clearing has been done for the bridge structures.
- 2) Rice also presented a request from NIPSCO for a road curve across from Northfield. This request was approved on a motion by Brian, second by Darle, and a 3-0 vote.
- 3) A design exception for Bridge 505 (the Ferry Street bridge) has to be presented to INDOT for a less severe cut on the west end of the bridge. This exception was approved and signed on the recommendation of Rice and a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern reviewed a letter he had sent to the Commissioners regarding a Commissioners Sale of “excess tax property”. The Commissioners had considered having a sale on March 6, 2007. Mattern reminded they would need a Resolution with a listing of the properties for sale and if any are over a value of \$50,000 they need council approval to sell. He suggested a joint resolution of the two bodies. The sale can be done by an auctioneer or a realtor and the commission for the sales will be paid from the proceeds. It was suggested that the board consider in early January what procedure might be done.

Mark Sellers was present to discuss with the Commissioners a permit from IDEM for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Proposed Facility to be built by Rod Merrick, Manager of Homestead Pork, LLC on Wabash County Farm ID #6393. Sellers believes that Merrick is planning to build in an area that floods. He presented pictures of previous flooding and a petition from some of the concerned area residents. The Commissioners feel that their “hands are tied” as all permits and approvals are done by the state. They suggested he might want to talk with his state representatives.

The auditor presented tentative 2005 year end budget figures for the Wards of County and State Institutions, Ambulance Service and an Additional Appropriation Request for the new Computer hardware for the courthouse to be purchased from the Cumulative Capital Development fund. The requests

will be presented to the Wabash County Council at a special meeting on December 20th at 7:00 P.M.

Tom Polk of Wabash Electric Information Technologies presented recommendations for the IT room to be located on the second floor of the courthouse and the specifications and quotes for the new computer hardware to be purchased for the new systems planned. The Commissioners requested an estimate from Quality Electric for the dedicated computer grade circuit with an isolated ground to be installed in the new IT room. Brian moved to request \$58,000 to be appropriated from the CCD fund, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Following a lunch break and Drainage Board meeting, the Commissioners met with Superior Court Judge Christopher Goff to discuss a Transfer Request for the purchase of a new copier. The Wabash County Council, earlier in the day, approved transferring \$2500 from Other Services and Charges: Petit Jurors to Capital Outlay: Equipment and \$1000 from Other Services and Charges: Petit Jurors to Supplies: Office Supplies for copier supplies pending the approval of the Commissioners. The Board approved the transfers on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners also addressed questions from Custodian Dick Smith about moving and storing the clerk's records and voting machines.

Following discussion about increasing the county mileage rate, Brian moved to change the rate from the current 32 cents a mile to 36 cents a mile effective January, 1, 2006, the motion was seconded by Les and passed on a 2-1 vote with Darle voting nay.

Also reviewed and approved was a Payment # 3 Request from Scarse-Rudisel for the Surveyors' office contract with D-T Construction for \$17,961 on a motion by Brian, second by Darle and a 3-0 vote. Quotes for the carpeting to be used in the Prosecutor's office were reviewed as follows:

- a. Helzer Carpet of Warsaw for \$ 5632.00
- b. Bower Carpet of Warsaw for \$ 4293.36
- c. Quality Discount Carpet of Wabash for \$5400.00
- d. K&M Carpet of Wabash for \$6062.00
- e. Miller Furniture of Wabash for \$7019.00 or \$6596.00

The Commissioners requested that the auditor check that the floor prep is included in all of the bids. Brian moved to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Darle and passed 3-0.

Treasurer LuAnn Layman introduced David Wagner of IMPAC out of Fort Wayne who discussed with the Commissioners the new postal rate changes for the postage meter machine which is 12 years old and quoted a new machine with a trade in for a net price of \$3892.00. Maintenance on the

new machine would be \$295. a year after the first year. The board decided to take the quote under advisement.

The Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for the Period ending December 3rd, 2005 were approved. Also approved were the advertised claims for December 5th.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.