

AUGUST 8, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse at 8:00 A.M. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the August 1st meeting were approved as written, on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

Angie DeLauter was present representing "The Wall That Heals", which will be displayed in Wabash August 25-28. She asked the permission of the Commissioners to decorate the porch entrances of the courthouse in honor of the event. Permission was granted allowing that no damage be done to the structure and the help some of the custodial staff was offered.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice gave his weekly report to the Commissioners: A) He reported 127 miles of Chip & Seal had been completed as of Friday. B) He has faxed Larry Thrush a copy of a road dedication for his use for the Cherry Springs Estates drive. C) Rice reported on a 10 yr INDOT Road Projects program meeting he attended last week. D) Presented a request for cable burial from Sprint at 390E from 124S to south of 700S. The Commissioners approved and signed the request. E) Rice reported on the condition of the America Road that he had been asked to evaluate. He feels the section in question of about 9.7 miles needs a good base and then chip & seal. He had obtained a quote for a cost of around \$92,874. per mile. The county would need to set specs and advertise for bids for the project. F) He is planning to attend a meeting on Wednesday with Shambaugh & Sons in reference to the Roann Covered Bridge. G) Rice also reported that the new drain in Urbana is in and just needs grading and seeding on both sides. Brian suggested that they should have the new drain tied into the Urbana Drain for maintenance and made the motion that the Commissioners petition the Drainage Board to accept the new Urbana Drain, seconded by Darle and approved on a 3 to 0 vote.

The Auditor reported on a call received by Wayne Renicker of 1150N north of Long Lake and west of 200W inquiring about why 1150N had not been chip and sealed as many others around it had been. Rice stated that section of road was not due yet in the timetable and maybe next year.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 104 in the Wabash County Jail today and reminded the Commissioners of a Central Dispatch meeting August 16th at noon. He stated J&K Communications would be available and the Wabash City Police Department also.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Lori Draper reported that the carpet in her office is wrinkled again and it has been looked at but not repaired to date. She also reported that her Microfilm camera has been repaired and will need to be

replaced. She is looking at scanning and imaging with disks and seeking quotes. She asked permission to use some of her Clerk's Incentive money for travel to look at other counties systems. Some of the programs she has looked at would be available for other county offices to use such as the health department. She hopes to have a new system in place by the end of September. Brian suggested she may want to check with the Wabash County Historical Museum as they just purchased a large document scanner. She also stated that the county should be able to purchase the documents scanned here for the State Museum project also. In addition she has placed an ad for applications to hire someone for Voter Registration.

Emergency Management Agency Director Bob Brown reported on the EMA grant applications. He has asked for a Homeland Security grant of \$63,369. and a Law Enforcement grant of \$40,068. for a total of \$ 108,437. He presented a draft for submission of grants for the board's review. Brian moved to approve the Homeland Security Subgrant application, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3 to 0 vote. Brown also presented a direct deposit request for EMA funds.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented a request to apply for an additional appropriation to pay for the ambulance service fees contract for the remainder of the current year. She suggested transferring an unspent appropriation of \$36,604. in the Wabash County CEDIT fund for the Judicial Center Building Loan, which was paid off in January. That, along with a balance in the ambulance appropriation (also from CEDIT of \$3000.) would cover the payments into October when the county would need to request an additional appropriation from the County Council for the balance of the year. The board directed her to prepare the necessary request from the County General Fund for the Council's September meeting.

The board discussed personnel matters and budget requests and reviewed the following:

- a) Land Acquisition Contract from the Indiana Department of Transportation for the Old State Road 15 from CR 1000 S. to SR 124 (Phase II) project.
- b) Hours worked by Memorial Hall and Jail Custodian Dick Smith.
- c) IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval for Manchester Metals, LLC from the Office of Air Quality
- d) IDEM Minor Source Modification to an Operating Permit for Manchester Metals, LLC.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, August 15, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.