

AUGUST 22, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on August 22, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the August 15th meeting were approved as written, on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

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

- 1) Rice presented a request to bore for gas lines from NIPSCO which was approved by the Commissioners.
- 2) Rice stated he had the boundary lines for the Urbana Drain and had given them to the County Surveyor.
- 3) The 950S – 300W Park Road State project was bid this past week and Brooks Construction was the low bidder.
- 4) Phase II of Old State Road 15 is one month & a week past the letting date.
- 5) The Roann Covered Bridge is in need of repairs at a cost of \$1170, Brian moved to proceed, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.
- 6) Rice also requested permission to replace the Highway Department Uni-loader in order to extend the life of the backhoe extend-a-hoe for an estimated cost of \$35,000-\$50,000. The board gave him permission to proceed on the purchase.
- 7) A letter was received from the Department of the Army concerning the painting on the Bridge 13 project and the concerns have been addressed.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 102 in the jail this morning. Striker also presented two petitions to alter traffic control in the LaFontaine area. One requesting a 40 mph speed limit on County Road 1000S from State Road 15 east to 390E and the second one also requesting a 40 mph speed limit on County Road 1100S from State Road 15 west to 350E then north to State Road 15. Both petitions were signed by 29 Liberty Township residents with a total of 42 signatures on each. Following discussion, Brian moved to approve both requests, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern said he would draw up the necessary ordinances for the traffic control change and also review the Health Department Ordinances presented earlier.

The Sheriff also reported that all three deputies had graduated from the Academy on Friday the 19th. He also reported that the gasoline budget appropriation for his department will be depleted next month and that he will need to request an additional appropriation for gasoline purchases for the remainder of the year.

Sheriff Striker then presented to the Commissioners recommendations of the Central Dispatch Advisory Committee, setting out the estimated costs of \$30,650 to locate in the Wabash County Jail instead of moving to the Wabash City Police Station among others. Striker asked as a representative of the Advisory Board for the Commissioners to consider the recommendations. Brian stated that he does not want to tap reserves in the E-911 fund and would like to see a working budget.

Clerk of the Circuit and Superior Courts Lori Draper discussed with the Commissioners the purchase of an Imaging-Scanner needed for her office and the need for PCs that must be Windows 2000 XP or newer for some of the new programs in her office. She is checking the Indiana Supreme Court for available PCs that had been replaced. In other business, the Commissioners approved training for the new Voter Registration employee as the Clerk sees fit.

Corky Cordes was present concerning an unregulated drain in Laketon which has been a problem for a property he owns. The board discussed possible solutions for the problem.

The Commissioners also reviewed:

- 1) Jail & Memorial Hall Custodian hours.
- 2) Courthouse Custodian overtime hours.
- 3) Community Corrections transfers for final remodeling claim.
- 4) Prosecutor's amended Form 144 for Salaries & Wages for employees to be presented to the County Council.

Joyce West of The Sidwell Company presented information about her company's GIS program.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, August 29, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.