

JANUARY 3, 2005

Wabash County Commissioners met for an organizational meeting at 9:00 A.M. on January 3, 2005.

Wabash County Auditor, Jane Ridgeway called the meeting to order with all members present. The first order of business was election of officers for the year 2005. Brian Hauptert nominated Les Templin for Chairman, seconded by Darle Dawes. Les was elected by a 3 to 0 vote. Nominations were then opened for Vice Chairman and Les nominated Darle, seconded by Brian. Darle was elected by a 3 to 0 vote.

Minutes for the December 20th meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, seconded by Darle.

Wabash County Sheriff, Leroy Striker, reported a jail population of 91 this morning. He also gave an update on the Community Corrections area project plans: with construction expected to begin on February 1 and be completed by March 31. Sheriff Striker also discussed the new laws effective 12/31/05 that establish a central dispatch and stated that he is working on a plan to have in place to comply with the new law.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer, was present to ask the commissioners to set a date for the annual Board of Finance meeting. The meeting was set for January 18th at 1:30 P.M.

Following discussion, the service agreement with Tyco Fire and Security, SimplexGrinnell, for a 24/7 monitoring in the Memorial Hall Annex was signed as previously approved.

A \$15,000 Public Official Bond for new auditor Jane Ridgeway was approved. Moved by Brian, seconded by Darle. Approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

With no further business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be January 10, in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor