

JANUARY 24, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session, following the Wabash County Council meeting in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the January 18th meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice discussed applying for INDOT funds offered for enhancement of covered bridges for the covered bridge in North Manchester which is estimated at a total cost of \$900,000 with the county to pay less than 20%. Brian moved to proceed with the application and Darle seconded the motion. It was approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

The commissioners also unanimously approved a request by Verizon to bury cable along a section of county roads between 950 S - 400W.

Rice requested that the commissioners allow him to reimburse Phil Amones for cost of computer spreadsheet classes he is taking at the vocational school to help the county comply with the required GASB 34 fixed asset reports. The commissioners decided to wait for the total cost of the courses including the \$50. registration fee.

Two highway trucks were reported to be in accidents over the past week. One rear-ended this morning and the other skidded on the ice.

The Commissioners and Rice discussed a transmittal page file for condemnation on the Old State Road 15 South Phase II project. County attorney, Tom Mattern will review these cases. Mattern also discussed tort claim pending with insurance company.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported a total of 77 inmates today, and he hopes to have three newly leased vehicles equipped and on the road this week.

Circuit Court Clerk Lori Draper reported to the Commissioners that Qwest had checked with Verizon and the line for the Judicial Center should be fine to handle the Courthouse also for internet access with no additional cost for wiring. Les noted that security wanted to go online also. The clerk felt that no more than they would use the internet it isn't feasible to set up separately for security but they would be welcome to access the internet in the clerk's office.

The clerk also stated she needs more file cabinets due to new rules by 4-D incentive funds and could reimburse the County General Fund. Brian moved to proceed, seconded by Darle, passed by a 3 to 0 vote. The commissioners also advised Lori that she could go ahead and move some of the empty bookshelves from the old law library.

Bob Brown was reappointed for another three year term as the Executive Director for the Wabash County Department of Emergency Management, beginning March 1, 2005 as recommended by the local EMA Advisory Council.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections director reported that they were meeting this week if possible with the architect concerning the high bids received for the remodeling to see what could be done or if they would have to rebid the project.

An Emergency Shelter Placement Agreement was approved with White's Residential and Family Services Inc. at \$112. per day for four beds per day on a motion by Darle, seconded by Brian and passed by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Claim & Allowance docket for payroll period ending January 21st, and an accounts payable voucher from the U.S. Army Engineer District for total parcel cost of \$9,800. for the Wabash County Road 950 South project.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be January 31, 9:00 A.M.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Brian K. Haupert

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Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor