

FEBRUARY 7, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. 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 31st meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported there were still 3 roads closed due to the ice storm damage. He gave an update on the Bridge 13 project, stating the award to Baker & Shultz at \$1,106,706. for construction will be funded and is set to be completed by July 4, 2005. The county will get credit for \$55,000 that has been spent to date. Rice also stated that the Bridge 208 Project was now estimated at \$564,000. and monies have already been appropriated for both of these projects.

Tom Polk, of Wabash Electric Information Technologies, presented the board with a review of security issues and IT structure of the courthouse computer systems. The Commissioners asked him to do a more detailed assessment and collect the necessary data throughout the county systems to come up with a fee estimate for monitoring and consulting services.

Beverly Ferry presented her fourth quarter Council on Aging report and claim for the reimbursement of \$31,245. from their grant. She explained the increase in transport miles.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 90 inmates in the jail today. He also reported posting for two deputy vacancies in his department, and discussed credit card bonding.

Jay Harvey of Strategic Health Plans presented the board with comparisons for employee group health insurance for review. He is waiting on current rate figures from Benicomp and said they should have all the information March 1st. The Commissioners set an employee committee meeting for March 14th to evaluate health insurance options for the coming policy year.

Commissioners reviewed the monthly Community Corrections report by Jeff Hobson and also reviewed and approved the payroll claims for the period ending January 28th and the advertised claim docket that were presented by County Auditor, Jane Ridgeway.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be February 14, at 9:00 A.M.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

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Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor