

FEBRUARY 22, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the February 14th meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice updated the commissioners on the county's current road and bridge projects. Bridge 505 over Ferry Street construction bids have been set for March 21st at 9:30 A.M. Rice also updated the board on Bridge 208 progress and a letter of commitment stating that funds have been set aside for Bridge 505 was approved and signed on a motion from Brian, and seconded by Darle, approved by a 3-0 vote. The board was given a current listing of all Federal Aid Projects and Larry is reviewing them with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. Rice also reported that the last right-of-way certification for the 950 S project was completed and Les Templin signed the letter to proceed. Rice also mentioned that the barricades at Somerset would be straighten by his department.

Rice noted that a cross had recently been placed by the family of an accident victim along a county road without the commissioners approval. It was discussed that the county should probably have regulations set for such requests.

A discussion was held concerning a recent agreement with property owners for the replacement of a culvert. The property owners had agreed to pay for the culvert if the county would replace it and the bill has not been paid to date.

Tom Polk of Wabash Electric Information Technologies was present to report on an analysis of the county government computer systems and an estimate for a service agreement for preventive maintenance and consulting to enable the various computer systems to interact and not compromise the individual systems or data. The commissioners asked him to confer with County Clerk Lori Draper about the court systems and how best to work with their existing systems and contracts or possibly isolating the courthouse and the judicial center.

Circuit Court Clerk Lori Draper requested permission to purchase another printer for labels to work with the receipt printers at the counters. She estimates the new printer could pay for itself in a year and half through savings from the expensive receipts they must now use. The new printer will be purchased from the Clerk's Incentive Funds.

Tom McCartey of Governmental Payment Services presented a program to be considered for credit card payments to be available for bonds, court costs, fines and taxes. The commissioners agreed to research the proposal and discuss it the county attorney.

Toby Steffan and Matt Bobay of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. requested a change order # 4 for the Old State Road 15 project and the commissioners approved the change order and reported the Bridge 13 project pre-conference was set tentatively for 10:00 A.M. at the highway garage.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll report for the current period.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 28th following the County Council at 8:00 A.M.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

ATTEST: _____
Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor