

MARCH 28, 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 March 14th meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice stated that Council chairman Paul Sites had requested permission from a group in North Manchester to plant flowers and clean up the area around the covered bridge in North Manchester. Brian moved to grant permission to the group as long as there was no expense to the county, Darle seconded the motion and the board voted in agreement 3-0.

The commissioners reviewed a request from Metropolitan School District for a bus turn-around at the Fred Lucas residence located at 1458 West 700 North at a dead end road. Following discussion they asked Rice to look at the situation, calculate the cost to the county for the options available and report back to them.

County Surveyor Cheri Slee was present to discuss the county highway's responsibility to repair the road along the anticipated Teel Drain project.

County Clerk Lori Draper reported she had received the HAVA grant from the state for handicap assessibility at all the county's polling places. She stated she has applied for more funds which would help to finish the required project. Draper also asked the board for permission to place another PC at the ISETS counter which would be 66% reimburseable by the state. She also asked the board to approve a Statement of Intent for the county to adopt the state's originally proposed networking & connectivity approach (Option 1).

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown asked the commissioners to re-sign an application for SEMA grant to be used for training.

As advertised Proposals were opened for consulting engineer services for Bridge 505. Five bids were received: (1) United Consulting Engineering & Architects, (2) Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. (3) USI Consultants, Inc., (4) MS Consultants, Inc and (5) CEA20, Congdon Engineering. Brian made a motion to take all proposals under advisement for further study, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Toby Steffan of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. asked the commissioners to approval a letter designating BFS as the Construction Inspector for the Reconstruction of Old State Road 15 from County Road 1000 South to State Road 124, including 10, 11 and 910. On a motion from Brian, seconded by Darle the proposed agreement was approved by a 3-0 vote. A letter of Transmittal from BFS was reviewed on the Phase II project of Old State Road 15 requesting that the County Attorney not allow court dates for condemnation to be extended if at all possible in order to still meet the proposed letting date of 6/22/05. An agreement was also signed regarding additional costs on Bridge 13 construction, this letter will be delivered to the INDOT in Indianapolis immediately.

In other matters the Board gave permission to add a rider to the county's liability insurance policy to cover volunteers in the prosecutor's office through the Community Work Experience Program Agreement with the Wabash County Division of Family and Children as long as the rider would not cost the county any more than the estimated \$25-30 per year. So moved by Brian, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Strategic Health Plans Administrators Reps Carol Sipes and Jim Fountain were present to review the options for renewal of the Employee Health Care coverage, effective April 1, 2005. The Commissioners reviewed the financial impact of the various options and decided on the following: Accepted the renewal with American United Life for specific deductible of \$30,000.; Increased the individual deductible from \$250/\$750 to \$350/\$1050 family; Prescriptions will still be subject to a 20% copay with a \$10. per prescription minimum Confirmed mammograms will be in the Wellness benefits catagory; and will continue PCP co-pay for office visits at \$15. but for Specialist office visit co-pay will be \$25. Brian moved to enact the above recommendations and to set employee enrollment meetings for March 29th, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Ralph Bolinger and Barrie Bunnell of Bunnell Land Surveying returned to discuss the road right of way at the proposed Cherry Springs Estates subdivision. They stated they now have stakes up and Rice agreed to go out to look at the area as it is staked and make a recommendation to the board, in the meantime, Bolinger will be meeting with the Fowlerbaughs to work at details for easement options.

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

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

ATTEST: _____
Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor