

MAY 31, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. in the Wabash County Courthouse.

Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present.

Minutes for the May 23rd meeting were approved as written. Moved by Darle, seconded by Brian, approved by a 2 to 0 vote.

County Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented information for Highway Supervisor Rice who was at training in Indianapolis: Primco, Inc. was the low bidder on Bridge 208 (Old 24 over railroad) at \$677,039.00. This is \$22,000. under estimate. Also, Denney Motor Sales, Inc. due to errors on their submitted quote for a 2006 1 ton GMC pickup truck requested that their accepted quote be withdrawn.

County Attorney Tom Mattern reported no new progress in the eminent domain case on Old State Road 15 other than that he would be preparing an affidavit that the County Auditor had paid the \$700 fair market value and temporary easement fees to the court as per the the court appointed appraisers report for the Prosser property.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Lori Draper requested that the Board approve paying for one-half the cost (\$1799.00) of a new paper shredder from the Commissioners funds and she will pay the other half from the Clerk's 4-D funds as a cross-cut shredder is required for many of her court documents. Brian so moved, seconded by Les, and approved.

EMA Director Bob Brown presented a quote for tower protectors from J&K Communications of \$4795. to be purchased from E-911 funds. Brian moved for approval, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote. Brown also requested that the fire extinguishers for EMA be made a part of the courthouse contract for inspections now that his headquarters are located in the courthouse. He reported that one of the EMA vehicles is now back in service following repair and that the accounting for the FFY 2003/2004 Homeland Security grants has been progressing as he has reviewed the claims paid and receipts with the County Auditor and Sheriff Striker also has confirmed the grant expenditures.

Sheriff Striker reported 93 inmates in jail this morning and that the annual jail inspection report has been received. He will have report comments next week. He also updated the Board on the Community Corrections remodeling progress.

Animal Control Warden Virginia Reahard was present to request that the county sign off on a 1994 Ford Truck purchased in 1995 as the Animal Control Board would like to trade it in for a newer model and would be solely responsible for the insurance and all expenses. Brian moved to approve the request, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Larry L. Yeager, P.E. was present to discuss a proposal with the Commissioners for hiring a County Engineer. He presented his qualifications and possible ways to fund such a position such as sharing with another county. Following discussion, Les advised that they table any decision until they can consult review with Highway Supervisor Rice.

In discussing the petition presented last week from Urbana citizens concerning a four-way stop: Les recommended delaying a 4-way stop at this time and seeking increased traffic law enforcement for the area; Brian assumed without a significant history on the intersection a stop sign at this time is not warranted. Brian moved to table the request for now, seconded by Darle and agreed by a 3-0 vote.

Community Corrections Director Jeff Hobson presented his weekly updates on the program's progress and confirmed the open house set for Tuesday, June 7th from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. He also presented a copy of the grant for the next years funding which has been approved as requested.

The Commissioners reviewed letters from ARC and Pathfinders, IDEM letters, and discussed budget session planning.

An agreement with Pay Trust Solutions processing credit cards used for cash bonds was reviewed by Attorney Mattern and the board. Brian moved to sign the agreement, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Amy Carpenter of APEX benefits group presented the commissioners with her company's vision and dental programs which she would like to quote for the county.

Toby Steffan of Butler, Fairman and Seufert discussed progress on the Old State Road 15 S Phase II project.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, June 6th, in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor