

JUNE 6, 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 31st meeting were approved as written. Moved by Darle, seconded by Brian, approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

EMA Director Bob Brown introduced Nipsco official Richard Hosteller who discussed a possible change in the placement of the meter at the courthouse due to the new generator for EMA. They would like to try to move the meter outside and also change the pressure. The board discussed that they would like for the meter to be hidden due to the historical value of the courthouse and that there is a similar situation with the county highway garage building.

County Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported that he believes the Old 15 S Phase II project is still progressing. He also reported that the letting for bids on the 950S-300W project was set for July 20th. In another matter Rice suggested to the commissioners that they withdraw the accepted quote (\$24,050.00) for a pick-up truck as Denneys Motor Sales had requested due to an error and accept the next lowest quote of \$29,752.00 submitted by Dorais. So moved by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Attorney Tom Mattern reported on the progress in the eminent domain case on Old State Road 15, stating that the property has already been condemned and he would continue the process through the court order in order to have the state pay for the appraisals.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported a population of 95 in the jail today with 104 over the weekend. He reported the 2005 Annual Jail Inspection Report had been received and he filed his answer to the report with the Commissioners. Striker also discussed the Community Corrections open house, a request from Huntington County Visitors Bureau for 3rd party liability insurance and a car down with extensive damage which will be repaired soon.

EMA director Bob Brown reported that all documentation for the Homeland Security Grants had been sent to the state as requested. Also an invoice had been received for automatic finger printing equipment at the jail and that it had been paid. Brown also stated that he will talk with Steve Johnson of Solid Waste about the storm damage last night.

County Recorder Nancy Gribbon reported that the air conditioning in her office is not cooling and that the thermostat is not working. The Commissioners said they would look into the problem.

County Extension Agent Nancy Radabaugh presented quotes for a Riso Duplication Machine and maintenance agreements from two different suppliers. It was decided that it would be more feasible to purchase a new machine rather than a refurbished one or leasing one. Brian moved to approve the purchase of a new machine at approximately \$8035., seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote. The additional appropriation will be submitted for approval by the Council at their June 27th meeting.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections director presented copies of the amended grant agreement with changes following last weeks review and copies of the contract with the state for next year's grant. He reported they now have beds for 12 with 6 filled and several on home detention.

The Commissioners approved payroll and claims docket allowances as presented.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, June 13th, in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor