

JUNE 27, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session following the Wabash County Council meeting, in the Wabash County Courthouse.

Vice Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M. with all members present.

Minutes for the June 20th meeting were approved as written. Moved by Brian, seconded by Darle, approved by a 2 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern was present but had no report today.

Major Mike Shrider represented the Wabash Sheriff's Department and reported that the state has new legislation which permits the Sheriff's pension fund to be similiar to the city's plan with cost neutral; the department will research this plan and present it to their members if they should choose to want to adopt a new plan, the merit board must approve it and then it would be presented to the commissioners and council. He also reported the department has all of their vehicles now in service; Five inmates are being moved from the jail to the newly remodeled Community Corrections facility in the basement area; and that the new deputies attending the academy will be finished the third week of August and all have excellent reports. There are 96 inmates in jail today.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported road damage east of State Road 15 between the gas company and 15 and asked the Commissioners to "please move on this". Les stated he would bring it up at the next Drainage Board Meeting. Rice also reported that the 950S/300W project is back on the bidding list due to his discussions with state officials and that the invoice for the County's share of the Bridge 208 project had been received in the Auditor's office, they were issuing a check and he is personally taking it to United Consulting and they were delivering to INDOT and asking for a letter to proceed after the 8th of July. He has an agreement for the Bridge 208 project sealed and delivered and in good shape.

Rice reported a cost of \$50,000 to replace a culvert by Ijamsville and the Commissioners approved the replacement by a 3-0 vote. In a discussion of next years' budget, Rice is requesting \$175,000 each year for 3 years for Town Street Restoration, the program will do the worst streets first. Les mentioned that America Road is in bad shape. Rice said he had run out of money but will look at it.

Rice also mentioned a problem with a drain in Urbana between the two churches and the Lions Club building. The board approved his getting quotes to correct the problem by a 3-0 vote. Les asked Rice to check on a tile on Co Rd 1200S 3/4 mile west of St Rd 13 as it is like a speed bump.

A request to bury new cable by Verizon from 695W 250S and at 2128 Singer Road was approved for boring under the road.

Finally, Rice presented a Certification letter from Jim Diehl of Butler, Fairman & Seufert on the Old State Road 15 project for the board's approval and Les' signature.

Mark Casper of Ireland Drive was present to request the Board allow him to put a driveway on ground he has purchased. Rice stated that he does not think drainage is a problem. Les felt vacating would be the best option Attorney Mattern stated a legal description should be obtained and adjoining land owners would need to be notified and a hearing advertised to vacate and a temporary drive was approved. So moved by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Matthew Konow of Imagistics Business Machines introduced himself and his company. He is already working with Solid Waste Management and the Highway department. He stated he would like to quote business machine needs that other county departments may have in the future.

Amy Carpenter of APEX Benefits Group Inc. presented dental, vision and life insurance programs that could be offered as options to county employees. She was given approval previously to present her companies' offerings.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA director discussed the purchase of the generator for the courthouse and highway departments. He discussed quotes from different vendors. Brown stated that he needs clarification from Quality Electric and from NIPSCO about the regulator to be set, and recommended a combination of the quotes from Quality Electric and Dickerhoff. Brown also reported on last week's meeting in the statehouse with state officials and other EMA personnel. Brian moved to accept the quote to be spent from EMA 2005 money, Darle seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed a Bovine Brucellosis and Tuberculosis eradication program with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Also reviewed:

- 1) Final invoice from Moake Park Group for the Wabash County Work Release remodeling.
- 2) Indiana Dept of Adm "Buy Indiana" initiative.
- 3) Wabash County Tourism Commission report.
- 4) DLGF Personal Property Abatement Update.
- 5) County Treasurer's Monthly Report for May, 2005.
- 6) Nipsco Gas Billing Options
- 7) Hours for Custodian Dick Smith

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 5th, in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

ATTEST:

Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor