

JULY 11, 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 July 5th meeting were approved as written on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by 3 to 0 vote.

County Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported:

- a) Bridge 208 over the railroad: Primco has received a Notice to Proceed and the pre-construction meeting went well. Plans are to start construction 7/12/05.
- b) There have been 52.6 miles of Chip and Seal projects finished to date.
- c) He had received information that the 950S project will not be done this year.
- d) The Urbana tile request for quotes were due back 7/22/05, they can be reviewed by the commissioners on 7/25/05. He has reviewed proposed plans with the Lions Club board.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported that 84 inmates were in jail today.

Thomas Polk fo Wabash Electric Information Technologies reported to the Commissioners that he would need to confer with the Auditor for the breakdown on the counties' computers before he could give a proposal for consulting but would be willing to expand the contract his company has with the Sheriff's Department to offer the same rates.

Veteran's Service Officer Max Reed discussed the needed telephone and computer lines for his office to move to the courthouse. The Commissioners reported that they have asked that his electrical and phone line needs to included in the project with the Surveyor's Office move.

EMA Director Bob Brown presented his quarterly report to the Board. Reporting 18681/2 in 2004 and 2147 3/4 hours in 2005. The EMA will be at the 4-H fair with a trailer. He also reported that the planning committee had met to plan the spending of the remaining \$24,719 in the grant available. He requested the Commissioners approval for the purposed purchase of a Base station for EMA of \$4468.94 and a Multi-wheel vehicle for \$9360. if approved by the state. Brian moved for approval as requested, seconded by Darle and passed on a 3-0 vote.

Trula Frank of the Convention Visitors Bureau presented the Board with a visitors packet and gave her annual budget requests, updates on the County Innkeepers Tax and reported on the upcoming Indiana History Train Exhibit coming to Paradise Springs in October. She also expressed her appreciation with her office location at the museum.

Gayle Becker of the Roann Covered Bridge Association was present to discuss repairs needed. She also inquired about plans for the Covered Bridge Festival in September and thanked the Board for funds used for the bridge.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, July 25th, at 9:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Jane E. Ridgeway, Auditor