

SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on September 6, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the August 29th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3 to 0 vote.

County Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported to the Commissioners as follows:

- 1) The replacement culvert for Pleasant 49 at Ijamsville is going in Wednesday, September 7th.
- 2) Noted the Department of Transportation had denied funding for the North Manchester Covered Bridge project.
- 3) Presented a request from John Swan to bore under Hanging Rock Road near his residence at 4503 E. Hanging Rock Road.
- 4) Old State Road 15 Phase II Project is still waiting a letter to proceed from the state.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern had nothing to report to the board this week.

Clerk of the Circuit and Superior Courts Lori Draper reported to the Commissioners a balance of \$15,901 left in the state HAVA grant funds for Wabash County and that she would like to apply for five more voting machines as each precinct only has one per precinct and she should have extra in case of a breakdown. She feels the nursing home precincts could use extra voting machines also. Brian moved to approve her applying for the grant funds, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote. The commissioners stated that they felt it was commendable for the local communities to step forward to help the county meet the HAVA mandates. The Clerk also reported to the board that she had filed a transfer request with the County Council for additional mileage in her Voter Registration Fund to deliver the voter registration cards to a company in Indianapolis to be scanned which would be cheaper than the charge for the company to pick them up and return them to Wabash. The Commissioners gave their approval to the request. She also was granted permission to attend an Election Conference in Indianapolis in December along with Mary Brane of the County Election Board.

A written request was read asking permission to use the courthouse lawn as a starting point for a kick off event to be held on Sunday, September 25th sponsored by the Children's Organ Transplant Association. The event will be a Balloon Release to launch the "COTA for Luke S" Campaign for fourteen year old Luke Sorrell of Roann who is in need of a life saving heart and kidney transplant. The Commissioners agreed on approval for the event that will

welcome participants here and begin the walk to Paradise Springs for the balloon release.

Les reminded the other board members of the WEDCOR meeting the afternoon of September 6th for proposed expansion of G&S Metals.

Chairman Templin also updated the others on an executive decision he had made over the weekend to approve Major Mike Shrider of the Wabash County Sheriff's Department participating in an employee interchange agreement for the Indiana Mobile Support Unit and traveling to work in the Hurricane Katrina disaster area.

Plan Commission director Chad Dilling reminded the board that the Plan Commission Office would be closed Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9. The Commissioners have asked courthouse custodian Ron Harris to adjust his working hours to assist with closings on these days if possible.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway discussed a letter received by Manatron concerning the older VAX tax billing system in use in her office and the notice to end support on the system by December 31, 2006. She informed them of a meeting on Friday, September 9th with a representative of Manatron for further information.

The Commissioners also reviewed and approved the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and Allowance for the advertised claims to be paid September 6, 2005, and custodian Dick Smith's hours for the pay period ending September 3rd.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, September 12th, in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.