

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on September 19, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Recorder Nancy Gribben requested permission to purchase a new copy/reader/printer machine as one in her office is down and the other is not working properly. She obtained two quotes: (1) from Information & Records Associates, Inc. for \$9789.00 and (2) from Commercial Equipment Company for \$10,325.00. The purchase is to be paid from her Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund. The recorder stated that she currently is collecting approximately \$1200 a month for that fund. Following review of the quotes, Brian moved to approve the purchase from Information & Records Associates, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice gave his weekly report to the Commissioners.

- 1) He reported the Old State Road 15 Phase II project is ready to proceed but waiting on the invoice from INDOT.
- 2) Rice presented 2 requests to bury from Sprint. One on 1000S .3 mile east of 600E and the other on 1050S ½ mile west of LaFontaine this will include replacing cable and removing poles for about 1200 feet near 50E. Both requests were approved by the Commissioners.
- 3) Also presented a request from Nipsco to lay gas line for 750' south of Roann on the east side of the road at 5653 CR 700. The board also approved this request.
- 4) Rice reported a second inquiry concerning the intersection where there are no stop signs at 600 W (N) and 400 N (E). Larry asked for a recommendation and Attorney Mattern stated it would seem reasonable to wait on a petition from residents of the area.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 103 in the jail today. He also reviewed the letter of response he presented to the jail inspection report received from National Service Associates, Inc. Striker also discussed with the Commissioners purchasing video equipment from diversion funds in order to be able to hold initial hearings at the jail rather than transporting inmates. It was suggested that he obtain quotes and more information for approval of the purchase of equipment from the Commissioners and that the Prosecutor would need to apply for additional appropriations through the Council as well. The Sheriff also discussed the need to request railroad crossing signals on 50E at Treaty due to the traffic and poor visibility at the crossing there. Following discussion Highway Supervisor Rice stated he would look into enhancements from the railroad for automatic signals.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern presented the following ordinance requested at last week's meeting for administrative costs for grants received by the county. Brian moved to approve the ordinance as written, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2005 - VI

WHEREAS, various departments of Wabash County, State of Indiana, apply for and obtain various grants from private foundations, State of Indiana or from the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, such grants frequently require administration which is provided by the Wabash County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, because such grants frequently will permit the establishment of indirect costs for providing the administrative services in administering the grant.

WITNESSTH:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:

1. It is necessary to establish a procedure by which any grant agreement is submitted by any department of Wabash County Government, State of Indiana, provides for the payment of administrative services by the Wabash County Auditor to insure that indirect costs are properly provided for within the grant agreement to reimburse the Wabash County Auditor's Office for such administrative services.
2. That any grant agreement which is submitted by any department of the Wabash County, State of Indiana, shall submit such grant applications to the Wabash County Auditor prior to submission to the appropriate grant authority for review as to the inclusion of a reasonable payment for indirect costs to cover administration services rendered by the Auditor's Office.
3. If the Wabash County Auditor and the submitting applicant are unable to agree as to the indirect costs, such Matter shall be submitted to the Wabash County Commissioners for final determination.

This Ordinance is herein adopted the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005.

WABASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Lester Templin, Chairperson    /s/ Darle Dawes    /s/ Brian Hauptert

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown reported from his department as follows;

- A) In reference to the above ordinance, his state director believes if grants come through and do not allow administrative costs you cannot charge for them.
- B) He requested permission for attendance at an upcoming training conference.
- C) Reported one new defibrilator is to be received by the county to be placed at the North Manchester pool with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- D) Also reported on the NTSP report on the recent plane crash in the county and that the HazMat clean up was complete.

- E) Noted that the new generator will be installed by the end of the month on the south side of the walk along the west side of the courthouse.
- F) Asked about the expected completion of the second floor remodeling (which will allow the expansion of his department's space in the lower level) and was told it is to be by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Officials of the Health Department Jane Skeans, Lori Foust and Jennifer Swango, were present inquiring about the contract that Larry Thrush was to rewrite and submit for the board's review. They said it had been delivered to Mr. Mattern's office, but Mattern had not received it to date, he said he would check on it. Environmental Specialist Swango also presented information on the West Nile Virus Prevention which the county will obtain for reimbursement for up to \$1000. She will be presenting copies of the funds request to the County Council.

Amy Carpenter of APEX Employee Benefits reported to the Commissioners on the voluntary enrollment by county employees in Comp Benefit's Vision Insurance program and requested time allowed to return to the employees with more information and to set up another enrollment date possibly in October. The Commissioners approved her request and fliers to be sent with paychecks and posters in the county buildings to notify employees of the meetings.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper inquired as to moving her storage area materials and the remainder of the election materials and cabinets that have been moved from the second floor of the courthouse. She also asked the board to decide where and when her files should be moved prior to the end of the year.

The board also reviewed the following:

1. Community Corrections director Jeff Hobson approval to pay a credit card bill for a recent training trip to Columbus.
2. Clerk's Monthly Report for August.
3. Treasurer's Monthly Report and Reconciliation for August.
4. Weights and Measures Monthly August Report.
5. Custodian Dick Smith's hours worked for the pay period ending September 17<sup>th</sup>.
6. Common Wage Letter received.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the former Circuit Court Room, second floor Wabash County Courthouse.