

SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session on September 26, 2005 in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman of the Commissioners Les Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes for the September 19th meeting were approved as written on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported the following to the board:

- 1) The county has received an invoice for their share of the Old State Road 15 Phase II project for \$700,299.55. This is \$90,000 less than the original estimate. The state has moved forward to process such projects. The board approved the expenditure to be made immediately and delivered to Indianapolis.
- 2) Rice presented a State-Local Public Agency Agreement for Construction and Project Management For Federal Aid Projects with INDOT and United Consulting for the Bridge Rehabilitation for Bridge #208 over Norfolk Southern Railroad on Old US 24.
- 3) Following last week's discussion of the railroad crossing on 50E at Treaty. Rice had contacted the Railroad Section on the closure program (Federal Section 130) monies available. This may be a possibility although this project had been cancelled previously due to the closing issue. Another alternative would be for the county to do project but they must have railroad approval and the cost would be approximately \$120,000. No action was taken as the board will consider and research further the funds that might be available.
- 4) Rice also reviewed with the Commissioners a letter from INDOT concerning the revision of the consultant selection process to be compliant with the Brooks Act.
- 5) The commissioners approved a Notice to Bidders for a Skid-steer to receive bids on October 31st at 9:00 A.M. on a motion by Brian, second by Darle and a 3-0 vote.
- 6) Also reviewed was a letter from INDOT in regard to the application to receive federal funds for the Bridge # 175 (Richvalley) project. The project could not be approved at this time.
- 7) A letter from the MSD of Wabash County requesting a load of stone for a bus turn-around at 2398 West 300 North was discussed and Rice reported that it had already been done.
- 8) An Additional Appropriation request to Council for \$43,000. for diesel fuel to finish the year was approved by a motion from Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported 105 in jail today and requested permission to use Community Corrections funds for repair to an air conditioning unit at the jail. The board approved the request.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern reviewed an agreement for a Local Public Health Coordinator presented by Jane Skeans and Lori Foust of the Health Department. He stated that the agreement still needed to have details filled.

Marvin Mast and Ronnie Anderson of the Urbana Lions Club were present representing the Urbana Community Building and reported that the remodeling of the interior was now complete. They requested help from the Commissioners to have the county black top a 35' x 20' strip out to the street east to the corner of Washington and Half Street as well as requesting stone to make parking more accessible. This area is on county right-of-way and would cost the county approximately \$940. All of the improvements to the building have been done to help make the building compliant with the HAVA regulations for voting places. Brian moved to proceed on the project, seconded by Darle and approved unanimously by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners thanked the Lions Club for bringing the building up to the requirements.

The board then reviewed and approved a letter to Pillar Corporation to terminate the lease for the Prosecutor's offices as of December 31, 2005.

The Auditor presented two Additional Appropriation Requests to be presented to the Council on October 24th prepared for the Board of Commissioners. One for \$100,000. from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for the remodeling project to move the Surveyor's office and the Veteran Service Office to the second floor of the Courthouse. The other was from County General – County Commissioners budget for the Ambulance Service Contract payments for the remaining of the calendar year for \$ 43,833.51. Both requests were approved on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

Following discussion of the Second Floor Remodeling project and review of the bids received last week, Brian moved to approve the contract bid of \$72,543.00 from D-T Construction Company of Silver Lake and an additional \$735.00 to include hot water in the restroom. This motion was seconded by Darle and approved by 3-0 vote.

Also reviewed by the board were the following invoices: 1) Blue & Co. for consulting, 2) Searce-Rudisel for architectural services on the second floor remodeling project, and 3) Tyco for monitoring the fire alarm system at the judicial annex building.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.