

## NOVEMBER 7, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session on November 7, 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 October 31st meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Darle, seconded by Brian and a 3-0 vote.

Adding the necessary telephone lines to the courthouse switchboard system was discussed with Verizon employee Jeff LaSalle. The Commissioners directed the Auditor to order eight new phones for the courthouse remodeling project with a possible addition of more capacity to the system when the second floor Memorial Hall project is finished. Also additional computer lines will need to be run for some of the relocated offices.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper requested permission to update her anti-virus software with money from her budget and also to upgrade the postage meter for her office for an additional \$1500. with Clerk's Incentive funds. Brian moved to approve the purchases, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Katherine Carter-Lower of the Health Department requested permission to purchase an Imaging Office System for vital records including a duplex scanner (\$1095.00), e-copy (\$1295.00) and annual maintenance agreement for (\$194.00) with a 30 day Cannon manufacturer's guarantee and additional hard drive space (\$250.00) for CD back-up for a total of \$2834.00 the first year. Katherine stated that Health Officer Dr. Gifford had approved the purchase and funds were appropriated in their 2005 Local Health Maintenance Fund for Vital Records equipment. Brian moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average of 97 jail inmates this past week and that the damage to one of his vehicles in a recent accident can be repaired. The Sheriff also informed the board that he and Auditor Jane Ridgeway were meeting with representatives of Experience Works later today about employees provided for training at no cost to the county.

Beverly Ferry of the Council for Aging gave her quarterly report to the Commissioners. She discussed the Transit grants providing transportation for people without a driver's license with no judgment calls. Also discussed were the high costs of gasoline. The increase in need and the cash crunch which she expects to necessitate a loan or emergency grant from Lutheran sources for operational expenses into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2006. Her agency had 6528 riders for 30,000 miles (approximately one half revenue miles) and used 3600 gallons of gas for the quarter. Also discussed were out-of-county medical trips; the fact

that their insurance prohibits the use of volunteer drivers; Medicaid reimbursements not sufficient to cover long trips and the cancellation of the reimbursement for mileage grant. The board received her reports and thanked her.

Enhanced 911 director Sandy Beeks requested the board sign for \$7000 of operational funds reimbursement from the state. Approved.

As advertised, bids for Supplies, Repairs and Materials for the Wabash County Highway Department to be used during the year 2006 were received and opened at 9:30 A.M. along with advertised bids for Construction Equipment Rental Suppliers for the year 2006. Brian moved to close bids, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote. The bids received were as follows:

#### SUPPLIES, REPAIRS AND MATERIALS

Item # 1 - Stone: (1) Rock Industries; (2) IMI Stone; (3) Hanson Aggregate Midwest; and (4) Kokomo Gravel Inc.

Item # 2 - Gravel: (5) LaFontaine Gravel – extending bid; (6) Siders & Sons Gravel; (7) Speedway Sand & Gravel; and (8) Kokomo Gravel Inc.

Item # 3 - Sand: (9) Rock Industries; (10) Speedway Sand & Gravel; and (11) Kokomo Gravel.

Item # 4 - Liquid Asphalt Em: (12) Pierceton Trucking.

Item # 5 - Liquid Asphalt: (13) Pierceton Trucking

Item # 6 - Cold Mix: (14) Phend & Brown

Item # 7 A & B - Hot Mix: (15) Phend & Brown: (16) Gaunt & Son

Item # 8 - Unleaded Gas: (17) JM Reynolds Oil Co.; (18) North Central Co-op

Item # 9 – Diesel Fuel: (19) JM Reynolds Oil Co.; (20) North Central Co-op; (21)

Petroleum Traders Corporation; and (22) Petroleum Traders Corporation

Item #10 – Bridge Materials: (23) Baker & Shultz Inc.; and (24) American Timberbridge

Item # 11 - : (25) Phend & Brown

Item # 12 – Grader Blades & Snow Blades: (26) American Wire & Robe – Extension; (27) St. Regis – NO BID.

Item # 13 – Culvert Pipe: (28) Debco – Extension; and (29) St. Regis

Item # 14 - Sign Posts: (30) MGI; and (31) Halls Signs

Item # 15 – Motor Oil, Lubricants & Grease: (32) JM Reynolds Oil Co.; (33) North Central Co-op

Item # 16 – Liquid Calcium Chloride: (34) Great Lake Chloride

#### CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT RENTAL

1. R L McCoy Inc.
2. Eads & Son Bulldozing
3. Troy Eads Excavating
4. Hanks Construction
5. Gaunt & Son Asphalt
6. Baker & Shultz
7. Phend & Brown

Brian moved to take all bids under advisement, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Following a Drainage Board hearing and walk-through inspection of the courthouse second floor remodeling and proposed Memorial Hall second floor remodeling project the Commissioners continued meeting at 2:00 P.M. with Les and Darle present.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported the following to the board:

- 1) No new information on the Old State Road 15 Phase II project yet.
- 2) Bridge #13 – two of five spans are done and painted.
- 3) Bridge# 208 – still proceeding.
- 4) 950 S Project – flags are out, utilities will be moved the winter.
- 5) Seventeen trees were removed from roads following the weekend storm.
- 6) Still no direction from the state on what to do with dead deer on the roads now.
- 7) Reported on bids for a Skid-steer received October 31<sup>st</sup>. Following a discussion and comparison of the bids and products, Les moved to accept the bid of Southeastern for a New Holland with rubber on the tracks for \$23,300., seconded by Darle and a 2-0 vote.

County Assessor Kelly Schenkel requested permission to lease a new copier as her current one is eight years old and the maintenance agreement is \$920.a year. She has found she can lease a new one for only \$99 more than the maintenance agreement. She has \$5000 budgeted for equipment for Reassessment for 2005. The board agreed the lease sounded like a better deal. The Commissioners also told Kelly they were going to have to move the switchboard to either the back room of her office or the Noble Township Assessor's office.

The 2006 Holiday schedule for the County was reviewed again and the New Years' Eve Holiday was added.

The Employee Health Benefits Statement was reviewed and it was decided to proceed as the same until the renewal period of April, 2006.

The Commissioners reviewed the following invoices: 1) D-T Construction draws on contract for second floor remodeling and 2) Searce-Rudisel for architectural services on the second floor remodeling project. The claims were approved for payment on a motion by Darle, second by Les and a 2-0 vote.

There will be a pre-bid meeting next week on the Prosecutors Office remodeling and bids have been advertised for November 21.

Also reviewed was a Summons received for a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment by Plaintiffs Otis G. Lawson and Rosemary Lawson vs. Danny Joe Price, Janice Price and the County of Wabash by the Wabash County Commissioners, Defendants to the fact that certain alleyways, controlled by the County of Wabash, are at issue in this cause of action. Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern will review the case.

In addition, the following IDEM notices were reviewed:

- A. A Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Expansion of Currently Developed Site owned by Mr. Harry Bekel, New Schoonebeek Dairy, LLC.
- B. Notice of Approval for Manchester Metals for a permit from the Office of Air Quality.
- C. An approval of a Currently-Expired site for Confined Feeding Operation for Mr. Bryan Deeter of Deeter Farms, Inc.
- D. A Permit for the City of Wabash for Sanitary Sewer on the Vernon Street Improvement Project.

The Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for the Period ending November 5, 2005. and November Accounts Payable Claims were approved for payment.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.