

OCTOBER 31, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session on October 31, 2005 in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse following the Wabash County Council meeting. Chairman of the Commissioners Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the October 24th meeting were approved as written on a motion by Darle, seconded by Brian and approved unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

Bids for One (1) New 2006 Model Skid Steer Loader were received and opened as advertised.

1) MacDonald Machinery, Fort Wayne:

Case 430 \$ 22,480.00 - Trade-in (5,000.00) = \$ 17,480.00

Options: Steel Tracks 24 w/ rubber inserts \$ 3,460.00

2) Brandeis Machinery & Supply Company, Fort Wayne:

Komatsu \$ 25,587.00 - Trade-in (4,200.00) = \$ 21,387.00

Options: Steel Tracks \$ 2560.

3) Southeastern Equipment Co:

New Holland after trade \$ 19,700.00

Options: Steel Tracks \$ 2600. (Rubber) \$3600.

4) McKillips Equipment, Wabash:

John Deere 320 w/b \$29,400.00 - Trade-in \$13,996 = \$ 15,482.00

All bids were taken under advisement on a motion Brian, seconded by Darle and 3-0 vote.

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

1. The Old State Road 15 Phase II project is still held up in INDOT attorney's office.
2. Would like some information as to what to do with animals hit on the county roads now that Grandstaff Rendering is closing.
3. Presented a thank you note from United Consulting for the Bridge Inspection contract. Rice also reported that the road damage on 750S has been repaired.
4. Reported a drainage problem along the east side of 300 from tile that comes across and up to Pike Street. Rice thinks this should be considered by the Drainage Board as it is affecting the highway.
5. Presented a request to do a seismic exploration by Bishop Land Service with the county released of all liabilities along: 900N Servia - 800E; 700N 200E - 800E; 400N app. 100E-650E; 300W 500N - St Rd 15 and 50N & 150N - St Rd 15N & 800W. Brian moved to permit the company to conduct the testing, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Treasurer LuAnn Layman reported on the recent Tax Sale of delinquent tax properties and she and County Auditor Jane Ridgeway requested that the Commissioners consider having a Commissioners Sale to sale additional

properties not sold at Tax Sale. The Commissioners asked the Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern to check into the codes and procedures to hold such a sale.

Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average jail population of 102.6 in the jail this week. He also asked that the highway department look into resetting some of the barricades at Wabash Alloys.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern reported on the agreement presented last week by Wabash Electric Information Technology official Tom Polk for an Assure-IT Service Agreement to expand his company's contract with the sheriff's department for IT consulting and computer maintenance for the Courthouse. Following the review and discussion of financing and due to the time-sensitive issue of replacing the computers software systems in the Auditor's and Treasurer's offices of the courthouse, Brian moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mattern also presented a petition for utility easements prepared for the Highway Supervisor as a standard operating procedure. Brian moved to approve the petition for use, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Health Department reported wanting the wall damage repaired in their offices in Memorial Hall. They said they had three quotes for covering the walls from \$525. to \$750. and can take the funds out of the Local Health Maintenance fund. The commissioners gave their approval for the health department to go to the Council for approval of the appropriation. They also would like to have the carpets cleaned if funds are available.

Nancy Radabaugh showed the board samples of the carpet and paint selected for the new Extension offices on the second floor and presented quotes from Quality Discount Carpet for \$1489.44 and Miller Furniture for \$ 1641.01. The Commissioners approved the purchase from Quality on a motion by Brian, second by Darle and a 3-0 vote. They also agreed to have the carpets cleaned in the courtroom area. Radabaugh asked the commissioners for the purchase of two lateral files. The board declined the purchase due to the tight budget and the fact they are not purchasing office furniture for the other offices involved in the remodeling.

A quote from Atlas Building Services to repair the East Beehive on the Wabash County Memorial Building at a cost of \$1197.00. The board accepted the offer on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

In old business the Commissioners signed a Conflict of Interest statement from Clerk of the Circuit Court Lori Draper that was approved at a previous meeting due to work the Draper Construction is doing at the Highway department.

Claims presented by the Auditor for the ambulance study commissioned by Blue and Co and Peter Dillman totaling \$10,103.20 were reviewed and she was directed to send them to the Wabash County Hospital for their grant consideration.

Final revisions for the Employee Benefit Plan Document were reviewed and changes were taken under advisement for further consideration.

The board reviewed and amended the 2006 Holiday Schedule to change the Veterans Day holiday to Friday, November 10 instead of Monday, November 13th as set last week to be consistent with the State Holiday schedule.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2005 following the County Council meeting at 8:00 A.M.