

## DECEMBER 12, 2005

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes for the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice gave his weekly report to the board as follows:

- 1) Project 208 came in under estimate with approximately \$384,000 left in the appropriation.  
He submitted two change orders totaling \$7821.00. Approved on a motion by Brian, a second by Darle and a 3-0 vote.
- 2) Rice also presented petitions concerning the intersection of 400N – 600W. Brian moved to make this intersection a four-way stop, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported a low 90s jail population this past week. He also discussed leaks at the jail and insurance with JWS that will not be renewing as of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern discussed the situation with a fence on county right-of-way in Laketon. He was told that it is too cold to remove the fence at this time and that the Planning Director had not received a return call from the property owner.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper reported on her new computer upgrades that will be purchased from the Clerk's Incentive Fund. She also discussed her records which had been moved last week and that the temporary solution for the odor problem in her office seemed to be working. She noted that the exterior door in her office needs weather stripping for a better seal.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown discussed a Snow Ordinance with the Commissioners which they will review. He also asked for their direction on the previously proposed project expenditures for the upcoming grant year. Stating that he had no problem with continuing on with the radio system purchases, Brian moved for approval of the project proposals, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote. Brown also reported on the generators which have been installed at the courthouse and the highway department but have not been checked completely yet by the company representative.

Dave Young presented to the Commissioners the recommendations for the 2006 Drug-Free Community Grants and noted the requested stipulation concerning the Bowen Center charges. Following review, Brian stated that they have always been able to trust the judgment of the selection committee and

moved to approve the recommendations and endorse the stipulation that the Bowen Center charge the lesser rate for the county sessions. The motion was seconded by Darle and passed on a 3-0 vote. The Board thanked Young for his dedication and work.

Warren Unzinker of WEDCOR presented the three-year Capital Improvement Plan to the Commissioners for their approval. The County's portion included:

1. Payments for the Bond Issues for the Courthouse Annex project to continue to 2012.
2. Sponsorship of WEDCOR at \$50,000 per year.
3. Wabash County Farm Development project.
4. Support for the Small Business Administration of \$2500 per year.

Following discussion and review the Board approved and signed the three-year plan, which will also be presented to the City of Wabash and the Town of North Manchester and then sent to the state. The plan was approved on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Tourism Director Trula Frank requested that the Commissioner make the following appointments for January 1 – December 31, 2006 to the Tourism Commission:

1. Luella Krom to continue representing Roann
2. Randy Fruitt of North Manchester continuing to represent the Motel and B&B industry.
3. Marvin McNew, Salamonie Reservoir Interpreter, representing the Southeast part of the County. McNew will replace Rosemary Eppley who will serve as an ex-officio consultant.

Brian moved to approve all the appointments, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Auditor reported that an appeal for a Poor Relief decision in Chester Township which had been previously filed by Mike Garrett had been withdrawn by Garrett this week.

The Board reviewed a letter to Rod Merrick concerning a new confinement feeding operation and in keeping with an approved practice for all such new construction permits, asked Rice to document the road conditions prior to construction.

The Commissioners also reviewed a Notice of an Unsafe Building to be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 P.M. and a Landfill Review submitted by Adam Jones of Soil & Water. In a personnel matter, they approved overtime hours for snow removal by Courthouse Custodian Ron Harris during the past two week period.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, December 19, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. which will be the last meeting of the current year.

