

## DECEMBER 19, 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 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with the typo corrections for the names of Louella Krom and Warren Unsicker on a motion by Brian, seconded by Darle and a 3-0 vote.

Highway Supervisor Larry Rice reported to the board that two highway trucks are in Fort Wayne for repairs and should be back in service soon. Rice also presented a request for permission to bury cable from Verizon on 800 N East of 600E approximately 1.2 miles to 7237E 800N. The Commissioners approved and signed the request. Responding to a comment from Templin that residents were frustrated with the Mississinewa Bridge or Bridge 13 project taking so long to be finished, Rice stated that the Bridge should be open this week as the delay has been caused by the cold weather.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker gave his weekly report to the Commissioners:

1. He reported an average jail population this past week of 100.
2. He also discussed a letter and quotation received from Wabash Electric Information Technology concerning a five-year old server which is in need of replacement. The total cost for a server and software along with installation would be between \$18,000 and \$20,000. There is also an option for a three-year lease. The board consented for Striker to continue to pursue the replacement of the server. It was discussed that three estimates are difficult to obtain due to the maintenance and servicing required.
3. Striker then presented a proposed Agreement for Inmate Health Services at the Wabash County jail with Health Professionals, LTD. Some of the Jail Commissary funds can be used for the services.
4. The Sheriff reported he is interested in looking for good used vehicles to "swap- out" or replace some in his fleet that have a lot of miles on them. The board told him there was no problem in pursuing this action.

Wabash County Prosecutor Bill Hartley was present to explain his plans for purchasing new office furniture and equipment for the office he will be moving to in Memorial Hall (expected the last of February or first of March). Hartley is planning to use Child Support Incentive Funds that will be reimbursed by the State for up to 2/3 of the costs. He will be purchasing a copier along with other office equipment and window blinds. As a part-time prosecutor currently all of the furniture used in his office is his personal property and he is planning to purchase the necessary office furniture needed to equip the county's new

full-time prosecutor's office. His plans are to ask the Wabash County Council for up to \$50,000. for purchases including lobby furniture.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper was present and stated that she has some Title 4-D money that she should not be needing. She has asked to purchase a calculator for the Judge McCallen's computer for \$225. and possibly two if Judge Goff needs one also. She may have some available funds for the Prosecutor's office if needed. Draper also reported that her office is getting ready to go live with scanning and will have to buy two more new computers from her Clerk's Incentive Funds for the new system and then will have two extra for some of the other courthouse offices that could use them. Also discussed with the Commissioners was the documentation on passwords, etc. with CSI for compliance with the State Board of Accounts information security audits.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern reported no further information on the situation with a fence on county right-of-way in Laketon. He also presented the following:

#### General Ordinance No. 2005-VIII

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFICE CONTROL SIGNS  
BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, under authority of Indiana Code: 8-17-1-1 et seq, and Indiana Code: 9-4-1-1 et seq, and all acts amendatory thereto of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana has determined that traffic control signs should be placed at the intersection of 400N and 600W.

NOW THEREFORE, from and after the erection of appropriate STOP signs, all traffic shall be required to stop at the intersection of 400N and 600 W. The effect of this ordinance shall be to cause traffic from any direction to stop and to proceed only at such time as it is safe and clear to do so.

Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class "C" misdemeanor.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005.

The Board of Commissioners signed this Ordinance approved 12-12-05 by a 3-0 vote.

Mattern also reported on a lawsuit filed with Wabash County as a Defendant by John Barshney and Mary Ann Henderson in the Wabash County Circuit Court of December 9, 2005. He suggested they may want to consider an Executive Session to discuss the case. In addition Mattern questioned some dates on the Inmate Medical Agreement presented by the Sheriff. Also reviewed was communication received concerning the Guardianship of Brandon M. Jacobs.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown was present but had nothing to report today.

Wabash County Treasurer LuAnn Layman presented two quotes on a new postage meter for the courthouse. One from the current vendor Impac and another from Pitney-Bowes. Following discussion it was decided that a lease offered by Impac was the best deal for \$105. per month. The Treasurer will also need to have a phone line run into her office for the new machine. Brian moved to proceed with a lease from Impac, seconded by Darle and passed by a 3-0 vote. This will need to be done immediately as the postage rates are going up on January 8<sup>th</sup> and changing our current meter will cost \$200. This will be included in the new machine lease. Commissioners agreed to present this to the Council at their special meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Scearce-Rudisel Architect Jeff Kumfer was present to review the carpet bids for the new prosecutors office as well as to review change orders and details as follows:

1. Add 2 bulkheads for \$200.
2. Add 1 data/telephone to room 204 for \$125.
3. Add 1 data/telephone to room 212 for \$125.
4. Add 2 data/telephone to room 203 for \$250.
5. Add 1 orange quad plug and 20-amp breaker for \$80.
6. Install blocking, base and cabinets in Conference room for \$540.
7. Install blocking for Break Room cabinets, secretary cabinets and countertops \$(need to separate blocking from cabinets and countertops in estimates submitted)
8. Install blocking for wall cabinets in 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209 for \$286.

TOTAL ADD \$1606 plus additional blocking.

They did not approve additional cabinets or countertops at this time. No carpet selection was made.

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

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway and I-T Consultant Thomas Polk of Wabash Electric Information Technology, Inc. presented four computer software quotes to the commissioners for the new Financial Software for the Auditor's Office. These quotes will be presented to the Wabash County Council at their special meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Following discussion and comparisons of the companies and software as well as a 3-year annualized cost for each, Brian moved to recommend contracting with Fundware represented by WTI of Indianapolis not to exceed \$100,000 to be paid from the County General Fund – Auditor's budget, seconded by Darle and passed on a 3-0 vote. Also presented were hardware quotes representing the required computer equipment for the new financial software as well as a new updated Tax Billing System required by the Department of Local Government Finance. Following discussion Brian moved to approve the purchases by individual selection not to exceed \$58,000 from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund, seconded by Darle and passed on a 3-0 vote.

The Board reviewed and approved a revised letter to Rod Merrick concerning a new confinement feeding operation in keeping with an approved practice for all such new construction permits.

The Commissioners also reviewed and approved the Payroll Claims Allowance, Custodian Dick Smith's hours, Claims Allowance Docket, the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 30, 2005, Weights and Measures Monthly Report for Nov 16-Dec15, 2005. Also reviewed were Certificates of inspection for the courthouse Steam Heating & Hot Water Heating boilers, IDEM notices for the Wabash Valley Landfill, GDX Automotive and SouthLine LLC., the Pathfinders Annual Report of 2005, a rate increase for Mediacom and a letter from MSD concerning the Common Construction Wages committee for a sanitary lift station project.

No other business the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 9:00 A.M., which will be a reorganization meeting for the New Year.