

## JANUARY 9, 2006

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the former Circuit Courtroom of the Wabash County Courthouse on January 9, 2006 with all members present. President Brian Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved as written on a motion by Templin, seconded by Haupert.

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

1. The Huntington Street Bridge should be open today.
2. There will be a change order on Bridge 13 of an additional \$20,000 for the county's share of the project. Matt Bobay of BFS will explain the change order in further detail.
3. The Commissioners approved Rice's Notices for Bidders for two vehicles a single and a tandem cab and chassis. The bidding was set for 10:00 A.M. on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
4. Rice also reported that he has received a check for \$3857.31 for materials to repair road damage on 750S. No reimbursement was included for the repair labor and the Board requested the Commissioner's Attorney send a follow-up letter to collect the balance of the damages.
5. Rice also asked the Commissioner's approval for Additional Appropriation Requests to be presented to the council for money to increase the rate of pay for the highway employees. Templin moved to pass the request on to the County Council seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote.
6. A Request from NIPSCO to cut across Division Road, 1013' east of State Road 15 was presented by Rice and approved by the Board.

Dawes stated that Wilbur Miller had called him concerning a culvert under the railroad track. It is plugged with stone and water cannot run under the track. Rice said he believes this is part of the certified Urbana drain and will discuss the situation with County Surveyor Cheri Slee.

Commissioner Attorney Tom Mattern reported the following to the Board:

1. He has filed an appearance on behalf of the county in the John Bardsney case and has requested an extension. He has also contacted the county's insurance company.
2. Mattern reviewed a Motion to Correct Errors and Findings on the Jacobs divorce case concerning child support. The county received a copy of the cause for informational purposes.
3. He also reported on the Commissioners Sale procedures for properties not sold in two consecutive tax sales. A Motion to Request the County Council approve the sale was made by Templin, seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Emergency Management Director Bob Brown reported to the Commissioners as follows:

1. Reminded them of a draft of a Snow Ordinance for Wabash County that needs to go to the Commissioner's Attorney for review.
2. Brown requested an Additional Appropriation Request from E-911 monies for a battery back up for both the north and south radio towers. Templin moved to approve the request to go to County Council, seconded by Dawes and approved by a 3-0 vote.
3. Brown reported on the Courthouse Security Plan for identifying rooms and directional maps for each floor and room numbers for emergency planning. He reported he would be working with Auditor Jane Ridgeway and Diane Stout of the Extension Office.
4. Brown gave the EMA Quarterly Hours Report. He stated that it was down a little for the fourth quarter and training was a little down. He reported there are 14 people who have NIMS certification and needs more officials to qualify by September 2, 2006 so more training will be offered.

Clerk of the Courts Lori Draper reported she needs about 25 lineal feet of shelving for the books storage area; the dumb waiter repair is not complete; Quality Electric still has not been back to follow up on the buckets left to help control the odor in her office; and that CSI is back and working on her new computers

Les Templin reported on inspecting the new construction for the Prosecutor's office. Invoices and reports for the project were approved on a motion by Templin, seconded by Dawes and a 3-0 vote.

County Health Nurses Jane Skeans and Lori Foust were present concerning estimates for repairs in the Health Office as allowable expenses of the Local Health Maintenance funds. They would like carpet, lights and repair to the office. The Board approved requests for Additional Appropriations and told them to get three quotes for the projects.

The Commissioners did not approve a claim from Manathron for \$700.00 for creation and submission of auditor data extract for 2003 pay 2004, and 2004 pay 2005, for compliance with the DLGF, asking that a Manathron representative attend one of their meetings to explain the problem with the data extract and costs involved.

The Commissioners reviewed the following:

1. Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda and Executive Director's report.
2. IDEM Notice of Public Comment for GDX Automotive, Inc
3. IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval Ford Meter Box Company
4. Letter from Manchester Recycling, Inc. giving intent to vacate the county facility at 814 Manchester Ave.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.