

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 24, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners: Meeting Room. President Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The minutes were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. Minutes from the September 17, 2007 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Hauptert, seconded by Givens and a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Supervisor, asked the Commissioners to set a date to received the annual supply bids for his department. It was decided to advertise for bids to be received on October 29th at 10:00 A.M. He presented a request from White's Institute for two road cuts on 50E – to install permanent crosswalk areas at no cost to the County. The cuts were approved on a motion by Givens, second by Hauptert and a vote of 3-0. Amones also reported they were still working on 1400N drains.

EMA Director Bob Brown presented the Board a letter to Homeland Security confirming the full-time status of the Director for the new grant period. He also reported \$129.75 was not spent in the 2005 Grant period.

Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker reported an average daily population in the jail of 90.52 and that he has a new Senior Aide through Catholic Charities now working part time at the jail which will help especially now with one of his office staff off on medical leave.

Purdue Extension Office Director Nancy Radabaugh reported to the Commissioners a federal grant offered by Purdue through WIRED to place an e-Bin Enterprise computer and printer in the Courthouse as a business entrepreneur resource. Included is access to the Purdue School of Business Library resources. There would be no cost to the County. Following discussion, the Board took this under advisement.

The Board entered into a contractual agreement with Steve Downs to serve as the Commissioners and Council Attorney and for the remainder of 2007 on a per hour basis and for 2008 not to exceed \$20,000.

Treasurer LuAnn Layman introduced Curtis Cooksey of Hamilton Accounts and Kris Williams of American Financial Credit Services, Inc who both gave presentations for collections of delinquent personal property taxes. Following the presentations the Board asked Layman to review the information and Attorney Downs to review the agreements as presented for a future decision.

Members of the GIS Committee: Surveyor Cheri Slee, Plan Director Mike Howard and Auditor Jane Ridgeway discussed with the other Board members their request for an Additional Appropriation request to go to Council for Change Orders approved by the Commissioners in the original Schneider GIS contract agreement. Following discussion, the Commissioners signed the request to advertise and proceed to the Council. Also presented was a letter from the GIS Committee asking that a General Fund department be established for the GIS Program as the best way to maintain the program and track revenue and expenses related to it beginning with the 2008 Budget Year instead of related expenses being mingled throughout all involved departmental budgets. The Commissioners would be in charge of the department with the GIS Committee as an advisory board. This letter is also going to be presented to the Wabash County Council.

County Coordinator Jim Dils and Architect Jeff Kumfer of Searce-Rudisel updated the Board on projects:

1. Concerning the Courthouse Cornice project now in progress, there are damaged brackets that may need to be replaced instead of just painted. Also discussed was the completion of the project prior to Property Tax Collections due to parking and access to the Courthouse.
2. More details of the Quotes for repair for the clock in the bell tower at the top of the Courthouse. Kumfer was asked to check into possible grants or funds available from Historic Landmarks and get further details as to time and expense for complete restoration of the clock.
3. Proceeding with estimates for replacement entry doors and windows for the Courthouse.
4. Scheduling of the second floor Courthouse ceiling repairs which are a part of the final settlement with Atlas Industries for the damage from the Courthouse roof project.

The Board approved the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket for the Pay Period ended September 22, 2007 as presented and also reviewed Accounts Payable claims that had previously been denied for more information and “reluctantly” approved part of them.

Also reviewed were the following:

County Treasurer’s Monthly Report – August 31, 2007

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – August 16 – September 15, 2007

Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes – August 20, 2007

Pathfinder Services, Inc. – TRACKS Publication

Letter from Tiede, Metz & Downs: Beauchamp & McSpadden Insurance

Tort Claim Notice: C. Walker

Copy of Letter: Wabash County Probation Department

IDEM Approval: Confined Feeding Operation: Curless Farms, Inc.

IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval – Thermafiber Inc.

No other Business, the meeting recessed; the next meeting will be held Monday, October 1st in the Commissioners meeting room at the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.