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Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday June 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway recorded the proceedings of the meeting. The minutes from the June 9, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Templin made a motion to approve as amended by the Auditor for the typo in reference to 1300 cubic yards of dirt needing to be removed instead of 13. His motion was seconded by Haupert and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, reported:

- (1) Some recent damage to the barn at the Highway garage with repairs estimated to be approximately \$1435 by Wabash Valley Restoration.
- (2) Amones also requested permission to replace 8" rain gutters on the south side of the building. The Board asked him to obtain three quotes for the special guttering.

Wabash County EMA Director Bob Brown asked the Board to consider replacing more of the old windows in the former old State Highway building for security and efficiency reasons. The Commissioners asked Brown to also obtain three quotes for the project and to consider several options for the project. Brown reported on the E911 Tower repair from the recent storms and inquired about an upcoming E911 Committee. He also asked permission to attend the upcoming Indiana Public Safety Commission two-day conference. Brown stated he has lodging arrangements available would just need permission to attend. The Board unanimously granted his request.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported 96 inmates in jail this morning.

County Coordinator Jim Dils reported the following to the Commissioners:

- (1) The condition of the carpeting in the Clerk's office; the Board would like for him to obtain quotes to replace it with carpet squares and inquire from Solid Waste as to available product they recently used.
- (2) Discussions with Commissioners Custodian Dick Smith and quotes from MJV Group for custodial tasks at the Courthouse.
- (3) Follow-up on preparing a contract for Craig Winegardner to start July 12th for lawn maintenance at the Courthouse.
- (4) Suggested rescheduling the next Jail Committee meeting with RQAW to be held July 10 for sometime in August. The Board agreed.
- (5) Reminded the Board of the Budget work session they have scheduled for next week with the Auditor.

Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel asked the Board to establish a new position in her office for Noble Township Deputy Assessor Jean Schuler. Schenkel is requesting an Additional Appropriation from funds she could transfer from her Reappraisal Fund to increase Schuler's salary to the same as

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other current County office deputies. The Commissioners voted unanimously to create one additional Deputy position in the County Assessor's office. Schenkel also informed the Board that Assessed Values will not be finished on time again this year as she has just received the new Marshal and Swift trending tables last week from ProVal (which she agreed to use last January instead of the state cost tables).

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported that Prosecutor Bill Hartley has requested permission from the Commissioners to have Deb's Cleaning wash the windows in his office complex and the entrance area of the Judicial Center for \$600 to be paid from his Incentive Funds. Templin moved to approve the request, seconded by Haupert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

At 11:00 A.M. Templin made the motion to close receiving salt bids as advertised. The four responses were opened and reviewed:

- (A) North American Salt Company from Overland Park, KS declined to bid.
- (B) Detroit Salt Company also declined to bid.
- (C) Morton International Salt Division's bid as for a minimum of 20 ton at \$73.41 per ton per load for \$11,100 per load.
- (D) Cargill's bid was for a minimum of 22 ton at \$55.27 per ton or \$8,290 per load.

Templin moved to take the bids under advisement. Haupert seconded the motion and the bids were taken under advisement by a vote of 3-0. Amones will take the bids to be reviewed by County Attorney Steve Downs.

Plan Director Mike Howard requested permission to purchase a new cabinet to store the large (36×48) zoning maps that have been laminated for \$600. Haupert moved to approve the purchase. His motion was seconded by Templin and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner's Custodian Dick Smith along with County Coordinator/Human Resource Director Jim Dils discussed with the Commissioners some of the additional responsibilities they would like for him to assume with the retirement of long-time Courthouse Custodian Ron Harris; as well as possibly added a part-time position for approximately four hours a day up to 20 hours a week or adding to the contractual agreement with MJV Group who cleans the Judicial Center building to help with the Courthouse cleaning. Following discussion it was decided to advertise for a part-time position at this time to see how that works out while Craig Winegardner has agreed to assume the responsibility of the lawn maintenance for the season.

County Auditor Jane Ridgeway asked the Commissioners for permission to replace a broken office chair in her office. Custodian Smith as tried to repair the chair which was purchased last year and has recommended replacing it. K & R Office Supply has agreed to allow a deduction on a better-made chair for a

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replacement. Templin moved to approve the purchase for up to \$199, seconded by Haupert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Ridgeway also asked the Board for permission to allow her to present a special claims docket on June 30th to pay any Township Assessors claims that were not filed in time for the claims advertised for approval today since the 30th will be that last day by law that they will have their individual budgets. New state legislation requires the Auditor to transfer any unused appropriations to the County Assessor's budget as the assessing responsibilities for all Township Assessors have been eliminated as of July 1, 2008. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items: Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended June 14, 2008 Accounts Payable Claim and Allowance Docket as advertised for June 16, 2008

The Board also reviewed the following miscellaneous items received this week: LTAP: Budget Prep Workshop information to be held June 20th. IDEM-NPDES CAFO General Permit Renewal: Maple Leaf Farms – Elite Farm Landfill Erosion and Sedimentation Review: Wabash Valley Landfill

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 23, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse following the conclusion of the Wabash County Council Meeting at 8:00 A.M.

Approved June 23, 2008