

AUGUST 25, 2008

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday August 25, 2008. Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Lester D. Templin, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the August 18th meeting were reviewed. Templin motioned to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent, reported:

1. Test holds on 1400 north – sink holes – 3 quotes
 - a. Alt & Witzy Engineering – \$1,970.00
 - b. Earth Explorations - \$ 1,520.00
 - c. Patriot – \$2,550.00

Hauptert motioned to accept Alt & Witzy bid. Templin seconded motion and motion passed 3-0.

2. 800 North Railroad Crossing is still not fixed. Ties are there and concrete pieces. Templin states the railroad is waiting on heavier rails.

Steve Hicks, Wabash County Chief Deputy reported that the Average Daily Population last week was 113.05. Roof project is complete.

Bob Brown, EMA Director reported:

1. Water problem has returned since the south side of courthouse work. Gaunt fixed it before. Moisture on the floor after the rains. Commissioners asked Dils to contact Gaunt's to take a look at the issue again.
2. Notified Draper to go ahead with windows and doors repairs at the Old State Highway Building.
3. FEMA Assessments continue this week.
4. Certification course in cooperation with Manchester College is occurring this week, Tuesday evening through Saturday.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator

1. Jail Roof is complete. Performance bond is still an open issue. Dils and Downs are working on that.
2. Quotes for replacement of a door. Quotes do not have the same hardware. Dils will ask for updated quotes.
3. Health Department air conditioning issues. Kumfer may have additional information today or will be present info next week.
4. South Façade project bids are due today at 11 a.m.
5. Two air conditioning units in the basement were frozen up last week. Quality Electric was in to repair. Both units show Freon leaks. Units

are 7 or 8 years old. Commissioners stated that to go ahead and repair them. Dils stated that their will need request additional appropriations for building repairs.

Terese Witkoske, Purdue University Extension asked about window coverings on the south and west. Some guidance re: shutters/blinds for windows. Shutters are in the attic. Hauptert stated it needed to be discussed along with the south facade project with Kumfer. Givens states we need to look at the shutters in the attic to see if they will work after the new windows are installed. Givens stated that the west shutters could be put up right away since that side is not getting new windows.

Jane Skeans, County Health Department Nurse, reported on \$13,275.00 from Homeland Security Grant that needed to be spent by 8/9/08. Health Department Staff are proposing buying a computer, printer, color copier, WI-FI card for laptop and department uniforms. Commissioners reviewed documentation presented. Commissioners questioned the cost of ongoing maintenance or cost of the supplies of the copier. Templin motioned to take it under advisement. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0. Commissioners request the Health Department to look at other options to spending the money. Commissioners will revisit on September 2, 2008.

Ridgeway gave Commissioners options for Transfer of Funds:

1. Lawn care contract. Hauptert motioned to use funds from the Parking Lot Repair Fund. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0.
2. EMA Annex Building Update. Templin motioned to use funds from Courthouse Roof Project Fund. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0.
3. Request for Additional Appropriation for Jail Roof Repair, Courthouse Doors & Windows and Courthouse Heating & Cooling to go before Council. Templin motioned to approve request. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Hank Eilts reported that he has continued to work on the Railroad POET clearing on 800 north. INDOT is requiring the clearing of the 800 North crossing before it can be reopened. Railroad is requiring additional insurance coverage and paying for flagman. Commissioners ask that Eilts update his quote to cover additional expenses required by the Railroad and resubmit it.

Jeff Kumfer, Scarce-Rudisel Architects, present for opening of the bids on the repair of Courthouse South Façade. Templin motioned to close the bids. Hauptert seconded, motion passed 3-0. Commissioners opened two bids, D & C Construction and D T Construction.

D & C Construction Company, Inc. - \$ 129,452.00 Base Bid
Alternate 1- \$ 40, 614.00 Additional – New Basement Windows
Alternate 2 - \$10,000.00 Additional – Infill basement door opening

Alternate 3 - \$ 44,935.00 Additional – Replace doors
Alternate 5 – \$ 7,574.00 Deduction – Provide rectangular transoms
Alternate 6 - \$ 6,564.00 Additional – Replace attic windows

D-T Construction Service, Inc. - \$121,191.00 Base Bid
Alternate 1 – \$ 26,744.00 Additional – New Basement Windows
Alternate 2 - \$ 10,000.00 Additional – Infill basement door opening
Alternate 3 - \$ 34,624.00 Additional – Replace doors
Alternate 5 - \$ 9,727.00 Deduction – Provide rectangular transoms
Alternate 6 - \$ 3,624.00 Additional – Replace attic windows

Hauptert motioned to take the bids under advisement. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0. Commissioners asked Kumfer to go back to them to see how we can keep it under \$150,000.00 for the project.

Mike Howard, Planning Commission reported to the Commissioners that the South Agriculture Park is requesting that it be zoned for an Industrial Park.

Discussion occurred regarding the Benefit Buyout of Sick days approved by the Council. Templin stated there are some employees that need to be bought out both vacation and sick. Commissioners discussed that the elected officials that were previously employed as an hourly employee. Discussion occurred regarding the pay rate that the buy out should be occur. Commissioners are requesting the Council to consider the buy out of vacation on elected officials.

Ridgeway presented the Noble Township Assistance Guidelines that were updated. Templin motioned to accept the updated guidelines. Hauptert seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Ridgeway reported that Wildman is willing to cut the bill to \$63.00 for unreturned uniforms. Ron Harris says he has returned all uniforms he has and Wildman had not done an inventory for some time. Commissioners approved to pay this amount.

Ridgeway presented a letter from IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) approving Aggregate Resources, INC to operate portable sand and gravel crushing operation on Old US 24 in Wabash County from Marshall County. Hauptert motioned to approve. Templin seconded; motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended – August 23, 2008

Transfer Requests

WTH Letter re: Soliciting Local GIS Data for State Use

Wabash County Tourism Commission Minutes for July 21, 2008

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – July 16 – August 15, 2008

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.