

JULY 13, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 13, 2009. Chairman Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Brian K. Hauptert, Scott E. Givens, and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the July 6, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Ridgeway stated a note needed to be added to the minutes that the Commissioners reviewed the salary and wage requests for the 2010 Budget as required by Indiana Code and agreed to recommend to Council the implementation of the Job Classification Study findings. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes with one amendment; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent, reported:

1. At the June 29th Commissioners meeting, William H. Mitting, Wabash County resident, stated that a portion of his land at 5802 S Old State Rd 15 was eroding along the R-O-W by his fence line about 250 feet north of his home. Amones stated the highway crew moved the ditch closer to the road and used the extra soil to fill-in the area around Mitting's fence. Mitting was present during the repairs and was pleased with the assistance.
2. At the CR 1400 N project, Amones bore twelve (12) hole samples and felt the soil was not adequate. Amones stated he had to move further east than the original plan. Amones stated a survey will be done on the estimated two (2) acres by Bunnell Land Surveying Inc. County Attorney Steve Downs stated after the survey is completed, he will conduct a title search.
3. Reviewed a letter from INDOT on Bridge #505. A final walk-thru has been completed. Amones requested signatures on final paperwork. Commissioners reviewed, approved, and signed.
4. Presented letter from INDOT with unofficial detour on State Rd 13 over Paw-Paw Creek just south of Urbana between 400 and 500. This has not been let at this time; no time frame has been set.
5. INDOT informed Amones State Rd 13 south of Speicherville will be closed starting Tuesday, July 14th.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The average daily population in the jail last week was 92.7.
2. Striker requested Commissioners re-visit the off-road vehicle restrictions in Wabash County. A July 1, 2009 State statute specified the classification on golf carts and allowed the creation of an ordinance on county roads for off-road vehicles. Striker stated there would be certain restrictions; licensed drivers, helmets, lights, and other stipulations that would be addressed. Striker stated he would like to allow this for smart, common sense drivers who will

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abide by the rules. Hauptert stated he would like a copy of the updated Statute. Striker stated he would gather information and send to Commissioners and County Attorney Downs to review. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director of Wabash County Council on Aging, stated that since 2005, there has been a problem with providing transportation outside Wabash County for medical appointments, i.e. Huntington Dialysis Center, VA Hospital in Marion, and eye surgery requests in Marion and Warsaw. Ferry stated there was a mileage formula that they had to use for the 25-50 mile range and most of the clients did not meet the requirements set by this formula. Because of this, the program was shut down. Ferry stated they currently have a Freedom Grant totaling \$33,574 for a match from Medicaid revenues and other grant monies for a total of approximately \$67,000 to now run this program. Ferry stated the plan is to have this as a self-funded service. All financial reports, inspections, and certifications will be similar to the current local transportation requirements. The goal is to have this as a long-term service but only if this service can sustain itself. After the first year, Ferry stated they will evaluate the budgets to decide if it will continue. Ferry stated the ARRA has provided new vehicles, but they have not yet received them and do not know when they will be in their possession. If this new service begins before the vehicles arrive, they will have to do a balancing act with the current local transportation and the new out of county medical transportation services. Givens made a motion to authorize Ferry to pursue the Freedom Grant totaling \$33,574; his motion was seconded by Eppley, passed by a 3-0 vote, and signed by Commissioners.

Sandy Beeks, requested permission to upgrade the Public Safety Answering Points in Wabash City, North Manchester, and the Sheriff's Department for a total of \$20,597.81. This upgrade will add a second center to the Sheriff's Department, update the older systems so that they are all compatible, and add an automatic phone number and location identifier of the caller which the system currently does not have. Beeks stated the amount is available in the land line/service contracts fund to cover the purchases. Eppley made a motion to approve the request to upgrade the Public Safety Answering Points for a total of \$20,597.81; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, Health Department Deputy Registrar/Office Manager, reported:

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1. Transfer request from Food and Drug Supplies to Equipment Repair totaling \$660 for an office computer for Lynn Dannacher, Environmental Food Sanitarian. The current computer is not compatible with software requirements for the new foods programs. Carter-Lower presented four (4) quotes;
 - a. DELL; Inspiron 537 - \$758,
 - b. 2nd DELL; \$779.76
 - c. Mitting's Electronics & Computers \$659
 - d. Intrasect; \$861Eppley made a motion to approve Mitting quote for \$659; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to attend the Indiana Vital Records Association semi-annual meeting to be held October 8th and 9th in French Lick, Indiana. Registration fee totals \$150 for 2 days with meals and \$70 per night for hotel expense. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. Dils stated he received a call regarding fiber optic interest for the County Government Offices. Dils will contact Tom Polk at Intrasect Technologies regarding our current status regarding fiber optics.
2. The date for the Jail Committee meeting will need to be changed. Hauptert requested Dils find a time that Todd Samuelsson, CPA/Partner of Umbaugh and Associates, Mark Van Allen, Studio Director at RQAW, and Bill Konya, President and CEO of EDG, will be able to attend a joint special session. Auditor Ridgeway stated she would need a ten (10) day notice for publication. Dils stated he would contact all parties and report back on a possible date.

Commissioners opened the floor for resident Phil Dailey.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway reported:

1. Joe Vogel stated the DNR land request, on the R-O-W from the State discussed in last week's meeting with Treasurer Sharon Shaw, is near his land and he has tried to acquire this land for some time. Vogel expressed his interest in this R-O-W land and is aware of other residents also interested in obtaining this R-O-W land. Commissioners will take under advisement.
2. Presented a letter from the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) giving notification, as required by HEA 1001 (2008) Section 738 – effective 7/1/08, of no “excess assessed value that may be allocated to the overlapping taxing units.”

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The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Tiede, Metz & Downs, P.C. invoice for services for the month of June 2009
Wabash Fire Department Quarterly Ambulance Report for period 6/30/09
INDOT: Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance; Hauptert signed
Otis R. Bowen Center – claim for ½ of 2009 Appropriations
Central Time Report – request to Commissioner
Mediacom – TV Guide Network on Digital Plus
Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda – July 15, 2009, 1:00 P.M.
DLGF – Elimination of the Local Government and School Property Tax Control Boards
IDEM: Confined Feeding Operation Approval Renewal – Donald Roser
IDEM: Approval Renewal/MMP Renewal – Strauss Family Partnership
IDEM: Approval Renewal/MMP Renewal – Midwest Poultry Service
Letter from YOHE Realty, Inc – Property to consider for the Jail Committee

Commissioners, County Coordinator Dils, Auditor Ridgeway, and Chief Probation Officer Dallas Duggan, participated in a conference call with Verizon regarding options for updating the current phone system for the Courthouse and Judicial Center/Memorial Hall.

No other business, the meeting recessed, Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as corrected – July 20, 2009.