

## AUGUST 24, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 24, 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 August 17, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote. The minutes of the August 11, 2009 Joint Executive Session were also reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

Phil Amones, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Bridge #175, Richvalley - 700 W. Amones also presented two (2) change orders for Bridge #175 regarding the closing of the bridge and money savings: Change Order #1 was a savings of \$68,000.06; Change order #2 was a savings of \$19,387.01 with a total savings of \$87,387.07.
2. Requested Permission to start the bridge inspection process. Amones stated INDOT is making changes in the inspection requirements. In Wabash County, there are twenty nine (29) unknown foundation bridges. INDOT will now require all counties with unknown bridges to submit an Engineer's evaluation and a written plan in the event of a flood. Along with the evaluation, there must be an inspection of the bridges before, during, and after a flood. INDOT recommends for those renewing contracts to seek the assistance of the last contract holder to initiate. Amones stated this would be with United Consulting. Amones said he has no cost analysis at this time. Commissioners unanimously agreed to begin the bridge inspection process.
3. Presented a Uniform Property Acquisition Agreement to Leon Albright last week for the 1400 N project purchasing 2.11 acres of land for \$17,688. Albright stated the corn damage and fence replacement are not addressed in the agreement. Amones stated the crop damage was not to Albright's crops as he leases/rents the land to another individual. The leaser/renter's crops were damaged. Hauptert stated an addendum to the current contract can be done to add the fence replacement and a separate written agreement can be created for the individual with the crop damage.
4. Presented a claim for payment to Pierceton Trucking for the purchase of MC 3000 Oil totaling \$309,048.63. This is for the cost of oil to date on the Chip & Seal Project. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed claim.

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Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported:

1. Stated the average daily population in the jail last week was 77.76.
2. The Administration at the Heartland Career Center Vocational School has requested the speed limit on S 200 W from US 24 north to Division Road be lowered. The traffic has increased with the new Wal-mart store and the current 55 speed limit needs to be reviewed. Commissioners and Highway Superintendant Amones will take under advisement.
3. Lagro area – harvesting has caused some damages in the ditches and excess dirt is being left on the roadway. Highway Superintendant Amones stated he has looked at the area and it is within acceptable limits. Hicks stated he had spoken with parties concerned, it had been cleaned up, and they will keep an eye on the area to make sure the road stays clean and clear.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, reported:

1. Reminder to Hauptert that there is a Mitigation meeting set for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Permission to take bids on a retired EMA vehicle. Commissioners agreed to take the highest bid.
3. Auditor Ridgeway informed Commissioners that there are CODE RED applications in the Auditor's Office if anyone needed to sign up for the emergency warning service. Brown stated he would contact the Township Trustees to inform them that this service is available. Brown stated he has considered the idea of placing a flier in bank statements with an area bank for more public awareness of the program.

### **MIAMI INDIAN PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION**

President Brian Hauptert read a Proclamation recognizing the Miami Indians of Indiana. Present for the reading of the proclamation were: John Dunnagan, Vice Chief; Tribal Council Members: Rachel Mongosa, Clyde Hayslett, Christine Bowyer, and Allen Dunnagan. Givens made a motion to sign the proclamation; his motion was seconded by Eppley, and passed with a 3-0 vote. Commissioners presented the proclamation to the Miami Tribal Council.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, presented an Order to Establish Precincts allowing the Clerk to establish new precinct boundaries. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed Order.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, reported:

1. At last week's meeting, Spyglass representative, Paul Pearson, gave a brief presentation. Givens stated he had checked with Bulldog Battery and Midwest Eye Consultants and both were pleased with

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- results they received with Spyglass. Givens requested a review of a lower price for smaller entities and confirmation if time frames could be negotiated. Dils stated he would speak with the representative from Spyglass today.
2. Presented a revised quote from Gaunt & Son to clarify the type of coating to be placed on the railing at the front steps of the jail and the new twenty three foot (23') section behind the jail along the vehicle ramp. The powder coated steel quoted will not match the other aluminum railing currently around the jail. The new quote offers two options; 1) no increase in cost to use the bare aluminum railing - this would match the existing rails and make a more uniform look; 2) anodized aluminum would be a total increase of \$865. Haupert requested clarification on the difference between anodized aluminum and bare aluminum and information on longevity of both. Dils will gather the information and report back.
  3. Presented a quote from Two Brothers Generator Sales & Svc, Inc. totaling \$830.72 to run an electrical line that would connect the phone system to a circuit supported by the generator. Dils stated he would like to find grant funding to cover this cost. Commissioners agreed to inquire on grant funding for this project.
  4. Received a letter last Monday from Sandra Haupert concerning an unimproved alley in Urbana that needs cleared. Highway Superintendant Amones stated he spoke with Haupert and she was to contact the neighbor to trim trees in the alley area. Amones stated if the neighbor does not assist, county highway will offer assistance.
  5. Received a call from Adrian Campbell. He had noticed what he thought were cracks in the Ferry Street Bridge. Amones stated this is normal concrete cracking in the approach. Amones stated Campbell wanted a steel bar on the bridge that was there on the old bridge construction. Amones stated the current construction of this bridge does not require the steel bar.
  6. Lois Smith, 4268 N 300 E, concerning of an un-kept lawn on the property across the road. Givens stated he spoke with the Smith and informed her that there currently are no County ordinances to address this issue. Haupert stated the Township Trustee, Lecretia Swan would need to be contacted to take care of this issue.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:

1. After reading the advertised wind ordinance draft, Downs sent recommendations of changes to the draft to Planning Commission Attorney Larry Thrush. Thrush stated he would contact Planning Director Mike Howard and get back with Downs on the draft process.

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2. The 800 N Crossing Signal Order is formally stayed. Down stated he is not sure if we will be able to allot the grant money, \$50,000, for any other project. Downs has made numerous attempts to contact INDOT on the matter but has received no response.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended August 22, 2009

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – August 15, 2009

2010 Budget Review

Norfolk Southern Invoice for POET Crossing 800N

LTAP – Purdue University: ARRA TIGER Grant Application Information

AIC – 2009 County Fact Book

US Census Bureau: New Construction Program

INDOT – America Road Project letter – no funding awarded

Tiede Metz & Downs Invoice – July 2009

Wabash County 2009 Tax Sale – Date tentatively set for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, August 31, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved 8-31-09