

OCTOBER 5, 2009

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 5, 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 September 28, 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.

Phil Amones, Highway Superintendent, presented a request from Embark to bury cable on the north side of 500 N east of SR 15. Commissioners approved the request.

Steve Hicks, Major Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported that the average daily population in the jail last week was 82.19.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, stated he has ten (10) weather alert radios from a Weather Service and Homeland Security grant. Brown stated the radios are for storm warning alerts such as tornados, floods and blizzards. The radio has continual weather updates as well as the ability to hear special weather alerts. Brown stated the radios can also be used for Civil Emergency Management (CEM) use, which can be programmed to a county's specific code. Brown stated eight (8) of these are still available for distribution to government or public entities within the county. One radio has been given to the YMCA and a second to The Access.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented Resolution #1, 2009 for review. The ordinance is for adopting rules regulating public purchases for the Wabash County Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Amones and Downs discussed the need for the bid process dependent on the value of the project. Amones stated it was his understanding that annual supplies and equipment rental bids are no longer required regardless of the cost of the project. Downs stated he will review and confirm.
2. Presented the following general ordinances for review:
 - a. An ordinance establishing the speed limit at 35 mph and creating a school zone on 200 W between US 24 and Division Road
 - b. An ordinance establishing the speed limit at 30 mph on 1400 N for .4 mile east from 100 W
 - c. A noise ordinance
 - d. An ordinance imposing a curfew for minors
3. Downs received the Wind Energy Conservation System (WECS) Ordinance. Downs stated this may be a zoning ordinance

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amendment. Downs will contact Attorney for the Plan Commission Larry Thrush and Plan Director Mike Howard for clarification for a review of the ordinance prior to it being presented to the Commissioners next week.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Plan Director Mike Howard informed Dils he will attend next week's Commissioners meeting to review the Wind Energy Conservation System Ordinance.
2. Received a call from Wabash County resident Bill McCarty at 7365 N 600 W regarding the road he lives on. McCarty stated the road is gravel and is soft after it rains. This creates ruts when driven upon. McCarty stated he would like this to be reviewed by the Highway Department. Givens stated the chip and seal process that would be done on this particular road has been placed on hold due to the \$600,000 deduction to the Highway budget by the State. Givens stated there is a standard petition that can be obtained through the County Highway that would put the request in line for consideration when funds are available. Dils will inform McCarty.
3. Spoke with contractor Dennis McKee regarding the courthouse door project. McKee will be on site next week to begin the project. Dils requested McKee present a time line for construction plans so all offices, affected by the construction, can be informed.
4. EMA Director Brown requested an update on Commissioners' decision whether to place an electronic card swipe system on the west entrance door. Hauptert stated at the current time funds are not available. Hauptert stated we would like to move in that direction in the future.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor, revisited the issue of creating a designated employee break room in the courthouse. Givens stated the Clerk of the Courts offered their break room. Ridgeway stated although this offer is appreciated she feels courthouse employees would prefer an available room in the courthouse building. No action was taken at this time.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 10-3-09

Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket advertised for payment 10-5-09

INDOT – Audit of United Consulting Contract: BR-NBIS (553)2-01

United Consulting – Proposed project – Rehabilitation of Wabash County Bridge No 645

IDEM: CFO Facility Change Approval – Ryan Rosen, Double R Farms – ID #3951

No other business, the meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

- Approved – October 13, 2009