

JUNE 7, 2010

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday June 7, 2010. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two members present: Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the June 1, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Supervisor, stated the CR 250 S ARRA Project was started on Friday, June 4th.

Leroy Striker, Wabash County Sheriff, was not present and no report was submitted.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

1. Presented two additional appropriation requests:
 - a. The first is a Home Land Security Reimbursement Grant totaling \$985 to purchase a high frequency amateur radio. This amount is part of an amendment to a previous grant with unused funding. Wabash County's compliance to set stipulations allowed us to receive the additional funding.
 - b. The second is a Home Land Security Reimbursement Grant for the Citizens Core Programs totaling \$6,500 to purchase a small response trailer, a portable alerting system, supplies, storage containers and a few miscellaneous items.

Brown requested permission to present the additional appropriation requests to the County Council. Hauptert made a motion to approve additional appropriation requests for \$985 and \$6,500 to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

2. Stated there was Code Red activation for the southern portion of Wabash County due to the severe weather early Sunday, June 6th. EMA opened the EOC from approximately 2:00 A.M. until 6:30 A.M. Brown stated three (3) trees were down in Wabash County: Richvalley, Elliot Road and Old Slocum Trail.
3. The Central Dispatch business phone lines will be installed this week. The security cameras and monitors were installed over the weekend.
4. Stated the Wabash Police Department requested Code Red activation this morning for a four block area around the post office. A pit bull was sitting at the post office door and would not allow patrons to enter. The owner responded and retrieved the animal.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented the inner-local agreement with the City of Wabash for Central Dispatch. Downs stated this was approved by the Board of Works on June 2nd. Hauptert made a motion to approve the inner-local agreement with the City of Wabash for Central Dispatch; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Stated he is working with Plan Commissioner Mike Howard on an unsafe building ordinance.
3. Stated Auditor Ridgeway gave him a notification from the Region III-A Economic Development District and Regional Planning Commission stating that Wabash County is required to adopt a fair housing ordinance for the Novae Grant. Downs stated he will create a draft and present to Commissioners at the June 14th meeting. Ridgeway stated she will contact Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG, to see if this exists for the City of Wabash and whether this covers the county. Ridgeway stated Region III-A has requested Wabash County's Drug Free Work Place Ordinance as well.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. D&C Construction has requested a first application of payment in the amount of \$66,516.75 for the courthouse west façade window project. Commissioners approved payment to D&C Construction totaling \$66,516.75.
2. Stated an actuator valve in the boiler room is not working properly. Dils contacted Havel who will be on the premises on Tuesday, June 8th.
3. Stated he and Jon Gillespie, Auditors Office - Accounts Payable, will attempt to reset the phone system which was changed to accommodate the live operator assistance during the tax and exemption filing process in April and May. This will save the expense of paying Verizon to make the changes.
4. Invited Commissioners to attend an 8:00 A.M. meeting with contractors and architect on Tuesday, June 8th here at the courthouse to discuss status of the west window façade project and to discuss staining and window covering options.

Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for payment 6-07-10: *Commissioners approved and signed.*
2. Stated the Judicial Bond Payment for July 1, 2010 totaling \$178,596.25 will be paid the third week of June.
3. Presented the IN Criminal Justice Institute approval of Comprehensive Community Plan which was submitted by the Drug Free Committee.

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4. General Ordinance 2010-85-03, which vacated an alley in Disko, was recorded in the Auditors Office on June 4th. Recorder Nancy Gribben requested payment from the Commissioners to process the paperwork. Ridgeway stated in the past the Commissioners were not required to pay for their own ordinances. Hauptert stated this would be from government office to government office and seems it is not necessary unless the Recorder has a specific requirement to show services rendered. Ridgeway said Gribben presented the Uniform Commercial Code Fee Schedule which states: "Services for Which no Fee are Collectible...State, County, or Municipal Highway Right-of-Way or Easements: For recording any right-of-way or easement acquired by the Indiana Department of Transportation. This would include the purchase of any right of way. [IC 8-23-7-31 and IC 8-23-23-1]". Commissioners will take under advisement.
5. Received a copy of the completed Planning Grant Application from R. P. Murphy Associates for the Laketon Area Sanitary Sewer Plan. It will be on file in the Auditor's office.
6. Stated E-911 Director Bob Brown requested \$175,000 be released from Crossroads Bank for the first payment of the installation of the three (3) position console for the Central Dispatch. Brown requested a letter from Commissioners, on their letterhead, be sent to authorize the release of payment. Hauptert made a motion to approve the release of payment from Crossroads Bank totaling \$175,000 to J&K Communications for invoice #8773; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.
7. Was informed by the DLGF that Wabash County will not have a levy or tax rate for the current Re-appraisal Fund in 2011. Only the expected cash balance at 12-31-2010 for this fund will be budgeted for 2011. Beginning in 2011, there will be a rate established for a separate new 2017 Reassessment Fund. These funds will not be budgeted and cannot be spent until after the 2012 Reassessment is completed. Ridgeway and County Assessor Kelly Schenkel were required to send estimated expenses for the next reassessment in order for the state to establish the levy for this new fund.
8. Reminded Commissioners of the 5:00 P.M. Executive Session with Council today.

Nancy Huffman, Executive Director of ARC of Wabash County, along with ARC Board Members Jeff Myers and Ron Hayney, presented a report of ARC's Barriers and Struggles of the past year as well as their 2011 budget request to the Commissioners.

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The major barrier for ARC is inadequate State and Federal funding:

- Including a 25% decrease from Wabash County United Fund in 2010 because fewer people were able to pledge donations to its worthy cause.
- The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has balanced the State's Budget by placing limits on many ARC programs. A 12 month limit of working in a sheltered workshop was set. FSSA stated individuals should be able to move into the community after the 12 month training period. Huffman stated this is difficult because a great deal of clients have been there many years and would find it hard to be in a normal working environment without assistance; and an 18-month limitation was placed on the Supported Employment Follow-along Services.
- Effective May 1, 2010 FSSA reduced funding for Supported Employment by 10%.
- Effective June 1, 2010 the funding for Residential Services rates was reduced by 7%.

Another challenge for ARC has also been the result of the poor economy:

- Subcontract work for the Sheltered Workshop from local businesses and industries has been more difficult to acquire.

Accomplishments noted were as follows:

- New roof put on Miami Street facility replacing a 24+ year old one.
- Group Health Insurance will increase by 12% but Huffman stated they are relieved for the low increase because the industry average was 15-29%.
- Parking lot was repaired and sealed last fall.
- Now utilizing warehouse area more effectively as the document shredding operation has expanded and have acquired other types of subcontract work; the interior walls and ceiling of the warehouse have been insulated and this should save on utility costs.
- New polymer floor installed in the Sheltered Workshop and the warehouse floor was ground down to level the floor.
- The Community Foundation has awarded ARC a grant to purchase a cardboard bailer for our shredding program. ARC is in talks with Wabash County Solid Waste Management District to possibly expand the shredding jobs.

Summary of status of ARC Programs:

- Sheltered Workshop training center program currently provides services to 71 Wabash County citizens with developmental disabilities.
- The Community Employment Follow-Along Program served 7 people this past year with extra help and support.
- The Community Integration Program enrolled 27 adults.
- The Supported Living Program is a 24-hour residential program that serviced 9 people with disabilities in residential services.

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- Other services provided include: Transportation (48), Recreation and Leisure Programs (73), Case Coordination and Casework (73), Information and Referral Services, Counseling and Advocacy, General Social Services, Public Education and Information and Referral Services.

Request for County Funds:

Huffman stated the county funded ARC \$56,500 during 2009 and 2010. ARC is not requesting an increase in county funding for 2011. Huffman informed Commissioners that she and the ARC Board are very grateful for the amount that the County has given in the past and can hopefully continue to provide. Eppley thanked Huffman for all her hard work and being considerate of the county's budget constraints at this time.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

IDEM – Public Notice: NPDES CAFO General Permit App. – Dale Farms Inc. Farm ID# 6185
INDOT – Legal Notice of Planned Improvement: Proposed small structure replacement on SR 16
NACO Prescription Discount Card Program letter
Pathfinder Services Newsletter
ITI Letter: Drug & Alcohol Testing
Tiede, Metz & Downs, Inc. – Professional Services Invoice– May, 2010

The Wabash County Council and The Wabash County Commissioners will meet in JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse to discuss Personnel Matters.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – June 14, 2010