Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 19, 2010. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Chief Deputy Auditor Jon Gillespie. The minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

- 1. Presented a change order for the 250 S project regarding an extra pothole and core sample totaling \$582.34. Haupert made a motion to approve the change order on the 250 S project totaling \$582.34; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 2. Was notified by State that there will be no transportation enhancement call until January 2011.

Bob Brown, EMA Director:

- 1. Presented the second payment to J&K Communications for the Central Dispatch equipment installation totaling \$86,110.28. Givens made a motion to approve payment to J&K Communications totaling \$86,110.28; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 2. Stated there will be a test run of the equipment at the Central Dispatch on Tuesday, July 20th.
- 3. There was a hazardous material class over the July 16th weekend which was held in North Manchester with twenty-two (22) in attendance. This was funded by an LAPC grant.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff:

- 1. Stated there are six (6) inmates at the Miami county facility. Striker stated if the numbers at the Wabash County Jail are lower this week they will try to return those inmates to the Wabash County Jail.
- 2. Stated County Coordinator Jim Dils is working on a new job description job for the IDEX Coordinator. Striker stated he would like this to be completed prior to this becoming a full-time position in late July early August.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented the Day Reporting Grant for up-to \$25,000 starting July 1st. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented a draft of an ordinance regarding the release of funds by EDG. Downs stated Bill Konyha will discuss this later in the meeting.

Wabash County Council President Mike Ridenour discussed with Commissioners and Sheriff Striker possible options for replacing deputies and amending the pension plan. Ridenour stated he would like to see Striker sit down with the democratic and republican candidates for Sheriff to have their input regarding the new hires and Sheriff's Pension Plan. Striker stated he would be willing to work with both Sheriff candidates. Ridenour also suggested returning to the original pension format before the change in 2008; returning the retirement age to 55 and the original COLA; which would not affect the deputies currently on staff. It would only affect new employees. Ridenour stated we need to have something to present at the July 26th Council meeting to settle this so we can hire new deputies. Haupert stated the Commissioners are waiting on the Council to make a final decision before we move forward. Striker stated he will contact the Merit Board and McCready and Keene to discuss this request before the July 26th Council meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with no report.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director and CEO of Wabash County EDG:

- 1. Presented a support letter from Commissioners regarding application to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for Shovel Ready Status regarding the new business park. The Commissioners signed the letter of support.
- 2. Presented Ordinance No. 85-5, 2010 exercising the home rule powers of Wabash County regarding release of funds. Konyha stated EDG would like to submit to Whitley County \$1.8 million of the Economic Development Facility Bonds totaling \$4.6 million from the 2009 ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). Konyha stated a Canadian corporation was looking for a community to build a new facility. Wabash County did not meet their specifications but Whitely County did qualify. Konyha stated Wabash County will not be able to use the entire bond amount by the end of the 2010 which is when the bond expires. Givens made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 85-5, 2010 to submit \$1.8 million of the Economic Development Facility Bond to Whitley County; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Haupert made a motion to suspend the second reading of Ordinance No. 85-5, 2010; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 85-5, 2010; his motion was seconded by Haupert and was adopted by a 3 - 0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director Wabash County Council on Aging:

- 1. Presented the 5311 INDOT reimbursement totaling \$84,501
- 2. Stated the demand for senior transportation has increased possibly due to more awareness
- 3. Presented the Level I & II training request totaling \$11,898.20
- 4. Stated they will go live with the dispatch software on Tuesday, July 20th

- 5. Presented the 5311 FTA Requirements and Certifications Agreement. Ferry read from the Authorization Resolution No. 2010-85-12 allowing the public transit to continue to operate in Wabash County and giving Wabash County Council on Aging and Ferry, as CEO of Wabash
 - Council on Aging, the authority to run the transit program. Haupert made a motion to approve the 5311 Resolution No. 2010-85-12; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley signed the grant agreement. Ferry stated the budget for the 5311 program for 2011 is currently set at \$479,600.
- 6. Stated the 5317 program is the new Freedoms Act which takes them beyond ADA specifications. This program has allowed one-way out of county trips and has serviced thirty-seven (37) individuals so far this year. For 2011, the 5317 grant plan/request is to continue to provide these services anticipating a 50% increase in demand over 2011. Ferry stated the 2011, 5317 grant request includes weekend services and extending hours on Monday through Friday. The first step in 2010 was the expansion of out of county trips; the next proposal will be Saturday services for the City of Wabash. Ferry stated they would also like to increase hours beyond current working hours. Commissioners unanimously recommended Ferry move forward with her ideas on the 5317 for 2011.
- 7. Stated they are also looking into a program that will allow access to jobs for handicapped individuals

Commissioners broke for Drainage Board meeting at 10:00 am and reconvened at 11:00 A.M.

Jennifer Scott, Health Department Environmental Specialist, updated Commissioners on the Speicherville – Lawson / Price issue. Price has emptied his septic system but the tests from the state documented sewage in the water samples. Scott requested permission to bring in a backhoe to dig a trench on the right-of-way between the two (2) property lines to evaluate the situation. She will obtain bids and pay the expense (expected to be around \$300) from Contract Services. Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, presented a quote totaling \$3,742 for back-up portable radios for the central dispatch. Haupert made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) back-up portable radios for central dispatch; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jon Gillespie, Chief Deputy Auditor:

1. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for payment 7-19-2010. Commissioners unanimously approved.

- 2. Presented the ARC of Wabash County Third Quarter 2010 Allocations totaling \$14,125. Commissioners unanimously approved. Haupert signed the allocation voucher.
- 3. Presented two (2) titles for the new Wabash County Transit vans

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the following items:

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court – June, 2010

County Treasurer's Monthly Report – June 30, 2010

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – June 30, 2010

Wabash Fire Department – Quarterly Ambulance Report as of 6-30-10

Region III-A 2011 Annual Appropriation Request – \$12,445 & 2009 Annual Report

IDEM: Expired CFOA – Ted Little: Farm ID# 6128

IDEM: Notice of Decision - Approval: Aleris Specification Alloys/ Air Quality Permit

Thank you to Commissioners from Trula Cramer

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No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, July 26, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

The Wabash County Council will meet in regular session on Monday, July 26, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse at 5:00 P.M.

Approved as written