

DECEMBER 5, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 5, 2011. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Givens, Barry J. Eppley, and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a utility application request from NIPSCO to install gas service at 7165 N 500 E Lot 1R. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote
2. Stated a pre-construction meeting will be held Tuesday, December 6th in the Commissioners' meeting room at 1:00 P.M. regarding Bridge #61 located on CR 700 between 200 N and 300 N.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 12/4/11. The average daily population was 78.85; three (3) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated a jail officer resigned in November 2011 and recommended Aaron Hill as replacement. Land requested a start date of December 18, 2011. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy will hold only three (3) classes next year. The first start January 4, 2012. Land stated the Council had approved a new merit officer position for 2012. Land recommended Scott Campbell to fill the position at the beginning of January 2012. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Presented the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$3,623.18. Brown stated this is a reimbursement grant and requested permission to present to Council. Commissioners unanimously approved request to go before Council and signed the grant agreement.
2. Stated EMA is keeping an eye on the Wabash River which is at 11.3 feet and the Eel River at 7.99 feet.
3. Stated he will be in Indianapolis on Wednesday, December 07, 2011 to pick-up CERT supplies for District 3.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Continues to work with Plan Commission Director Mike Howard on revisions to the zoning ordinance related to Wind Energy Conservation Systems.
2. Continues to work on revisions to the no dumping ordinance.

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3. Continues to work on increasing the penalty in the K-2 ordinance.
4. Stated the final draft of a letter to the Indiana Criminal Code Evaluation Committee regarding the financial impact of housing D Felons at the local jail is set to be reviewed by Council at tonight's meeting. Once approved by the Council and Commissioners it will be placed in final letter form for their signatures.
5. Stated the proposed resolution to receive interest on the Cumulative Bridge Fund will be presented for adoption at next week's meeting.

Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer, presented the 2012 Child Welfare Services Provider Professional Services Contract (EDS # A93-2-12-CB-PO-0605) between the Indiana Department of Child Services and the Wabash County Board of Commissioners/Wabash County Probation Department. It includes drug testing and supplies effective 12/1/2011 thru 6/30/2013. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the contract.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented a quote from Rhoads Window Shop totaling \$4,735 to purchase and install window shades on the north side of the courthouse; this includes nineteen (19) windows. (Shades have already been installed on the east, south and west sides.) Hauptert made a motion to proceed with ordering the window shades for \$4,735; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Dils also received requests for similar shades to be installed on interior doors. These have been quoted as not to exceed \$60 per door. Auditor Ridgeway stated she has requested window shades for the doors into the backroom of auditor's office and the GIS office. Commissioners requested Dils contact other courthouse offices to inquire if they would like to purchase door shades as well. Dils stated he would contact all courthouse offices and report the interest level next week.
2. Reminded Commissioners; Gallagher Benefit representatives will be here at 9:45 A.M. on Thursday, December 8th for a mid-year review of our health plan and to begin discussing the 2012 renewal.

Trisha Hanes presented a request for the 2012 AACTION Grants: Community Drug-Free Grant Fund totaling \$21,952. Hanes stated there was one change from last year. Drug Court is now included both in treatment and in justice. State statute requires this be in both categories. Hauptert made a motion to approve the 2012 AACTION Grants as presented; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Ridgeway stated this will be additional appropriation requests to the Council at their January 2012 meeting.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket to be paid 12/05/11. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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2. Presented the claim for final payment of the Judicial Center Bonds Series 2000 totaling \$179,900.
3. Requested permission to proceed with internal transfers to balance out the Commissioners' budget for 2011. Commissioners unanimously approved.
4. Presented the VMWARE Security Server Renewal for the courthouse from Intrasect Technologies totaling \$960. Haupert made a motion to approve renewal; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Presented an invoice from EDG not to exceed \$5,000 for the county's portion of the overseas travel approved at last week's Commissioners' meeting. Ridgeway stated the City of Wabash has agreed to fund the remaining \$5,000. Haupert made a motion to approve the invoice; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Presented the Tiede Metz and Downs November invoice totaling \$2,666.50. Ridgeway stated this invoice has incurred K-2 attorney expenses totaling \$507 and requested this be reimbursed from the new K-2 Fund after it is established. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
7. Presented Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk's, 2012 Official's Bond. Commissioners signed bond. Haupert made a motion to accept bond; his motion was seconded by Eppley, passed by a 3-0 vote and Commissioners signed bond.
8. Stated she sent an e-mail to George Helton, Department of Local Government Finance, Budget Representative, regarding the status of the 2012 Budget approval. He replied, unofficially, the only change is the Cumulative Reappraisal Fund needs to be cut by approximately \$10,000. Helton stated this could be presented and acted on by the Council at tonight's meeting as an appropriation reduction for this year. Ridgeway stated she would discuss with County Assessor Kelly Schenkel and present as recommended at tonight's Council meeting. Helton stated all other budgets are acceptable and noted the 1782s should be received prior to Christmas.

Reminder: WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL will meet at 5:00 P.M. tonight.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, December 12, 2011 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – December 12, 2011