

JANUARY 17, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 9, 2012 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.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented an application from Frontier Communications to bury cable at 730 W 200 N. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated the hearing regarding the North Manchester Covered Bridge will be held Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the North Manchester Public Safety Building.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 1/15/12. The average daily population was 88.85; four (4) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated a jail officer has resigned effective January 23rd. Requested permission to begin the interview process to hire a replacement. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated he continues to pursue the installation of a kiosk system for the Commissary. Land stated he has submitted four (4) agreements to County Attorney Steve Downs for review. The initial cost will be \$10,300 plus \$4,000 for training. Land stated he will use County Misdemeanant Funds and/or Commissary Funds to cover the cost.

Joe Edwards, Vice-President of SRI, presented a proposed resolution for the Commissioners Tax Certificate Sale. The resolution establishes the intent to conduct a Commissioners Sale to tender tax sale certificates for properties in Wabash County that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes. Edwards stated that forty-seven (47) parcels will be placed in the sale. Edwards also submitted the Commissioners Tax Certificate Sale Agreement and requested that a minimum bid be set. Eppley made a motion to approve the Tax Sale Agreement and Resolution 2012-85-01; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley then made a motion to establish a minimum bid of \$200 per parcel; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by 3-0.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, presented the 2011 Wabash County 911 Report. Brown stated there were a total of 24,905 log entries in 2011. The incoming and outgoing non-911 calls were 19,074. There were a total of 14,217 911 calls. Of those calls, 700-1,000 were cell phone miss-dials. Brown stated these have been a problem but still must be followed-up with city or county personnel. Brown stated at times the calls are duplicates due to a call

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to both Sheriff and Fire Department. Brown stated the EMA volunteer time was 4,819 hours. Paid EMA hours were 4,096 for a total of 8,915. This time includes training, incidents, planning, exercise and District III activities.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, stated he is updating the Wabash County and Lagro Township server transfer resolutions as well as revising the K-2 Ordinance and drafting a resolution for Cumulative Bridge Fund interest earned to be receipted into the fund.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated two (2) heat pumps at the Judicial Center were low on Freon. Quality Electric charged the units. A third heat pump will need more extensive repair; it will need to be disconnected, lowered through the ceiling, repaired, and then re-installed. Dils stated it is difficult to estimate a cost due to the amount of work to remove the unit but could require two (2) days of labor. Commissioners gave unanimous approval to repair the unit including replacing the evaporator coils if appropriate.
2. Stated that yesterday new packing was installed on the courthouse elevator.
3. Stated the lights on top of the courthouse have been turned off until electrical repairs can be completed, hopefully this week. Dils stated no repair costs will be owed by the county.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. UMB Bank has requested six (6) principal and interest payments from the TIF revenue due February 1, 2012:
 - a. Charley Creek Inn Project - \$13,152.22
 - b. Innovation Ventures (Living Essentials) – no funds have been collected on this project.
 - c. Cinergy MetroNet Project - \$131,944
 - d. Ford Meter Box - \$18,940
 - e. POET Ethanol Plant 2011A and 2011 B - \$370,027.95 Ridgeway stated this one is the only one we have sufficient funds to cover the cost. Ridgeway stated she will discuss this with Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG and Wendy Frazier, Wabash City Clerk Treasurer regarding payments for the City and County Redevelopment Commissions. Commissioners unanimously approved Auditor Ridgeway to proceed with transfers of County funds that are available for payment.
2. Stated late Friday the 1782 Notice was received from the State DLGF approving the 2012 Wabash County Budgets. The original submission showed that we had a negative operating balance in the General Fund. Ridgeway stated she requested a review by the DLGF, following which they found a mistake in their calculations and sent her a corrected 1782 Notice. Ridgeway stated there should be a \$760,000 General Fund cash operating balance with a fully funded budget, as approved by our Council.

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Items for Commissioners' review:

January 1, 2012 Changes to Common Construction Wage

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, January 23, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written – January 23, 2012