

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Hauptert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented three (3) utility permit requests from Prime Tech Communications to install cable for Windstream Communications:
 - a. Run fiber optic on 175 E south to 1100 N then west to Taylor Street to a cell tower
 - b. Run fiber optic on 100 W to a cell tower at 12686 N 100 W Lot 2 boring under 100 W
 - c. Run fiber optic on 1100 S to west of 350 E boring under 1100 S to a cell tower at 3230 E 1100 S Lot 3Givens made a motion to approve requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a Statement of Basis for Just Compensation for the four (4) R-O-W parcels for Bridge 24 on Ogden Road. Commissioners unanimously approved. Hauptert signed statement.
3. Stated the Highway Department has completed 60.41 miles of chip and seal. Martin stated all of Highway Department appropriations for this project have been spent. Givens made a motion to approve an Additional Appropriation to go before Council totaling \$225,000 out of the Local Road and Street Fund to cover the cost of additional chip and seal; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land stated as of this morning there are eighty-six (86) inmates in the Wabash County Jail; sixteen (16) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail. The average daily population in the jail for the week ending 8/26/12 was 90.62.

Bob Brown, Wabash County EMA and Central Dispatch Director, was present with no report.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, County Health Department Office Manager:

1. Presented an Additional Appropriation request to go before Council. This is a new grant totaling \$3,500. It is from a District Pilot Program and is part of the beginning stage of Accreditation. These funds will be used to purchase locking storage cabinets, IT assistance and supplies. Eppley made a motion to approve to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated there are building maintenance needs for the Health Department located on the lower level of Memorial Hall. The State will not allow any

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building repair expense to be paid from the Health Department budget. Carter-Lower requested that several concerns be addressed: (a) neither the east or the west doors seal properly, (b) moisture issues after heavy rains resulting in damp floors and mold, (c) no professional cleaning service, (d) a seldom used water fountain needs to be removed and (e) handicap accessibility needs to be enhanced, the current access is on a hill with no automatic door. Commissioners took under advisement.

3. Stated the Wabash County Health Board would like the Health Department to look into being able to accept credit cards for services provided. Sheriff Land stated the Sheriff's Department uses a program called Pay.gov. Commissioners gave approval for the Health Department to investigate using this method to accept payments by credit card.

Program Coordinator and Executive Director of Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District Susan Stephan, SWC District Board members and Joe Updike, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist:

1. Presented a three (3) phase Infrastructure Improvement Proposal for upgrades to the Wabash County Farm property totaling \$50,660 regarding Conservation Cropping Systems for Soil Health and Productivity; as discussed at the March 5, 2012 meeting. Updike stated due to the fact that SWCD is a governmental entity they are not eligible for Cost Share Funds to repair waterways, gullies and tiles. Also included in this proposal was a cost estimate for barn repairs. Updike stated SWCD continues to acquire financial assistance for the cost of the improvements but also requested assistance from the Commissioners' Cumulative Capital Development Funds for infrastructure improvements. Updike stated it is possible to start with tiles this fall if funds are available. Commissioners will take under advisement.
2. Stephan informed that the Wabash County SWCD will contribute approximately \$8,000 and NRCS will contribute \$24,000 of a 25/75 match totaling \$32,000 for the contracting and design work portion of this project. Commissioners extended their appreciation for organizing such a great opportunity for Wabash County.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated:

1. Novatek Corporation was on-site last week evaluating the current generator at the Jail. Novatek requested power usage data from Duke Energy over the last three (3) years. Dils stated he obtained two (2) years of information and forwarded it to Novatek. They will evaluate the data and present a recommendation at a later date.
2. Stated he contacted Jack Krouse of Construction Control who will be on-site at the Wabash County Jail this morning to review maintenance needs as requested at the August 27th meeting.
3. Stated the Lincoln Statue on the Wabash County Courthouse lawn is reportedly owned by the City of Wabash but perhaps neither the county nor the city covers it under their property insurance. Commissioners

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- requested Dils contract our insurance company to clarify if there is existing coverage and if not, the cost to obtain coverage. Dils agreed.
4. Stated Christine Flohr, Executive Director of Tourism at the Wabash County Convention and Visitors' Bureau, requested permission for six (6) individuals and herself to take a walking tour inside the Courthouse to the upper clock level on September 14, 2012. Flohr stated she would have everyone sign a liability waiver prior to their visit. Dils stated he would guide the tour. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

Wabash County Auditor, Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 9/04/12. Eppley made a motion to approve Claims; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a Notice of County Misdemeanant Funds to be received this week for FY 2012 for a total of \$25,121.66.

Commissioners Reviewed:

Letter from Indiana Genealogical Society: No grants available for 1915 plat map restoration

Information Packets for Wabash County Council Meeting – September 10, 2012

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission: Meeting Agenda for September 12, 2012 and Minutes of July 11, 2012

Indiana Farm Bureau County Government Statistical Report – 2012

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, September 10, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M. and in a joint Special Session with the County Council at 3:00 P.M.

Reminders:

September 6th 5:00 P.M. Wabash County Council 2013 Non-Binding Reviews of Wabash County Taxing Unit Budgets

September 10th 3:00 P.M. Wabash County Council/ Commissioners Joint Special Session

September 10th 4:30 P.M. Wabash County Council 2013 Budget Hearing for Solid Waste Management District

September 10th 5:00 P.M. Wabash County Council 2013 Budget Hearing for Wabash County Budgets and Meeting

*Approved as written – September 10, 2012