

## APRIL 25, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 25, 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 April 18, 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, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to attend the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors Conference on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Indianapolis. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 4/24/11. The average daily population was 82.8 ; with no inmates housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated one (1) officer plans to retire in June. Land requested permission to move forward with the hiring of two (2) officers not just the one (1) which was approved April 11, 2011. 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. Stated during the thunderstorm on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> there was damage in the Speicherville area. Also, the roof of a large grain bin was removed at 700 N in Roann. Brown stated to his knowledge all property was insured.
2. Stated the five (5) county owned emergency generators will be serviced today.

Wabash County Clerk of the Courts Elaine Martin:

1. Requested permission for four (4) deputies to attend a User Fee meeting in Fishers, Indiana. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Requested permission for herself and one (1) deputy to visit the Cass County Vote Center on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented an Additional Appropriation Request regarding Title IV-D Funds. The State reported not all counties were properly calculating and submitting for IV-D Funds. Martin stated she had hired a vendor at a cost of \$4,800 to review the last two (2) years records. This review showed the County General Fund was due \$52,000. Martin stated using this vendor could increase the normal reimbursement from around \$13,000 to \$35,000 per year. Martin requested permission to continue with this IV-D service on a monthly basis at \$650 per month; \$7,800 per year. Martin stated if the vendor is paid through the County General Fund it is reimbursed to the County General Fund. The net reimbursement to the county, after fees are paid, will be approximately \$26,000. Hauptert made

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a motion to approve the clerk to go before Council with her request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor, stated her front office has been unusually cold and drafty. Dils stated he is unaware of any service issue with the Assessor's heating/cooling unit. Dils indicated the problem is likely due to the doors at the top of the stairway being left open. He will try to be sure they are closed.

Bill Konyha, Executive Director of EDG,

1. Stated there is a current economic development project that could result in a \$12 million dollar capital investment; possibly adding 150 jobs in the county with an average wage at \$16 per hour. Konyha stated EDG is working with a Non-Disclosure Agreement and cannot disclose specific information regarding the project. Konyha stated this is a complicated endeavor and EDG has arranged for Barnes & Thornburg to act as bond counsel and offer legal advice on a pro bono basis. EDG has obtained the CPA Group of London Witte as financial advisor also pro bono. Konyha also recommended BT Project Point, LLC, an affiliate of Barnes and Thornburg as the Municipal Advisor on the project. Payment will be a total of \$25,000 paid on a monthly basis. Konyha requested the county fund half of the total from CEDIT Funds and EDG would request the other \$12,500 from the City of Wabash. This would be refunded by the bond if the loan is completed. If the bond is not funded, there is a risk of non-reimbursement. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission for EDG to enter into a one (1) year contract with a former State Representative who would help identify grant funding possibilities for Wabash County. The cost of the contract would be a total of \$12,000; \$6,000 from the county and \$6,000 from the City of Wabash. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented for signature a revised application for the AFLAC Critical Illness Benefit recently offered to employees which will become effective May 1, 2011. (The previous application defined full-time employees as working 32 or more hours instead of 35 or more hours per week. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens signed the application.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor,

1. Requested permission to transfer the \$18,500 for the EDG projects presented today and approved by Commissioners from their CEDIT Funds. The Council will need to approve a transfer from 04-Capital Projects: County Farm Infrastructure Fund to 03-Other Services and Charges:

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Consulting Services - \$6,000 and Capital Investment Project Services for EDG -\$12,500. With the Commissioners approval she would present this request to Council at this evening's meeting, Commissioners unanimously approved.

2. Stated the CCD Fund has monies available if needed to complete the technology portion of the Commissioners' Room remodel project.

### **Items for Commissioners' review:**

IDEM – Notice of Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Application – Town of North Manchester  
Weights and Measures Monthly Report – April 15, 2011

*Reminder: Small Business Week Recognition Event – May 13th - 3:00 P.M. @ Courthouse*

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2011 in the EOC room on the lower level of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – May 2, 2011