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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wabash County Commissioners met in Executive Session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday May 9, 2011 at 8:45 A.M to discuss personnel matters. Present at the meeting were Chairman Scott E. Givens, Barry J. Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert, County Attorney Steve Downs, County Coordinator Jim Dils, Community Corrections Director Jeff Hobson and Auditor Jane Ridgeway.

REGULAR SESSION

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 9, 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 May 2, 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:

1. Recommended that the County assist with maintenance of the Grossnickle driveway as presented at the May 2nd meeting. Hauptert made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a road cut permit for the placement of a field tile ½ mile west of 800 E on 700 N. Hauptert made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Stated a culvert pipe was installed last week on county road 150 W; both lanes are now open.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated the population in the county jail this morning was 88 ; with no inmates housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated he will meet with Jail Commander Mark Henderson this morning to discuss the possibility of moving inmates to the Miami County Jail.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reviewed the Community Correction Grant Agreement and stated it is acceptable. Hauptert made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Community Correction Grant; his motion was seconded by Eppley, passed by a 3-0 vote and Commissioners signed the agreement.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director – Wabash County Council on Aging:

1. Stated the first quarter has gone well. Once they stopped using ride coupons they lost one (1) out of four (4) riders.
2. Presented the Compliance Guidelines Review from INDOT. One item in particular which was addressed was a civil rights statement to indicate that the agency is: an equal opportunity “provider”. Ferry stated all

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employees have since attended civil rights training which is far beyond any requirement. Ferry stated they will also promote that the Council on Aging Public Transit is both an equal opportunity “employer” and “provider.” Ferry stated a letter is being drafted to INDOT to provide a compliance guideline plan of action.

3. Introduced the new transit manager Ericka Cain.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated the steps/landings added as part of the new courthouse door project in 2009 will have the handrails removed on May 13th for approximately 2 weeks while the cracked concrete corners, where the rails were added, are repaired. In addition, the rails will be lengthened prior to being re-installed. There was a previous agreement that the \$3,100 cost will be split with the architect and contractor. Attorney Downs questioned the responsibility of payment. Commissioners stated they wanted to assume responsibility for a portion of the additional cost. Dils also requested permission to install an abrasive strip on each step to draw further attention to the edge. The cost for six (6) strips will be \$132 each for a total of \$792. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated a memo was received from the State noting they increased the mileage allowance for business travel from \$.40 to \$.44 per mile as of May 1, 2011 due to the sharp increase in gas prices. She asked the Board to consider recommending the same increase for the county mileage rate. Commissioners unanimously approved for Ridgeway to take it to Council as Hauptert confirmed anything with a rate generally needs to go before the Council.
3. Stated that in the past the City of Wabash and the county have split the cost of installing Christmas lights on the courthouse. In 2010, the cost was \$1,968.79 each. The county paid \$1,968.79 in December 2010. An invoice was received this month from Quality Electric stating the city had not paid its portion. The city has since agreed to pay \$1,000 and requested the county pay the remainder or \$968.79. Hauptert stated the cost was higher this year due to the need to replace a number of the Christmas bulbs. Hauptert moved to approve the county pay an additional \$968.79; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented recommended appointments to the Wabash County Hospital Board of Trustees. The Board recommends the re-appoint of Kent Terrill and Rob Pearson for a four year term from April 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2015. Eppley made a motion to approve the re-appointments; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the Tiede Metz & Downs, P.C. Invoice for April, 2011. Ridgeway stated there a few items that may be covered by the NOVAE Grant. Downs stated he could submit a more detailed invoice regarding those charges.

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3. Presented the Otis R. Bowen Center request to receive the 1st half of the 2011 Appropriation totaling \$88,020 as mandated by State. Givens signed the invoice request.
4. Presented the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs: Monitoring #PL-09-046 Grant Settlement Status – CDBG Grant #PL-09-046.
5. Presented a request from Planning Director Mike Howard for an increase on his county credit card limit from \$100 to \$750. Ridgeway stated any changes need to come before the Commissioners prior to action being taken. Commissioners unanimously approved. Ridgeway also stated the Commissioners should pass a resolution for authorization and terms for use of the county credit card. Howard stated many of the websites do not have tax exempt status availability and taxes are added. Givens stated this needs to be arranged ahead of time with the vendor because we do not pay sales tax.
6. Discussed the proposed funding for Grossnickle Drain Project in North Manchester. Givens stated this is a county drain that runs through the Town of North Manchester. The drain tile has collapsed and water is not flowing properly. An engineering firm has stated the project will cost \$908,944. The county is submitting for a \$400,000 grant and must have a matching amount before they can apply for the grant. The Town of North Manchester stated they will contribute not more than \$190,000, in proportion to the percentage of the project within the town limits. The remainder of funds will be covered through assessment to the land owners. Ridgeway said the Commissioners could complete an internal transfer from CEDIT - Minimum Security Facility totaling \$10,000 and \$137,500 from CEDIT – County Farm Structure. Hauptert made a motion to approve the transfer of \$147,500; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. An Additional Appropriation totaling \$62,500 will need to be presented to the Council for the remainder of the County's portion for a total of \$210,000 from the Wabash County CEDIT Fund. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Request totaling \$62,500 to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
7. A Proclamation for Small Business Appreciation Week May 16-20 was presented and signed by the Commissioners. A ceremony for a joint proclamation with the City of Wabash and Town of North Manchester will be held on Friday, May 13th, at 3:00 P.M. at the courthouse.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Agenda for 5-21-11

IDEM: Confined Feeding Operation Approval – Allen D. Rice– Id# 1007

IDEM: Manchester Metals, LLC – Notice of Public Comment Oper. Permit

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2011 in the EOC room on the lower level of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M

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*Approved as written – May 16, 2011

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