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Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 23, 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 16, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction; instead of Eppley motioning the May 9th minutes, Hauptert had motioned the May 9th minutes; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 3-0.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder, presented three (3) quotes for a new desk requested at the May 16th meeting:

1. Indoff: \$1,794.74 including \$125.18 for set-up
2. Quill: \$1,703.00 not including shipping and no set-up available
3. Staples: \$1,629.00 no set-up available

Draper stated the Staples desk does not have enough drawers to accommodate her needs. Hauptert made a motion to approve Indoff at \$1,794.74; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Draper stated she will present an Additional Appropriation Request to Council tonight.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a road cut permit request to repair a tile at CR 700 N 500 feet east of 1200 E. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a utility burial request to retire a gas main at 85 N Wabash Avenue in Servia; requested by Plan Commissioner Director Mike Howard. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented a request from NIPSCO to install service at 2685 N Old State Rd 15. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented a Right-of-Way Certification for Bridge #61 on 700 W. Commissioners signed certification.
5. Presented the 2010 Highway Department Annual Operation Report. Commissioners signed report.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented the jail report for the week ending 5/22/11. The average daily population was 85.42; with no inmates housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated 55 applications have been received for the two (2) open deputy positions. Applications will be accepted through Friday, May 27, 2011. There will be a physical and written test for all applicants on June 25, 2011. Once these tests are completed the interview process will begin.
3. Land stated it would be best to wait until after the City Council meeting this evening to further discuss the "bath salts" ordinance. Land suggested

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Wabash County follow suit possibly adding any changes to the current K2 Ordinance.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Discussed the quote from Secure Tech Systems Inc. regarding repairs to the security alert system at the courthouse and judicial center. Auditor Ridgeway presented a quote for repairs to the current system totaling \$1,950. Eppley stated exploring the possibility of grant funds at a later date to update the system may be a viable option. Hauptert made a motion to repair the current system; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Discussed payment of the Novatek Generator invoice totaling \$937.75. Ridgeway recommended the Highway and Health Departments pay for their portion due to the fact they have a different tax rate and the Commissioners pay for County General Departments. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court, presented a quote from CSI for replacing all five (5) computers in the court. CSI currently handles software as it relates to reporting statistics and docket entries in compliance with the State. The current computers are 3-5 years old and have needed continual repairs. Stroup stated the monitors do not need to be replaced. Stroup stated this can be paid from County General IV-D Funds. Givens asked if the current computers could be used in another location. Ridgeway stated there have been requests. Stroup suggested one possibility, the security station at the judicial center. Eppley made a motion to approve the purchase of five (5) computers with service, installation and warranty not to exceed \$3,840; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated he continues to work with IDEM to review the Laketon Project.
2. Stated a case will be filed this week regarding charges under the K2 ordinance for the selling of the substance. There was one other prosecution for possession that resulted in a guilty plea.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated two (2) heat pump units need to have evaporator coils replaced. The first is a single coil unit in the Circuit Court that received a temporary repair in 2010. A valve was also replaced last week. The total cost for previous service calls and coil installation would be \$2,655. The second unit in the Recorder's Office and has two (2) coils that need to be replaced. This unit has also had previous repairs. The total cost for previous service calls and coil installation would be \$3,085. The total cost for both units would be \$5,740. Dils stated in the past this had been paid out of Cum Cap. Ridgeway stated there is enough in this fund to cover the cost.

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Hauptert made a motion to approve that both units be repaired; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Presented application for payment #2 from Searce Rudisel and Kroft Construction for renovations to the Commissioners' meeting room totaling \$21,150. This leaves a balance of approximately \$16,000 for the remainder of the project. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented a revised proposal from One Eleven Design regarding chairs for the Commissioners' meeting room; twelve (12) chairs with arms totaling \$1,866 and thirty-eight (38) chairs without arms totaling \$4,597.62. Dils stated direct shipping would be \$280. Commissioners unanimously approved to proceed with the chair purchase.
4. Stated the Health Officer position is still open.
5. Stated he will make the brown "jury chairs" and tables from the Commissioners' room available to all county departments. If there is no interest, this furniture will be placed in the county surplus auction. Commissioners agreed.

Stan Bagley, Laketon Area Regional Sewer District, stated the Waste Water Management District Board has been granted from IDEM. The first step is to establish a district board, Pleasant Township Trustee appoints one (1), Commissioners appoint two (2) and Council appoints two (2). The second step is to obtain legal representation for the board. Bagley requested Commissioners approval to ask County Attorney Downs for assistance. Commissioners stated they would discuss this with Downs and take the appointments under advisement.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor,

1. Presented a quote from IntraSect Technologies for HP Care Pack Maintenance totaling \$575. Hauptert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the Wabash Fire Department First Quarter 2011 Report.
3. Presented the Middle Eel River Watershed Initiative Report.
4. Stated SRI requested a date be set for the 2011 Tax Sale; Ridgeway recommended October 11, 2011. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
5. Stated she will be attending the Auditor's Spring Conference Tuesday through Friday of this week.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – May15, 2011

IDEM: CAFO Removal from Program – Maple Leaf Farms Permit #ING806101

State Surplus Sale will be held on June 2, 2011

Eppley stated:

1. The Personnel Administration Committee met May 12, 2011 and have two (2) recommendations to the Commissioners:

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- a. All Department Heads place a 2% across the board wage increase for all employees in their 2012 budget request.
 - b. All Department Heads request additional salary increases to help eliminate the remaining differences between current salaries and the recommendations contained in the wage study completed in 2009 by Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates, up to a \$5,000 maximum. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendations; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley stated he will present this information to the Council at tonight's meeting.
2. Will be presenting a plaque to Metro North Principal Mark Coppler today in recognition of his 40 years of service with the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County.

At 10:00 A.M., Givens opened the floor for the Public Hearing; the Opportunity for Nonprofit Corporations to submit Applications to Receive Property that may be Transferred for the Public Good; specifically 490 Ferry Street, Wabash, IN. Larry Manning, and Roger Tate, Wabash County Habitat for Humanity, presented an application request for 490 Ferry Street. Hauptert made a motion to close public hearing; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve transfer of property 490 Ferry Street to Wabash County Habitat for Humanity pending a resolution; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Ridgeway stated there are back taxes due of \$714.70. Attorney Downs stated Commissioners may choose to remove the back taxes and resume payment for the fall installment for 2011. Ridgeway stated HFH could address the PTABOA Board requesting extension for the non-profit status for 2011. After much discussion regarding the taxes, Eppley made a motion to write-off existing delinquent taxes totaling \$714.70 and for property tax payment to start with the fall installment if a non-profit status is not obtained; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Director, presented quotes for two (2) projects:

1. To place a 55 foot chain link fence around the communication tower at Central Dispatch
 - a. R & C Fence: \$1,865
 - b. Double A Fence: \$3,090
 - c. Contacted several local vendors; none offered chain link fence
2. To replace 12 feet of fence at the EMA Annex facility.
 - a. R & C Fence: \$2,010
 - b. Double A Fence: \$3,280
 - c. Contacted several local vendors: none offered chain link fence

Brown stated the quote allows for a \$100 deduction per project if combined. Eppley made a motion to approve R&C Fence for both projects totaling \$3,675 including the \$200 savings; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder, discussed funding options for a 1910 map that she would like to have restored for the Recorder's office. Commissioners will take under advisement.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 in the EOC room on the lower level of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written - May 31, 2011