

SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 12, 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. Haupert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent, presented two (2) utility requests from NIPSCO: 500 E at 7754 N and 200 N near 300 W. Haupert made a motion to approve requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff, presented a jail report for the week ending 9/11/11. The average daily population was 82.42; five (5) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated three (3) volunteers finished search and rescue training at Camp Atterbury last week. This makes nine (9) volunteers eligible for ground search which will be implemented at a later date.
2. Stated two (2) volunteers also attended mass casualty training at Camp Atterbury this past weekend.
3. Stated there was a server issue at Central Dispatch but it has been remedied.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented the Crossroads Bank Term Loan for the Grossnickle Drain Project in North Manchester totaling \$130,000 payable at 4.25% for a six (6) year period. Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 2-0 vote. Givens abstained. This bank loan will be contingent on the approval of a \$500,000 grant for the project.
2. Stated an air conditioning compressor needs to be replaced at the Health Department. Dils estimated the total replacement cost would be approximately \$2,100. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
3. Dils stated the Hoosier START Deferred Compensation Program has been amended to offer a designated Roth account. Dils asked permission to amend the county's agreement to allow Roth contributions. He stated a Hoosier START representative will be visiting various county buildings on October 12th to review the current program with employees and explain the new option. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented an appeal of a Noble Township Assistance Action. Givens asked Ridgeway to contact Noble Township Assessor Sue Ridenour to obtain clarification on the time frame for an appeal and public hearing. Ridgeway stated she would contact Ridenour.
2. Presented a request for permission to hold a wedding on October 22, 2011 on the Roann Covered Bridge. Attorney Downs stated he is working on liability waiver. John Martin, Highway Superintendent stated it would be fine to allow use of the bridge on that date. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed 3-0.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Tiede Metz & Downs, P.C. – Invoice for July 2011 totaling \$1,039.50

Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor, Inc: Annual Meeting October 7th in Peru, Indiana

Comcast letter: Digital Network Enhancement Expansion to Limited Basic Service

Gretchen O'Neill, MPS Specialist, Perry Corporation presented an over-view of the first year's MPS activity and presented a new MPS Maintenance Agreement. O'Neill stated there was an estimated savings of \$826.93 on toners and \$3,349.98 on replacement repair costs/service calls; for a total savings of \$4,176.91 for the year. O'Neill stated the new contract does not include the Prosecutor's Office per their written request for removal. Commissioners requested Attorney Downs review the renewal contract. Commissioners will take under advisement.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, September 19, 2011 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – September 19, 2011