

OCTOBER 24, 2011

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 24, 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 October 17, 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:

1. Presented a utility application request from CenturyLink to install a fiber optic telephone cable in the county R-O-W along CR 800 N from to SR 13 to 800 E and along CR 800 E from 800 N to SR 114. The cable will run from Urbana to South Whitley. Haupert made a motion to approve utility application; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 10/23/11. The average daily population was 74.14; five (5) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated he is working with the Auditor's Office to finalize the purchase of bulletproof vests which are to be partially funded through an approved grant from the Office of Justice Programs – Bureau of Justice Assistance totaling \$3,141.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented a proposed resolution governing the issuance and use of county credit cards. Downs stated this has been reviewed and approved by the Auditor's Office who will manage compliance of the county credit card program. Haupert made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-85-09; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated the EMA was awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant totaling \$3,623.18. Brown stated this is a reimbursement grant. Brown requested permission to present to Council to be appropriated. Haupert made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the results of a Homeland Security Survey conducted by IUPUI regarding Indiana resident's opinions on the preparedness of their home county for disasters and emergencies. The northern 1/3 of the State scored highest. District 2 was the highest scoring district which includes St. Joseph, Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall, Stark, Pulaski and Fulton counties. Wabash County was also in the top "higher preparedness" category. The survey noted that rural residents seem to feel their county is better in prepared than urban individuals. The report stated that only 4.25 % of residents feel that sirens assist in emergencies. Brown noted, however, that not all counties have a siren system.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator, stated the heat pump which services the east side of the third floor of the Judicial Center has a mechanical problem. Quality Electric was on site last week to review the issue. The total cost for repairs would be \$1,900; which includes last week's service call of \$217. Hauptert made a motion to approve repairs to the heating and cooling system by Quality Electric totaling \$1,900; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented ARC of Wabash County's 4th Quarter 2011 Allocation Request totaling \$14,125. Givens signed request.
2. Stated approximately \$50,000 was collected in delinquent property taxes from the 2011 Tax Sale held October 20, 2011.
3. Presented an Additional Appropriation Request totaling \$1,900 for the Laketon Sewer Project Archeological Study. The total amount will be reimbursed by the USDA upon completion of the project.
4. Presented an Internal Transfer to cover the cost of the defibrillator re-certification for five (5) individuals as approved at last week's meeting for a total of \$200. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Wabash City Fire Department – Quarterly Ambulance Report for 2011 Year

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – September 16 - October 15, 2011

Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts – September 2011

Indiana Code CD – Ridgeway presented to County Attorney Steve Downs for review and

Reminder: An Executive Session is set for next Monday, October 31, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss legal matters and acquisition of real estate.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, October 31, 2011 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – October 31, 2011