

January 13, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 13, 2014. Wabash County Auditor, Linda Conrad called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all Commissioners present: Brian K Hauptert, Barry J Eppley and Scott E Givens. Conrad asked for nominations for Commissioner Chairman. Hauptert made a motion to nominate Scott Givens as Commissioner Chairman for 2014. The motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote. Conrad turned the meeting over to Chairman Givens. Givens asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Eppley made the motion to nominate Brian Hauptert as Vice-Chairman for 2014. The motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 2-0 vote. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent submitted:

1. Two utility permits from NIPSCO to install gas service at 11678 N 200 W and 3869 N 200 W. Hauptert made the motion to approve both utility permits. Eppley seconded the motion; it carried by a 3-0 vote.
2. Two road-cut permits from AG Water Management to run drain tile. The first cut will be on Meridian Road 1/8 mile north of 850 S. The second cut will be on 50 E 1/2 mile north of 800 S. Both permit fees of \$180 each have been paid. Hauptert made the motion to approve the road cuts. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission to attend the 2014 Indiana LTAP Annual County Bridge Conference in West Lafayette on January 22 and 23. The request was approved.
4. The City of Wabash has made a request to purchase two slide-in sanders and a 2002 Chevrolet single axle dump truck which are no longer used by the County. The Larson V box sander and the Swenson V box sander are valued at \$1,200 each. The Chevrolet dump truck is valued at \$4,500. Hauptert made a motion to sell the equipment to the City of Wabash for the total price of \$6,900. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates with 20 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were five transports. The peak population was 87. Land stated he will have the annual jail report completed by the end of the month.

Keith Walters, EMA Director stated that after speaking with the Sheriff and highway departments he recommends the travel advisory be changed back to the normal "white" level following last week's heavy snow and extreme cold.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator presented:

1. A comparison sheet showing preventative maintenance contract quotes for the county's five emergency generators. For a three year agreement: EVAPAR (who installed the new jail generator) quoted a total of \$9,189.86 and Novatek (who had the previous contract) quoted a total \$7,051.05. Hauptert made the motion to accept the contract with Novatek. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Since last Friday attempts to access the county website via "wabashcounty.in.gov" were directed to an incorrect site. Intrasect Technologies is working to locate and correct the problem.

Mike Howard, County Planning Director presented: a contract for the 12" 2014 Ortho imagery which was approved on November 25th. At a cost of \$41.00 per square mile, for the county's 421.1 square miles, the total cost of the project will be \$17,265.10. Eppley made the motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it carried by a 3-0 vote.

January 13, 2014

Linda Conrad, Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims for January 4, 2014 and the payable claims for January 6, 2014.
2. Appointments for various positions:
 - Veteran Service Officer – Cameron Lochner
 - Region III-A Board of Directors – Brian Hauptert
 - Tax Abatement committee – Scott Givens
 - Laketon Area Regional Sewer District board – Claude Markstahler
 - Public Defender board- Jean Gilbert
 - Economic Development Group board – Brian HauptertEppley made the motion to make the appointments. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Hauptert made the motion to approve paying the 2014 dues for the Association of Indiana Counties, Indiana Association of County Commissioners and Region III-A Economic Development; the bonds for Schenkel, Draper and Slee and also the Living Well in Wabash County annual allocation. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. IDEM – notice of approval for POET Biorefining – North Manchester.
5. Request from the Wabash County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau for the commissioner’s to consider sponsorship for the 2014 Century Ride.

Property reassessment bids were opened as advertised. Bids were received from

1. Accurate Assessments Inc. located in Fort Wayne, Indiana
2. Tyler Technologies located in Jasper, Indiana

Hauptert made the motion to take the bids under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. A motion to close the bids was made by Hauptert and seconded by Eppley. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. The bids will be given to the County Attorney, Steve Downs for review.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was recessed. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2014 in the commissioners’ room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest, The Paper reporter Eric Stearley and Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel.

Scott E Givens

Brian K. Hauptert

Barry J Eppley

Attest: _____
Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor