

March 10, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 10, 2014. Chairman Scott E Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three members present: Givens, Brian K Hauptert and Barry J Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Submitted a utility permit request from NIPSCO to dig two bell-holes and bore under 800 N to run a gas line to 4720 E 800 N. Hauptert made the motion to approve the utility permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
2. Bay Geophysical has requested permission to conduct a seismic survey along 800 N starting approximately one half mile west of 600 E and proceeding a quarter mile to the west. Hauptert made the motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission to take three additional appropriation requests to the council regarding overtime. Due to the extreme winter weather overtime budgets have been utilized to the point there are not enough funds for the remainder of the year. The requests are:
 - Driver/Operator \$30,000
 - Sign Supervisor \$2,000
 - Mechanics \$5,000Hauptert made the motion to approve presenting the additional appropriation requests to council. The motion was seconded by Eppley; it passed by 3-0 vote.
4. Requested permission to set the date and time to receive annual salt/calcium chloride bids for the 2014-2015 winter season on April 14 at 9:30 a.m. The date and time were approved.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 70 inmates with 13 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week, there were 11 transports and 19 bookings. The peak population was 81.

Keith Walters, EMA Director presented a proclamation asking that the commissioner's declare the week of March 16 through March 22 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Hauptert made the motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor submitted payroll claims and allowances for March 1, 2014. Commissioners approved.

Mike Howard, County Planning Director submitted the final plat for Cherry Springs South creating four (4) new lots. The county planning commission approved the sub-division and the covenants at their March 6 meeting. Eppley made the motion to accept the sub-division. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor presented the contract from Accurate Assessments for signatures. The contract was approved at the February 10, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Eppley to approve the installation of a no-salt water treatment system at the jail by Freije Treatment Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$10,200. Hauptert seconded the motion; it carried by a 3-0 vote.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, March 17, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Marcie Shepherd, Deputy Auditor; Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest; Barry Bunnell, Bunnell Land Surveying.