

## March 24, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 24, 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 17, 2014 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 presented two change orders for Bridge 645 in North Manchester. Change order #5 was in the amount of \$2,282.74 for painting the steel. Change order #6 was in the amount of \$4,305.11 for replacing structural timber. Hauptert made a motion to approve both change orders. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 76 inmates with 12 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week, there were 5 transports and 18 bookings. The peak population was 79.

The annual jail inspection was conducted by the IDOC on February 25. Land provided the commissioners with a copy of the report and highlighted several areas of concern. Some have been noted on previous inspections.

- Lighting in cell blocks is not up to their standards
- Additional cells needed for temporary holding area
- More storage space needed for inmate personal property and jail in general
- An insufficient number of beds
- No negative air flow cells
- Outdoor recreation area needed
- Medical supplies room is too small
- Library/training area used as a medical exam area
- Recommended that dishwasher and range be replaced.
- Suggested three more security cameras

Land reported he received a second notice requesting that a staffing analysis be completed. Arrangements have been made with Bennett & Associates to conduct this analysis.

Two jailers have resigned so Land requested permission to try to fill both openings out of the current applicant pool. The commissioners gave their permission to proceed with filling both vacancies.

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk presented a notice of voting locations to be published in local newspapers. It designates the nine vote centers which will be available on May 6. These locations were approved previously but the notice required the commissioner's signatures. The commissioners signed the notice. Martin stated that flyers will be distributed to many county businesses and other

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public locations to help inform voters where the vote centers will be located. Informational post cards will also be mailed to all registered voters.

Keith Walters, EMA Director present with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor submitted payroll claims and allowances for March 15, 2014.

Hauptert made a motion to present a resolution to the council requesting a loan from the highway's Cum Bridge to County General in order to pay future payroll and claims. Eppley seconded the motion: it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, March 31, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Mark Berry and Steve Jones, United Consulting, Marcie Shepherd, Deputy Auditor and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest.