

## March 31, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 31, 2014. Chairman Scott E Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three members present: Givens, Brian K. Haupert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented two utility permits:

- 1) Frontier Communications to place 400' of cable in the right-of-way and bore across 100 S at 5385 W to provide service to that address.
- 2) NIPSCO to install a new regulator station on the east side of 175 E approximately 528' north of 1100 N. NIPSCO is retiring an old regulator station in the same area and will be digging approximately eight 4'X4' bell-holes in the right-of-way to perform this work.

Eppley made a motion to approve both utility permits. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 80 inmates with 12 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 12 transports and 24 bookings. The peak population was 78.

Land also stated that:

1. Last week he requested permission to hire two jail officers because two were leaving. One has decided to stay so he will need to replace only one jail officer.
2. A staffing analysis has been started. He hopes to have a report by the end of April.

Keith Walters, EMA Director reported there were two structure fires over the weekend which kept his department busy.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor was present with no report.

Sandy Beeks, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director stated two antennas needed to be replaced on the local communication tower. A third antenna will soon be replaced on the north tower in Laketon. These changes will improve emergency radio communications throughout the county.

Brad Fugate, Senior Associate and David Alvarez, GISP from Woolpert gave a presentation explaining the statewide orthophotography program. They explained Woolpert's role and the county's current status in the program. They also

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provided an overview of the different things which the photography and Lidar are used for and the information available through additional software programs.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Jeff Dawes, County Council; Rachel Guenin, GIS; Cheri Slee, Surveyor; Mike Howard, Planning Director; Kelly Schenkel, Assessor; Jennifer Scott, Environmental Health; Marcie Shepherd, Deputy Auditor and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest.