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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 19, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 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 May 12, 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:

1. A final inspection report and recommendation for acceptance of the B-33672 DES #0710686 contract for the North Manchester Covered Bridge. A bond is still being held for seeding. Haupert made the motion to accept the final inspection report. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
2. Final grading and seeding has been completed on Bridge #14 on 800 E over Carroll Ditch. This project is now complete. Mark Berry of United Consulting has recommended release of the retainage once a request has been received. The commissioners gave unanimous approval.
3. Change Order #1 for Bridge #24 on Ogden Road over Otter Creek in the amount of \$1,396.55 for grading and grass seeding required do to tree removal. Haupert made the motion to accept the change order. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Metropolitan School District requested that additional stone be provided to repair a bus turn-around at 2613 S 100 W. Eppley made the motion to repair the bus turn-around. Haupert second the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Received a request from Christine Flohr of the Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau to install bike trail signs to approximately six existing posts where the trail extends into Miami County. Haupert made the motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 78 inmates with 15 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 11 transports and 14 bookings. The peak population was 86.

Keith Walters, Emergency Management stated the Gov. Pence has proclaimed May 18-24 as the Emergency Medical Services Week. The theme "EMS Dedication for Life" recognizes the countless lives that have been saved by the dedication of EMS personnel. Walters asked that Wabash County to also proclaim May 18-24 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Haupert made the motion to issue the proclamation. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. The accounts payable claims and allowances for May 19, 2014
2. The payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending May 10, 2014
3. IDEM Notice of Approval for air quality for Brooks Construction Company, Inc.

Givens requested approval to send an additional appropriation request to County Council for \$3,970 out of the Rainy Day Fund to pay-out unused vacation time to a retiring employee, Dick Smith. Eppley made the motion to approve the request. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bill Konyha, President & CEO, of the Economic Development Group of Wabash County presented a resolution for signatures which will help encourage the expansion of fiber optic service throughout the county, not just in Wabash and North Manchester. It establishes a TIF district for fiber optic basically everywhere in the county, including public rights-of-way. Any entity could take advantage, except for the Metronet project that is already extending service to LaFontaine, Southwood Schools and White's Residential. Konyha distributed Resolution 2014-1 from the Redevelopment Commission as the declaratory resolution; it adopts the plan and establishes the expanded district. He also distributed Resolution 85-08-14 from the Plan Commission where it was reviewed, but not approved, but he indicated they found it to be consistent with the county's comprehensive plan. They are required to make certain findings. Those findings have been made by the Redevelopment Commission and reviewed by the Plan Commission. Once the resolution is approved by the County Commissioners it will go back to the Redevelopment Commission who will then order a public hearing. A tax impact statement will then be mailed to every jurisdiction with over-lapping taxing authority, which in this case means everyone in Wabash County, except the City of Wabash and the town of North Manchester. This would include the schools, libraries and townships. Konyha stated the impact of the TIF district is negligible. At the end of the public hearing they can then contemplate and approve the confirmatory resolution then it will be completed. Commissioner Givens then asked Plan Commission Director Mike Howard if there were any general comments. He stated there were concerns from the Plan Commission that there were several items they believe should not have been in the document. At the Plan Commission meeting, when the resolution was discussed with Konyha, they were under the impression that this document only covered what was already completed for Southwood Schools, LaFontaine and Whites Residential and not anything else in the future. That is why it was passed, because the work was already completed. Konyha stated that any proposed expenditure made by REMC, AT&T or any other business that comes to them would have to go through the

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same exact process, but they do not have to create the TIF district because that will already be completed. By virtue of the fact they are amending the plan to include a new budget they will have to go through the exact same steps as they are doing now. This is set by statute and Indiana law. Hauptert made the motion to accept the resolution. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ted Hurley, of J & K Communications stated his company is aware of the radio communication issues the county is experiencing since the state mandated change to narrow banding. Not all responders are receiving the pages as they should. He stated that J & K has staff working in the county trying to address and resolve the remaining problems.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Nick Van Heest and Wabash City Fire Chief Bob Mullet.