

August 25, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 25, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 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 August 18, 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 utility permits from NIPSCO:

1. Run a 3" main on the west side of 300 E from 800 N south to 7524 N to run service. Five bell-holes will be required.
2. To retire service at 2673 W 975 N. One bell-hole to disconnect the service from the main.

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

Martin also stated a progress meeting for Bridge 24 on Ogden Road over Otter Creek will be held at the site on Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:00 p.m. and that 29 miles of chip and seal have been completed.

Sheriff Bob Land, reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 98 inmates with 13 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 7 transports and 22 bookings. The peak population was 98. Sheriff Land also reported a new air conditioner compressor should be installed at the jail today. Two bids were received: one for \$10,000 (Flow-Tech) and the approved one for \$6,800 (Wohlford Heating & Refrigeration).

Keith Walters, County EMA Director attended the Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) conference in Indianapolis. During the conference the Wabash County Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) received two awards. One was for a joint exercise between Wabash and Grant County. The second for the Outreach Program for Wabash County.

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk reported:

1. She negotiated a credit of about \$6,700 against the original agreement of \$42,500 with ES&S, an electronic poll book vendor, for services that were not needed. The Election Board would like to purchase an additional e-poll book and a couple more printers and signature pads which would total around \$3,000. The board would like the commissioners' approval to spend a portion of the \$6,700 credit on these items. Permission was granted.
2. The Election Board voted on moving two vote centers: one from Manchester Intermediate School to the Pleasant Township Fire Department, the other from a Manchester High School to the North Manchester Public Safety Building. Both new entities have approved the use of their buildings. The commissioners will need to sign a document to designate the two new locations as vote centers once the paperwork is prepared.

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Ware Wimberly, Director of the Wabash Carnegie Public Library invited the commissioners to an open house Thursday, August 28th from 4 – 7 p.m. The library board is conducting a feasibility study with a Fort Wayne business concerning a possible addition to the library. The open house will give the community an opportunity to obtain information and provide feedback regarding the proposed addition.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated he received information questioning the ownership of property adjacent to the Wabash County Hospital. It appears three parcels of land on the southeast corner of that city block are still the property of Wabash County.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 8/16/2014
2. IDEM notice for construction permit application for Somerset waste water treatment plant improvements.

Commissioner Eppley made a motion to request that county council approve the transfer of \$800,000 from CEDIT to County General. CEDIT will need to be reimbursed by December 31, 2014 unless council extends the reimbursement period in December. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners received a letter of resignation from Veterans' Service Officer Cameron Lochner. The details concerning a transition will need to be addressed.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Joe Slacian.