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Following a Joint Special Session with the Wabash County Council, the Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 24, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Given called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to install gas service at 11822 N 200 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Bob Land reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates with 14 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week, there were 13 transports and 16 bookings. The peak population was 87.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director stated that following completion of the 2013 – 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant assessment matrix, the department was awarded a grant of \$8,485 to be used on a specific project in need of funding. He requested permission from the State for the money to be used to replace four (4) outdated base radios and to fix the EMA communications console which currently does not activate the City of Wabash's outdoor warning sirens. The State approved his request. Walters asked the commissioners for approval pursue obtaining the grant monies. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated:

1. When the 2014 county holiday schedule was approved, including a portion of Christmas Eve Day (Wednesday) was discussed but nothing was approved. Dils asked for that possibility to now be considered. During the discussion regarding approving a half-day vs a full day, Conrad, Land, and Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks stated a full day would be much easier from a scheduling standpoint. Eppley made a motion to add the full Christmas Eve Day to the 2014 holiday schedule. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
2. Several departments at the judicial center suggested that to help reduce cost of cleaning the judicial center the contract with MVJ be modified from three days to two days a week. By adding a little more time to two days, Dils stated it would reduce the charge by \$676 per month. Dils was told to move forward with the change effective January 1, 2015.
3. LL Computer Services has recommended that the DVR used for the security cameras at the judicial center should be replaced. Dils reported the replacement quote was for approximately \$960. Dils asked the commissioners about funding the replacement. Hauptert asked if there have been any discussions with the prosecutor to see if he could help pay the

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cost. Dils stated he will contact all judicial offices about helping with this expense and then report back to the commissioners.

4. On two recent occasions rain water has leaked thorough the courthouse roof into the Purdue Extension Office. Hauptert suggested that Dils contact Jeff Kumfer at Scarce Rudisel to find out the contractor who last replaced the roof and the warranty period.

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

The commissioners will meet on Monday, December 1, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Sandy Beeks, Central Dispatch, Mike Beauchamp, Eric Wathen, Banning Engineering, and Rachel Lemon, Wabash Plain Dealer.