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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 24, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three members present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent submitted four utility permits for approval:

1. Century Link: bury cable on the east side of 100 E between 400 & 500 N and along the north side of 400 N between 100 & 200 W.
2. Century Link: bury cable along 400 E to provide service at 9632 N 300 E.
3. Century Link: bury cable along 1100 N to provide service at 11147 N 300 E.
4. Frontier Communications: provide phone service at 6 North Skyline Drive by boring under Lakeview Drive at Sandy Beach.

Haupert made a motion to approve the utility permit applications. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin presented a bid award letter to be sent to Primco for the Bridge 14 contract. Commissioner Eppley signed the letter.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff stated the Wabash County jail currently has 84 inmates with 15 inmates at the Miami County jail. There are 7 inmates awaiting transport to the Indiana Department of Corrections.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Reported that the EMA department has completed the necessary exercises to qualify for the state's grant funding salary match. Commissioners signed the statement to be sent to the state.
2. Reported that the Department of Homeland Security has designated \$300,000 of federal grant funding to be available to counties that choose to apply. He presented a statement for the Commissioners to sign. It expresses support for a grant application to obtain \$10,800 for radio communications equipment to be used locally, district wide and on the state & federal level to enhance interoperable emergency communications. Commissioners signed the statement of support.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator presented the jail generator contract with L-A Electric, which has been reviewed by the County Attorney Steve Downs. Commissioners signed the contract.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor:

1. Presented two tort claims to the Commissioners: Joseph & Wanda Campbell and Sean A. Larrowe.

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2. Received notice of intent to demolish an unsafe building located at 760 E Hill Street from the City of Wabash Enforcement Authority.

Sarah Lochner, Wabash County probation officer submitted the July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 grant agreement with SCAN, Inc. The agreement is in the amount of \$16,168.30 for the department's day reporting program. Commissioners signed the grant agreement.

Christopher Boghosian, writer and director of an independent feature film "Heart of Indiana" and producer Tenille Draper explained plans to produce a love story film that will be set on an Indiana farm. The City of Wabash will serve as a primary filming location as he was inspired by the historic downtown district. Former Wabash County resident Crystal Gayle has agreed to create original music for the film. He has met with Mayor Vanlandingham and has received permission to film within the city limits. The production will use Wabash County locations and area actors with a crew of approximately ten people. Boghosian explained that the grassroots production is dependent on donations and volunteers. He stated there will be many opportunities for local talent to become involved and that he had already received many offers of assistance. The Commissioners expressed their support of the film's production and designated County Coordinator Dils as the county's contact person.

Brian Campbell, project manager and Jason Miller, president and director of engineering with Randall Miller & Associates submitted a contract for professional services in the amount of \$31,000 for the Wabash County ADA Transition Plan & Inventory. The services include analysis, review, documentation and consultation of public street rights-of-way and facilities for compliance with ADA guidelines and requirements. Miller stated he had sent a draft of the contract to County Attorney Steve Downs. Commissioner Eppley stated that United Consulting and Butler, Fairman and Seufert had been contacted but they declined to submit a quote for these services. Hauptert made a motion to approve the hiring of Randall Miller & Associates for professional services in the amount of \$31,000 subject to funding. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Joe Updike, NRCS district conservationist and Susi Stephan, Wabash County soil & water director explained the Soil & Water District's estimates for drainage work at the Wabash County Farm and stated that all three quotes came in under the estimated cost. Givens made a motion to approve the lowest quote from Eads & Son Bulldozing in the amount of \$34,693.50. Hauptert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Eppley submitted final claim voucher #6, in the amount of \$18,444.23, to be signed and submitted to IOCRA for the Grossnickle Ditch Drainage Reconstruction Project. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claim. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Commissioner Eppley presented amendment #3 to the original contract with Wessler Engineering for services required for the Grossnickle Drainage Reconstruction Project. The amendment was for additional surveying required by the state in the amount of \$1,700 and would increase the total cost of their contracted services to \$151,700. Hauptert made a motion to approve amendment #3 to the Grossnickle Drainage Reconstruction Project contract with Wessler Engineering. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Eppley received a request from Wabash River Defenders for \$500 to support their efforts to clean-up the banks of the Wabash River. Hauptert made a motion to take the request under advisement to determine a possible funding source. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Sheila Rhoades.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 1, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.