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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 30, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all 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 September 23, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Requested approval of a paint color sample for the North Manchester Covered Bridge. Commissioners approved the color.
2. Requested the enlistment of United Consulting to assist in the identification of construction projects to be submitted to INDOT in November for funding consideration. Commissioners approved.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County jail currently has 87 inmates with 12 inmates at the Miami County jail. During the past week, the peak population was 89 with 17 new bookings.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director: Present with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report.

Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director submitted a professional services agreement with Schneider Corporation, the GIS server host. It offered three options for supplying real estate and GIS data. Howard recommended option #1 which states: "Schneider Corporation will produce a custom file containing relevant real estate, tax and GIS files on an on-demand basis for the normal fee schedule of \$3,000 per request. Each local government can choose whether to pass that fee along to the requestor or absorb it as a cost to produce data they feel obligated to provide under the Freedom of Information Act and other data requests." Howard stated that Wabash County has chosen not to commercialize their GIS data by charging a fee so this would be the most cost effective option for the County. Haupert made a motion to approve the data sharing agreement with Schneider Corporation which includes option #1, an on-demand basis for producing requested real estate and GIS data. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor:

1. Submitted an IDEM notice of decision regarding the Wabash County landfill permit renewal for a five year period.
2. Submitted a notice of tort claim filed by the Ken Nunn Law Office on behalf of Mr. Blanton.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc. submitted the third quarter INDOT report of Wabash County Transportation. Ferry stated that ride

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requests are increasing and that third quarter concerns were the cost of vehicle repairs. Stated two new mini-vans for Wabash County Transportation have been received.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported a concrete pad has been poured for the new jail generator and that a retaining wall will need to be taken down to ground level to move it into place. Sheriff Land stated he thought the retaining wall could be used as part of a security barrier for the generator and also expressed concern regarding the interruption of electrical service to the jail. Dils stated that electrical service should not be affected but that phone and internet service may be interrupted temporarily. Commissioners approved the lowering of the retaining wall in order to accommodate the generator installation and stated that the security issue would be addressed later. It was determined that Central Dispatch may be able to use the old generator which is newer and larger than their current one and that it could be transported on an EMA or county highway trailer.

Jerry Mills of the Roann Steering Committee submitted a petition signed by approximately 75 Roann and county residents requesting the securing of the walls and doors or the demolition of the vacant Roann Elementary School building. No official action was taken by the Commissioners.

Steve Jones, engineer and Mark Berry, inspector with United Consulting updated the Commissioners on the construction repairs of the North Manchester Covered Bridge 645 and stated that the project should be completed in late November 2013. Jones reported that Bridge 14, located between county road 800 N and 900 N is ready for construction with the exception of the relocating of CenturyLink's fiber optic facility. Jones stated that the relocation should be completed by end of the week.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, County Surveyor Cheri Slee, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 7, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.