

October 21, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 21, 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 October 15, 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. Submitted two change orders for Bridge 645 (N. Manchester Covered Bridge).
Change Order #1: Contractor proposed changing the wood shingle shake from a 7.5 to a 10 inch exposure, which results in less material and labor costs for a savings of \$9,036.
Change Order #2: Contractor determined that 65% of siding boards need to be replaced rather than the 20% originally anticipated which results in an increased cost of \$6,111.
Givens made a motion to approve both change orders. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Submitted a NIPSCO utility permit to install emergency valves at a regulatory station 45 feet south of River Road on 700 W. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Reported the Wabash County jail currently has 77 inmates with 29 inmates at the Miami County jail. During the past week, the peak population was 90 with 23 new bookings.
2. Reported receiving a grant award of \$4,000 to help purchase 10 protective vests for jail officers and 11 bulletproof vests for reserve officers.
3. The jail emergency generator has been installed and tested. This week, the new transfer switch will be activated and the old generator will be removed. It is still to be determined if security fencing will be necessary.
4. Reported that the effective date of the Indiana criminal code changes may be delayed and that the issue of funding for local governments to implement the code changes was not addressed by the state legislature.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director submitted the Central Dispatch 911 service lines 12-month contract with Frontier for approval at a monthly cost of \$1,426.59 or \$17,119.08 annually. Brown explained that after Frontier acquired some of the Verizon business, the county did not sign a separate contract with Frontier and the phone line was still included in the bundle of services provided by INdigitel. The Frontier phone contract will separate the 911 phone service lines from the INdigitel contract but covers the same services as before. Haupert made a motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Lori Draper, County Recorder requested guidance from the Commissioners regarding the signing of user agreements with companies that request to electronically submit documents for recording. Commissioners directed her to proceed with signing the appropriate contracts.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator: Present with no report.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor:

1. Submitted the payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 10/12/2013 and the accounts payable and allowance docket for 10/23/2013. Commissioners approved.
2. Presented two IDEM notices: 1.) approval of the application by Blocher Chicken Farm, LLC for a confined feeding operation and 2.) an air quality part 70 operation permit renewal for Manchester Metals, LLC.

Stan Bagley, Laketon Area Regional Sewer District updated the Commissioners on the progress of the district. He stated the design engineering is complete and the right-of-way permit from North Manchester has been approved. Chirag Patel, engineer with Jones Petrie Rafinski stated that a county right-of-way permit request should be submitted next week by the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District. As part of the permit request, the District will ask that the performance bond be waived and that an 18-month versus a 12-month variance be approved.

Jason Miller and Brian Campbell, Randall Miller & Associates, Inc. submitted a draft of the county's ADA transition plan. Miller explained each section of the plan and the estimated costs necessary to be in ADA compliance. The identified estimated costs for compliancy are: buildings \$409,855, sidewalks \$230,114 and intersections (in unincorporated areas) \$27,500. County bridges are currently 100% compliant. He stated that the county's entire estimated cost of the ADA compliancy is \$667,469. He explained that the federal government does not require the county to fund the entire plan all at one time; only that the county has a plan and is making progress toward compliancy. He stated that the next steps are to make the Plan available for public comment, list the Plan on the website and add a public comment item to the Commissioners' agenda. Commissioners agreed to proceed with the next steps for implementing the Plan.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest, and The Paper reporter Ashley Flynn.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 28, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse