

December 16, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 16, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three members present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent submitted:

1. Change order #3 for Bridge #645 (North Manchester Covered Bridge) is for additional steel material needed for leveling and for additional timbers and lumber needed to repair the structure. It is also for an addition of 44 days to the closure and completion dates for this project. It increases the original construction contract by \$82,946.50. Wabash County's 20% portion of this change order is \$16,589.30.
2. Change order #4 for Bridge #645 (North Manchester Covered Bridge.) is for the addition of a special provision for paint color. There is no cost involved with this change order.

Hauptert made the motion to accept both change orders. Givens seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. The final inspection of Bridge #645 will be held Friday, December 20th at 9:00 a.m. Following the inspection there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m.
4. A utility permit from the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District to run sewer lines in Laketon along with a connecting line along Ogden Road for connection to North Manchester's sewer system. Givens made the motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Bridge #14 on 800 E over Carroll Ditch was opened to traffic on Wednesday, December 11th. There is still some straightening and seeding work to do to finish this project.
6. Pay request #2 for Bridge #14 for work performed in the amount of \$142,075.41. Hauptert made the motion to approve the payment request for Bridge #14. Givens seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County jail currently has 77 inmates with 23 inmates at the Miami County jail. Last week there were 19 transports and 11 bookings. The peak population was 80.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director presented the grant agreement for Homeland Security for the amount of \$10,000. The reimbursable grant will be used to purchase three radios. The commissioners signed the Homeland Security grant.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

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1. Presented Resolution 2013-85-02 Confirming the Participation of Wabash County in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, as well as the appointment of Michael Beauchamp to the commission and the re-appointments of Richard Beamer, Keith Poole and Steve Johnson as alternate members. Hauptert made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-85-02. Givens seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a revised ambulance service agreement between the Town of North Manchester and Wabash County. The contract is effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018. Hauptert made the motion to accept the agreement as written. Givens seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated:

1. Terry Burnworth with Pyramid Engineering was unable to attend today's meeting. He will be present on January 6, 2014 to continue his presentation regarding his feasible study of the former county jail building.
2. A meeting will be held in the commissioners' room on December 19th at 10:00 a.m. with representatives from Randall Miller & Associates to discuss next steps regarding the draft ADA Transition Plan presented on October 21st.

Linda Conrad, Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims for December 7, 2013 and the payable claims for December 16, 2013.
2. A tort claim notice for Osborne.

Commissioner Eppley received:

1. A letter to recommend the appointment of Stewart Holly to the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Hauptert made the motion to approve the appointment. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A letter from IDEM with an update on the permit application from the Laketon Sewer District.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was recessed. The Commissioners will meet informally in the Auditor's office on December 30, 2013 for any year-end business. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 6, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest, The Paper reporter Ashley Flynn, Assistant EMA Director Keith Walters and Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd.

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Brian K. Haupert

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Attest: _____
Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor