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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 27, 2015. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Eppley 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 presented two utility permits:

1. Baseline Communications - install fiber optic cable for upgraded cell service and enhanced 911 service. The cable will run from Taylor Street east along 1100 N to 180 E then north to North Manchester.
2. Frontier Communications - bore under 100 W to install new service to 3333 S 100 W.

Givens made a motion to accept both permits. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin asked permission to attend the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors (IACHES) conference in Indianapolis on June 3 & 4. Commissioners approved the request.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 29 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. There were 9 transports and 26 new book-ins last week. The peak population was 91. Land gave a brief update on HB 1006.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with nothing to report.

Wabash County Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd was present with nothing to report.

Bob Ferguson, Roann Town Clerk presented an application for a Place Based Investment Grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). The funds would be used to create a multi-purpose Roann Covered Bridge Park. It would transform a blighted brownfield area into a park like setting for citizens and visitors to congregate, as well as a space to hold events such as farmers' markets, art festivals, and an array of outdoor events. The grant is a 1:1.5 match. The .5 being in-kind and the 1:1 being grant and financial partner funds. The grant requires at least two financial partners. Ferguson asked the county to be a financial partner in the project. Eppley made a motion to authorize the Town of Roann to apply for the grant and for Wabash County to be a financial

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partner not to exceed \$17,000 to be paid from CEDIT funds. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County COA, Inc. submitted the first quarter 2015 invoice for the 5311 public transportation grant for signatures. The invoice was signed. She also stated that Living Well has been chosen for one of approximately five National Rural Transit Assistant Program's technical assistance projects. The federal government will provide assistance to study the best way to serve the changing transportation needs in Wabash County. The project is expected to begin this spring and may take 12 months to complete. The commissioners congratulated Ferry for receiving this award.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 4, 2015.

Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, County Highway Supervisor, Phil Adams and 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett