

## **JANUARY 9, 2012**

Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 9, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent:

Stated an application has been submitted to the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program requesting \$247,000 to offset the extra expenses incurred in the rehab of the North Manchester covered bridge because of Historical Preservation requirements.

1. Stated a public hearing will be held January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M. in the North Manchester Public Safety Building regarding the North Manchester Covered Bridge.
2. Submitted to the Commissioners the Wabash County Highway Department fixed asset inventory report as of 12/31/11.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Presented a jail report for the week ending 1/8/12. The average daily population was 85.57; one (1) inmate is housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated there are 92 inmates in the jail this morning. Three (3) are set to be transferred to Miami County which is under review by County Attorney Steve Downs. Land stated he has borrowed cots from Miami County.
3. Stated the new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department have arrived at the dealership but no official notification or request for payment has been received by the Sheriff's Department. Since the budget has not been approved, Land requested direction on how to proceed. Ridgeway noted State approval of the 2012 budget is not to be completed until February 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, was present with no report.

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk of the Courts, requested permission to purchase eight (8) new computers from CSI for the Clerk's Office totaling \$9,544. The expense which will be paid from the Record's Perpetuation Fund includes installation and software. Martin stated this was approved by the Wabash County Council as part of the 2012 budget. The office has eighteen (18) computers: two (2) were replaced in 2010 and she would like to replace eight (8) this year and eight (8) in 2013. Givens made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented a corrected Ordinance 2012-85-01 Regulating Traffic on Cooper Road. The Ordinance presented, passed and signed

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at last week's meeting had a typing error; 700 W was printed as 200 W. The corrected ordinance was signed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, stated there is a heating issue in the Judicial Center. Quality Electric is on-site this morning to investigate the cause.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 1-07-12. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket as of 1-09-2012. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented the 2012 Allocation Request from Living Well in Wabash County totaling \$25,000. LWWC has requested the full allocation be disbursed as one (1) payment as early as possible. Commissioners stated until the budget is State approved, they will only allocate half of the request. Once the budget is approved they will consider approving payment of the balance including the increase that was approved for the 2012 budget. Ridgeway stated she will inform LWWC to submit a request for the balance including the increased amount at a later date. Eppley made a motion to approve \$12,500 of the allocation request and defer the remainder including the increase; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented the 2011 Internal Transfer allocation from gas to electricity and sewage for the Courthouse Complex Fund totaling \$4,038.61. Givens made a motion to approve the Internal Transfer request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Presented the 2011 Internal Transfers allocation from telephone to Holiday Lighting, Official Bonds, Sheriff's Pension Actuarial Fees and Contract Services for Commissioners' Funds totaling \$3,379.50. Eppley made a motion to approve the Internal Transfer request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Stated Auditor's Office and County Coordinator Dils continue to work on encumbrances for Commissioners budget and will present at next week's meeting.
7. Presented the 2012 Covered Bridge Certification for Wabash County. Highway Superintendent John Martin confirmed there are two (2) covered bridges in Wabash County. Commissioners signed certification.

### **Items for Commissioners' review:**

LTAP County Bridge Conference January 18-19, 2012 in West Lafayette  
AIC 2012 Legislative Conference February 7-8, 2012 in Indianapolis  
Tiede, Metz and Downs, P.C. Invoice for December 2011  
IDEM: Notice of Decision: Air Permit Approval – Aleris Recycling, Inc.

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee, Commissioners, Auditor Ridgeway and County Attorney Downs reviewed the Community Development Block Grant

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Agreement, CF-11-215, for the Grossnickle Drain Project. Slee stated the purpose of the grant is for the State to award a grant from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000 for the Grossnickle Drain Project. Eppley made a motion to approve the grant agreement; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. The agreement was signed by Chairman Haupert, County Attorney Downs and Auditor Ridgeway.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – January 17, 2012