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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 26, 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 Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 3-0.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent, presented a request from Pleasant Township Trustee Rebecca Warmuth that Woodring Road (1050 North) east of Ogden Road, which borders the property of the Pleasant Township Fire Station and the trustee's office, be accepted as a county road, paved and maintained by the Wabash County Highway Department. Martin stated this has been noted as an access road. There has been no notation on any current survey or deed for the surrounding parcels of ownership of this road, easement or R-O-W. County Attorney Steve Downs stated to be declared a county road the land must be noted as dedicated to, given to, or taken by the Commissioners. Martin stated this road has been plowed in recent years only because the driver was unaware it was not noted as a county road. Commissioners requested that Martin calculate the cost to pave and maintain that portion of road and requested County Attorney Steve Downs review as well. Both agreed. Givens made a motion to take the request under advisement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated the average daily population for the week ending March 25, 2012 was 76; one (1) inmate is housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated one (1) of the two (2) inmates who escaped on Saturday, March 17th has been returned to custody. The second is still at-large.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated the Weather Spotter Program was held on March 15th. Eighty-seven (87) individuals attended from Wabash and Miami counties. Brown stated this was the highest attendance on record.
2. Stated EMA is updating the County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The original plan was written in 2003 and a few changes have been made since that time. This update, which is a complete re-write, is provided through a Homeland Security District III grant. Brown stated he is planning to present a draft copy at next week's meeting.

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk of the Courts:

1. Presented the Notice of Polling Places for Wabash County Primary Election to be held between the hours of 6:00 A.M and 6:00 P.M on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Givens, passed by a 3-0 vote and signed by the Commissioners.

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2. Requested permission to present an Additional Appropriation Request totaling \$4,900 from the Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund to the County Council. Martin stated the request is two-fold:
 - a. The marriage record books through 1950 are on microfilm at the State Archives office. Martin would like to place this data on DVDs for use in the Wabash County Clerk's office and place the actual books in storage. The cost for the State Archives office to place existing data onto DVDs is \$1,700.
 - b. The marriage records from 1951 thru 2008 need to be placed on microfilm. These records would also be held at the State Archives office and then placed on DVDs for use in the Wabash County Clerk's office and the marriage books placed in storage. The marriage records from 2008 to the present are already on the computer and do not need to be updated. Martin stated she contacted a private company; their cost would be \$4,400 while the State Archives office would complete the process for \$3,200. Wabash County would be responsible for transporting the books to and from the State office.

Eppley made a motion to approve request to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. Noted that letters were sent to the Wabash County Council, County Commissioners and party chairs requesting referrals for individuals to serve on a study committee to evaluate whether Wabash County residents would like to change from precinct voting to vote center voting in Wabash County.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, stated a request was received from a Wabash County resident to hold a wedding on the Roann Covered Bridge on October 27, 2012. County Attorney Downs stated he will provide Dils with a generic liability agreement to be sent and signed by the requesting parties. Commissioners gave unanimous approved contingent upon receipt of the signed liability agreement.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented a quote from Intrasect Technologies for the LOW server software update totaling \$1,917. Tom Polk, Intrasect Technologies, stated the old software cannot be transferred to the new server so a new software license is required. Eppley made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a request from the Wabash Circuit Court to purchase a new Taser and holster totaling \$844.95 plus freight. The current Tasers have to be taken out of service. Ridgeway stated this request will be presented to the Wabash County Council at tonight's meeting.
3. Presented a proposed Council Resolution for a Temporary Loan to the Wabash County Health Fund totaling \$100,000. Ridgeway requested

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permission to present to the Wabash County Council at tonight's meeting. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

4. Stated our current employee health plan year will end on March 31, 2012. Prior to this, Group Administrators, Ltd. has requested a \$10,000 advance to pre-fund Wabash County's claims account. This will ensure that last minute claims, processed prior to the March 31st cut-off, will be covered. County Coordinator Dils stated this is the normal end of year process. Commissioners gave unanimous approval for the advance funding.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – March 15, 2012

IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval – Registration for Specialty Hardwoods of Indiana

E911 Director's of North East Indiana – presented to EMA Director Bob Brown for review

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee presented a letter from Wessler Engineering to be sent to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs stating all required permits for the construction portion of the Grossnickle Drain Reconstruction Project have been obtained. Eppley made a motion to approve the letter; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert signed the letter.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, April 2, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

Reminder: 4:00 P.M. Joint Executive Session with County Council:
To discuss Economic Development

5:00 P.M. Wabash County Council Meeting

**Approved as written – April 2, 2012*