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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 30, 2012. Vice Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two (2) members present: Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 2-0.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a utility application permit from NIPSCO requesting permission to dig at 55 W 250 S to retire gas service. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Updated Commissioners regarding Bridge # 61 on 700 W between 250 and 300 N. The bridge deck was poured on Friday and the approach work is set to begin this week.
3. Stated the DNR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Salamonie Reservoir have requested assistance maintaining two (2) dead-end gravel roads: 750 E south of 200 and 680 E from the end of the blacktop to the gates. They requested the roads be graded several times a year and stones be added if required. Commissioners approved request.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land presented the weekly jail report. The average daily population for the week ending April 22, 2012 was 93.14; one (1) inmate is housed at the Miami County Jail.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with no report.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 4/28/12. Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll claims.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Wabash River Defenders: Letter/Funding Request – Commissioners will take under advisement

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission: Meeting agenda for May 9, 2012 and minutes of March 14, 2012

IDEM – Notice of Decision – Approval: Alexis Specification

IDEM – Notice of Decision – Approval: Thermafiber, Inc.

Description of Capital and Economic Development Projects

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, stated EMA uses WTH Technology Inc. as their emergency mapping vendor. Schneider Corporation is used for mapping out and updating data on the GIS website for Wabash County. Currently when a new address is created, it is first submitted to WTH and then manually updated on the GIS website. Brown requested permission to purchase

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a new software program that allows WTH and Schneider to share data; new addresses and updated property ownership will be shared between the two (2) companies automatically. The cost of the program is \$375 with a \$360 annual support cost. Brown stated this year's annual support fee would be pro-rated to \$210. Brown stated the WTH contract has been negotiated down from the original \$9,000 per year to just over \$4,000. This is due mainly to lowering the number of licenses held with WTH. Brown stated this allows for funds already budgeted to cover the cost of the software and the annual support cost for this new program. Commissioners approved request.

Kathryn Carter-Lower and Lynn Ellis of the Wabash County Health Department:

1. Stated Ellis has been approved by the Wabash County Board of Health to attend a Professional Grant Development Workshop offered by the Grant Training Center (GTC) of Arlington, VA. This will assist in future grant applications for the Health Department. The workshop will be held at the Indiana Memorial Union Biddle Hotel & Conference Center on the Indiana University Bloomington Campus May 14th-16th at a cost of \$595. Lodging will cost approximately \$300 for a total request of \$895. Carter-Lower stated this will be funded through the Local Health Maintenance Grant. Commissioners approved request, suggesting that Ellis might possibly share her knowledge to assist other county departments with grants.
2. Stated at the April 24th Board of Health meeting a motion was made to allow Norman Hanford to work eight (8) hours a week at a rate of \$14 per hour retro-active to January 1, 2012. Carter-Lower stated at this rate it would exceed the annual budget by approximately \$3,500. Carter-Lower requested permission to present to the Council. Givens stated the Council set a specific amount for part-time help for the year and this is above that request. Commissioners gave approval to present this request to the Council at the May 29th meeting.
3. Stated a motion was made to update the current on-site sewage Ordinance to Reference Rule 410 IAC 6-8.2 (replacing 410 IAC 6-8.1).
4. Stated the minimum land requirement for an on-site sewage system was changed from 1 acre to 1.5 acres.

Matthew Romary, Vice President, Romary Associates, presented a design agreement proposal totaling \$4,000 for space planning in the Treasurer's office. Romary stated they try to use local vendors. They have completed projects in Kosciusko, Elkhart, Noble and Huntington counties as well as for Beacon Credit Union. Givens requested that Wabash County Treasurer Sharon Shaw contact these counties to review the design and update process. Givens made a motion to take the design agreement proposal under advisement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, May 7, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – May 7, 2012