

May 29, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented two (2) utility permit requests:
 - a. NIPSCO – request to install a gas line in the county’s R-O-W to provide service at 13499 N St Rd 15. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
 - b. Frontier Communications – request to bore under 150 W and to place telephone cable in the county’s R-O-W to provide service at 2658 N 150 W. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the 2011 Annual Operation Report for Local Road and Street. Commissioners approved and signed report.
3. Presented a petition to request a speed zone of 30 mph on Old Slocum Trail at Old SR 13. Martin stated reducing the speed limit would be prudent due to this area being residential and because there is a big dip in the road. Eppley made a motion to amend the speed limit ordinance to reflect 30 mph on Old Slocum Trail; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Stated United Consulting presented the official notice recommending closing Bridge #14 on 800 E and Bridge #165 in Liberty Mills – both bridges have been closed.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land stated

1. Stated the average daily population for the week ending May 27, 2012 was 95.12; eight (8) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated Intrasect Technologies continues to prepare the new computer server for installation; licensing is in affect.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Presented a Certificate of Training to Commissioner Haupert for his participation in the the LEPC/EMA Table Top Training last week.
2. Presented the 2011 Emergency Management Staff Salary Reimbursement Grant from FEMA totaling \$28,310.71. Brown stated this is a 50% match. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the grant

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the 2011 Annual Report of the Public Defender Board of Wabash County.

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2. Presented the Maximus Cost Recovery Report for Wabash County - Actual 2011: they have billed the State for a \$26,073 reimbursement for Child Support IV-D Administration.
3. Discussed legislative changes outlined by the DLGF in three (3) memos sent Friday, May 25th - HEA 1072:
 - a. The undistributed PTRC is to be placed in the Levy Excess Fund.
 - b. New subsection IC 6-1.1-18-5 (j) states that a political subdivision which must have its annual appropriations and annual tax levy adopted by either city, town, county fiscal body or a legislative fiscal body must have all additional appropriations approved by the fiscal body before being submitted to the DLGF for approval. Currently this applies only to the Solid Waste District and any qualifying libraries.
 - c. Non-binding budgets have a submission date of September 1. Currently the Council has set August 14th and 15th for review of non-binding budgets. A note from George Helton, DLGF Budget Division recommended holding the non-binding reviews in September. This will need to be discussed with the Council.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Congratulations Card from Wabash County CVB

Notice of Public Hearing: Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Wabash:
41 and 47 West Market Street

Roann Covered Bridge Wedding request – and permission to block road for one hour

County Council Packet for May 29th meeting

Weights & Measures Monthly Report – as of May 15, 2012

Northeast County Commissioners reminder of meeting June 13, 2012

Thank you note from Extension Office

Eppley stated the Personnel Administration Committee met last week and have three (3) recommendations for the 2013 budget:

1. For the 2012 budget, a ½ step increase was given to most of the salaried positions deemed insufficient in the job classification study completed in 2009 by Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates. For the 2013 budget requests, department heads may request the remaining ½ step to finalize the finding of the job study; noting there is a cap of \$2,500.
2. Department heads may request a 2% salary increase across the board for the 2013 budget.
3. The Committee recommends that the differential for First Deputy positions established by statute should increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and that Department Heads may request this increase for the 2013 budget.

Givens made a motion to approve wage committee recommendations and to present to Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 3-0.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, June 4, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M. * Approved as written – June 4, 2012