

JULY 2, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 2, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Hauptert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the June 25, 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 six (6) utility permit requests from NIPSCO to install gas service:
 - a. 675 E 250 S bell hole
 - b. 2170 E 250 S bell hole both sides of 250 and bore under 250 S
 - c. 2317 E 250 S bell hole
 - d. 2004 S 300 E bell hole
 - e. 2142 S 300 E bell hole
 - f. 2730 S 300 E two (2) bell holes and bore under 300 E

Givens made a motion to approve all requests as submitted; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Presented two (2) utility permit requests from Frontier Communications:
 - a. 5746 N 650 E bore in the R-O-W and under 650 N
 - b. 4287 E 800 N bore under 800 N

Givens made a motion to approve both requests; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. Presented a petition from Wabash County resident Chris Lochner requesting two (2) three – way stop signs be placed at each of the following intersections:
 - a. Ogden Road and 1050 N
 - b. Ogden Road and 200 W

Lochner stated the request is based on safety concerns due to a school being in the area. Sheriff Bob Land stated that additional stop signs would be an asset. Martin agreed. Givens made a motion to approve the requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to proceed with amending the county speed ordinance; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Attorney Steve Downs stated he would prepare an ordinance.

4. Stated INDOT awarded additional funding for Bridge #645, the North Manchester Covered Bridge, and Bridge #24 on Ogden Road just south of SR 114. Martin stated of the \$253,800 requested for Bridge #645 \$121,800 was awarded; of the \$72,000 requested for Bridge #24 \$30,000 was awarded.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Stated the average daily population in the jail for the week ending July 1, 2012 was 81.14; nine (9) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated the jail phone service was out for 24 hours but has been restored.

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3. Requested permission to continue with a lease program option for three (3) new replacement vehicles in 2013. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Presented a Hoosier Damage Report from the storms over the weekend. This is an assessment that will be sent to the state electronically.
2. Stated the DNR has placed a water consumption warning; a voluntary program to reduce usage by 10% in warning areas and 5% in watch areas.
3. Recommended the burn ban continue due to the hot/dry weather forecast for the upcoming week. Commissioners unanimously approved. Givens asked Brown the requirements for recreational fires. Brown stated there needs to be a minimum size 23" x 10" ring for a recreational fire or a fire pit of equal size. To burn trash, there needs to be a ¼" mesh screen placed on the barrel. Brown stated there is a special caution noted with fireworks with the ariel displays. The cancellation or restriction of the fireworks is up to the discretion of the appropriate fire chief.
4. Stated on July the 12th an LEPC Operation Refresher - Hazardous Material Course will be held at the Wabash City Fire Department.
5. Stated he and Keith Walters will be in Elkhart on July 6th, 7th and 8th to assist with teaching a state wide certification course for CERT.

Karen Brown, SonRise Communications, LLC requested temporary access to the radio tower at the county highway department during the Wabash County Fair to provide internet service to their booth. Brown presented a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Martin had no objections. County Attorney Steve Downs stated he will prepare a liability agreement between SonRise Communications and Wabash County. Givens made a motion to approve request noting Downs will prepare and present a liability agreement to SonRise Communications; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated the courthouse e-mail system was unable to receive messages on Friday, June 29th. Service was restored on Saturday evening.
2. Stated Plan Commission Director Mike Howard has asked to address the Commissioners at their next meeting regarding the review and proposed adoption of The Comprehensive Plan of Wabash County Indiana 2012. Commissioners agreed.
3. Stated Tom Polk of Intrasect Technologies plans to attend next week's meeting to present a proposal to upgrade telephone services for the Wabash County government offices.
4. Stated Matthew Romary of Romary Associates will attend the next meeting to discuss proposals to redesign the Treasurer's office.

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Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance for Pay Period ended 6/23/12. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 7/02/12. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Presented three (3) claims from EDG of Wabash County
 - a. The 2nd half of the 2012 CEDIT allocation totaling \$30,000.
 - b. 2012 CEDIT Funds for the China Trip totaling \$10,000; approved at last week's meeting.
 - c. Capital Projects – Project #11 totaling \$350,000
Givens made a motion to approval requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented a claim from the Wabash County 4-H Council for their annual 2012 allocation totaling \$5,000. Pandora Woodward, 4-H Youth Development Educator requested this amount also be awarded for the 2013 budget. Commissioners unanimously approved.
5. Presented a claim from the Wabash County Historical Museum for the 1st half of the 2012 allocation totaling \$9,500. Commissioners unanimously approved.
6. Presented the final review of Commissioners' 2013 budget requests; Commissioners, Rainy Day, Cumulative Capital Development (CCD), CEDIT and Courthouse. Commissioners approved and signed budgets.

Items for Commissioners' review:

LTAP newsletter – Spring 2012

Maximus letter announcing new staff and services

London Witte Group – letters regarding TIF allocations for 2013 – no excess value in the TIF allocations (these will be presented to the Wabash County Council)

AIC – letter requesting information to develop a health insurance trust

Wabash River Heritage Commission – May minutes

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

*Approved as written – July 9, 2012