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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 23, 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 July 16, 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 four (4) utility permit requests from NIPSCO:
 - a. 3025 E 250 S
 - b. 1144 S 300 E
 - c. 1305 S 300 E-bore under 300 E
 - d. 1961 S 300 E-bore under 300 E

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

2. Stated several residents have asked for a change to the signage on 300 N and Angling Road. They are requesting that this intersection be changed from 300 N stopping for Angling Road to Angling Road stopping for 300 N. This would prevent traffic coming off of SR 15 from having to yield to Angling Road traffic when they are turning onto 300 N; creating a safer traffic flow. Givens made a motion to proceed with the signage change; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated the average daily population in the jail for the week ending July 22, 2012 was 86; six (6) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Presented the Wabash County Sheriff's Department monthly statistics for January thru June 2012 compared to the same period in 2011.
 - a. Traffic arrests are up 120%
 - b. Drug arrests are up 17%
 - c. Drug felonies are up 4%
 - d. Drug misdameanant arrests are up the highest at 215%
 - e. Total drug arrests are up 21%
3. Stated they have obtained a new K-9 dog which will require three (3) weeks of additional training.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Recommended continuation of the burn ban. Brown stated 86 Indiana counties are continuing the ban. Commissioners unanimously agreed.
2. Stated U.S. Small Business Administration has issued an Agricultural Disaster Declaration based on the drought that began June 19, 2012. The declaration is not for farmers; but for businesses that are affected by the drought. Federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small business engaged in

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aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations; Wabash County is included in this allowance.

3. Stated he continues to update the mitigation plan
4. Said he will be meeting with the North Manchester Police Chief Jeff Perry this afternoon in regard to Central Dispatch. Brown stated he will report on this at next week's meeting.

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee:

1. Presented the Region III-A Wabash County Grossnickle Ditch Drainage Reconstruction Project Semi-Annual Report. Givens made a motion to approve the Region III-A report; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Haupert signed the report.
2. Presented an Application and Certification for Payment for the Grossnickle Ditch Drainage Reconstruction Project from Haskins Underground, Inc. totaling \$103,567.50. Commissioners gave consensus on the Application and Certification for Payment; Haupert signed the application.

Mike Howard, Planning Director presented The 2012 Wabash County Indiana Comprehensive Plan. Howard stated it has been approved by the Steering Committee and the Plan Commission and needs to be approved by the legislative body: Wabash County Council. Givens made a motion to approve to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

County Attorney Steve Downs:

1. Presented a proposed ordinance vacating Wabash Street in Richvalley, Indiana; as reviewed on June 4, 2012. Eppley made a motion to approve as Ordinance 2012-85-11 on the first reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley then made a motion to suspend the rules on a second reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-85-11 on second reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and Ordinance 2012-85-11 was adopted by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reviewed the lease agreement draft between Wabash County Indiana and the Indiana Association of Soil & Water District regarding usage of the county farm land as approved at the March 5, 2012 meeting. Downs discussed an acreage discrepancy; cash rent, input costs and maintenance of the premises. Givens requested there be an option to terminate the lease agreement at the end of any crop year starting in 2013. Downs stated he will revise the current draft.

Beverly Ferry, Executive Director, Living Well in Wabash County COA:

1. Presented the 5311 and 5317 Operating Grant Applications including proposed Resolution #2012-85-10 authorizing Ferry to be the Commissioners' Agent and to attest that the purpose of the equipment is specifically for the transit program. County Attorney Steve Downs reviewed the resolution. Eppley made a motion to approve Application

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- for the 5311 and 5317 Operating Grants with Resolution #2012-85-10; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners and Attorney Downs signed the application.
2. Stated the transit program allows the elderly and youth of the community to stay mobile. It is also a tool for individuals who are unable to afford their own transportation.
 3. Stated she has two (2) goals for the 5311 and the 5317 programs:
 - a. 5311- To market filling the seats to capacity
 - b. 5317- To recruit a core of volunteer drivers over the next 18 months
 4. Presented a pamphlet "Resolve to be Involved" informing the community of the benefits offered by Living Well in Wabash County.
 5. Stated her biggest concern for the transit program is the purchase of vehicles; due to endowment changes.

Matthew Romary of Romary Associates presented a proposal for the remodeling of the Treasurer's Office. Commissioners recessed to visit the Treasurer's Office with Romary. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 A.M. Thomas Polk of Intrasect Technologies, LLC reviewed several technology recommendations for the courthouse complex.

1. Presented a proposal for a new phone system for the courthouse and judicial center which could also include the jail and highway departments. After much discussion, Commissioners took under advisement. County Coordinator Jim Dils stated he will be meeting with Frontier Communications representatives later this week to discuss their recommendations.
2. Reviewed a previous proposal for in-house e-mail for a total of \$19,206.56 with a monthly spam/filter mail continuity cost of \$243.50.
3. Reviewed a previous data back-up proposal totaling \$7,712.86 with a monthly recurring storage cost total of \$581.

Eppley made a motion to approve the in-house e-mail proposal and the back-up proposal for a start-up total of \$26,919.42 and monthly fees of \$824.50; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0- vote.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Ridgeway stated the State Board of Accounts is requiring that the county's CAGIT Certified Shares must go into a new separate fund beginning next year; this will be an estimated total of \$1.6 million that can no longer be receipted to the General Fund. Ridgeway presented proposed budget requests to be transferred from the Commissioners' General Fund Budget to be appropriated in the new CAGIT County Certified Shares Fund. The Commissioners' approved their 2013 Budget requests as recommended.
2. Presented a 2012 Transfer Request for the Wabash County Animal Shelter totaling \$1,200. Commissioners stated once a contract is signed between

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the Animal Shelter and Foundation Group, Inc. to establish them as a 501(c)(3) organization they will approve the funding.

3. Presented a 2012 CREDIT Additional Appropriation Request for Economic Development of Wabash County totaling \$350,000. Givens made a motion to approve to go to Council; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by 3-0 vote.
4. Presented the CVB Financial Reports and Proposed Budget for 2013.
5. Presented the Wabash Fire Department Second Quarter Ambulance Report 2012.
6. Presented Official's Bond filed for John Martin, Highway Superintendent.

Commissioners Reviewed:

McCready and Keene, Inc.: Sheriff's Pension Fund new GASB Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated the flags will be at half-staff through Wednesday, June 25, 2012 in memory of the victims of the Colorado shooting.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, July 30, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

**Approved as written –July 30, 2012*