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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 17, 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 December 10, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to attend the County Bridge Conference January 30th and 31st in Lafayette. Commissioners unanimously approved.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated that this morning there are seventy-seven (77) inmates in the Wabash County Jail; five (5) inmates are currently housed at the Miami County Jail. The average daily population for week ended 12/17/12 was 75.71.
2. Presented an amended Inmate Health Care Service Agreement. Land stated the agreement has two (2) amendments:
 - a. The official name change of the Health Care Company from HPL to Correctional Healthcare Companies Inc.
 - b. Increase in cost of agreement from \$89,921 to \$93,841.56Land stated County Attorney Steve Downs has reviewed and approved the agreement. Givens made a motion to approve amendments to the Inmate Health Care Agreement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Presented a quote from J&K Communications totaling \$1,773.75 for additional grounding of the rack mounting equipment in the equipment room at Central Dispatch. Brown stated he has sufficient funds in the 911 budget to cover the cost of the equipment. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated EMA will be attending a Homeland Security District III meeting in Whitley County on Thursday, December 20, 2012; and will also be attending an Emergency Support Aide Exercise on Thursday, December 20, 2012 in Columbia City.
3. Stated EMA Volunteers assisted with the Operation Elf Program on Saturday, December 15th; transported presents to North Manchester.

Wabash County Clerk of Courts Elaine Martin presented the 2013 CSI Computer Hardware Maintenance Contract totaling \$9,760. Eppley made a motion to approve maintenance contract; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote; Commissioners signed contract agreement.

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Jennifer Scott, Wabash County Health Department Environmental Health Specialist, presented a proposed ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 94-4 and regulating onsite sewage systems. Givens made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance as 2012-85-18; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by 3-0 vote. Eppley 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 adopt Ordinance 2012-85-18 on second reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and was adopted by a 3-0 vote.

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

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented Payroll Claims and Allowance for Pay Period ended 12/08/12. Commissioners approved and signed the Payroll Claims Allowance.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 12/17/12. Commissioners unanimously approved and signed the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket.
3. Presented the Request for Appointment to Wabash Carnegie Public Library. She introduced Ware Wimberley III, Director of the Wabash County Library, who stated the Library Board would like to recommend Katie Beauchamp to a four-year term as a replacement for current board member Wayne Barkey who is prohibited from serving more than four (4) consecutive terms. Givens made a motion to appoint Beauchamp to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board, as recommended; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented Commissioners 2012 Budget Internal Transfers for accounts running short at year-end:
 - a. General Fund – Commissioners - Health Insurance: \$3,000
 - b. General Fund - Commissioners - Exam of Records: \$2,850
 - c. General Fund - Commissioners - Copier Maintenance: \$70
 - d. CCD Fund - Computer Equipment: \$500Commissioners approved the transfers.
5. Discussed the Wabash County Historical Museum's 2012 allocation. Ridgeway stated \$17,000 has already been paid from the General Fund-Commissioners budget and an additional \$17,000 will be paid from the CEDIT Fund. The CEDIT Fund will reimburse the General Fund for \$10,000 that was disbursed earlier this year as set forth (to pay a total of \$27,000 from CEDIT in the Wabash County Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan (passed on May 7, 2012). Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 2-0 vote; Hauptert abstained. Ridgeway noted Commissioner Hauptert has filed a Conflict of Interest regarding his employment with the Wabash County Historical Museum. It is on file in the Auditor's Office, filed with the Wabash County Clerk and the State Board of Accounts, as required.

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6. Discussed the 2013 Animal Shelter budget allocations. Ridgeway stated as of January 1, 2013 since the shelter will be a Not-For-Profit organization, shelter employees will no longer be paid as county employees from the Commissioners General Fund budget. The Council will need to transfer the appropriations from Personal Services accounts (10000) to Other Services and Charges (30000) for an allocation to be paid directly to the shelter organization. Currently the 2013 budget has approximately \$106,000 budgeted for employees and benefits. Ridgeway stated this will need to be advertised and approved by the County Council and the Department of Local Finance (DLGF) as a budget modification next year after the 2013 Budget Order is certified by the state. Eppley made a motion to request the Council to move the Animal Shelter budget appropriations totaling \$106,000 from Personal Services (10000) to Other Services and Charges (30000) in 2013; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners Reviewed:

Auditor's Monthly Financial Report for November 2012

Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2012

Clerk's Monthly Report for November 2012

Wabash County Tourism Commission – 12-17-12 Board Meeting Agenda & 11-19-12 Minutes

Scottsdale Indemnity Company – Notice of Claim filed – S. Satterly

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Wabash County Tax Abatement Report for tax year 2012 pay 2013

Wabash County resident David Stephan, of Stephan Canal Bank Farms, Inc., stated he owns farm land in Lagro Township. Stephan stated there is a small parcel of land contiguous to the southeast corner of his land with an undetermined amount of acreage presumably owned by Wabash County. Stephan stated he would like to purchase the land. County Attorney Downs stated he would investigate the land history and review necessary procedures for procurement of said property. Commissioners took under advisement.

Wabash County Treasurer Sharon Shaw presented an estimate from The Wood Shed totaling \$500 for repairs to an antique cabinet and minor window repairs in the Treasurer's Office. Shaw stated the repairs are part of the Treasurer's Office renovations. Eppley made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Liberty Mills residents Betty Brainard and Kathy Green discussed concerns regarding a building in Chester Township historically know as the old Meyer Motor Building. Brainard stated the building is on the parcel next to her home and the bricks are falling off on all sides of the building. Mike Howard, Wabash County Planning Director, stated the property sold at the October 2012 Tax Sale but the owner did not redeem the property within the required redemption period and the party who purchased the Tax Sale Lien has until April 2013 to petition the court for a Tax Sale Deed. Howard stated they have contacted the

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certificate holder and are trying to remedy the situation. Commissioners requested Howard contact Larry Thrush, Planning Commission Attorney, or County Attorney Steve Downs as he proceeds with addressing the situation. Howard agreed.

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee presented a Modification Request, Grant #CF-11-215 - Wabash County, to be submitted to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs regarding amending the original estimated budget on the Grossnickle Ditch Drainage Project. The request does not change the amount of the original estimate of \$1,029,523 but it redistributes the funds to different payment line items. This modification is due to poor soil conditions. Eppley made a motion to approve the modification request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert signed the Modification Request.

Commissioners extended their appreciation and presented a thank you gift to Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway for her eight (8) years of service to the county as the Auditor and Secretary to the Commissioners.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet informally on Monday, December 31, 2012 in the Auditor's office for final 2012 year-end business.

Newly-elected County Officials will be officially sworn in on December 31, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

On January 2, 2013 the 2013 Board of Commissioners will meet on the second floor of the Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. for a re-organizational meeting and to conduct official county business. The 2013 Wabash County Council will meet on January 2, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. for a re-organizational meeting.