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Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 19, 2011. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Givens, Barry J. Eppley, and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent, reviewed the Cooper Road speed limit request presented at last week's meeting. Martin recommended a 45 mph speed limit be posted on Cooper Road from Mill Creek Pike to 700 W and that it be reviewed again at a later date. Commissioners unanimously approved the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Martin and stated the speed limit ordinance will need to be amended by County Attorney Steve Downs.

Randy Miller, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented a jail report for the week ending 12/18/11. The average daily population was 67.71; one (1) inmate is housed at the Miami County Jail.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated a final walk-thru of the courthouse north façade window project was conducted last week with the contractor and architect. All concerns have been addressed. A retainage request will be submitted next week.
2. Stated the technology portion of the Commissioner's meeting room project is the next step to be completed. Dils stated he had presented all five (5) bids to Scarce & Rudisil for review. They recommended two (2) vendors. Dils presented two (2) quotes as recommended by Scarce & Rudisil. Eppley made a motion to accept both quotes, to take under advisement and note that the project is not to exceed \$13,900 which is the balance for the project; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jane Ridgeway, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Introduced Shawn and Andy Low of Low Associates Inc. Ridgeway stated she reviewed three (3) financial companies including our current vendor to assist with the State mandated chart of accounts update. The current company has requested over \$10,000 to update to the new chart of accounts as well as a cost to update to address the new PERF requirements. The current company is reducing their client base in Indiana and as stated is adding extra cost for all updates. Low & Associates is the company the Auditor has decided to use for the financial portion for their office. Low currently provides financial, tax and assessor services in thirty (30) different Indiana counties. They work only in Indiana and are very in tune with the DLGF and SBOA. Low is slightly a higher cost than one of the companies but is geared toward future growth and allows for other departments to join in the future at no additional

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cost. The cost for the financial package will be \$119,275 to be paid over a three (3) year period. Funds for the first payment are set to be encumbered from the 2011 budget. The second payment has been approved by the County Council in the 2012 budget. Ridgeway stated Low has carry-forward maintenance credits, unlimited county wide licensing, updates are automatically included and all of our current equipment is compatible with their software. Eppley made a motion to approve purchase of Low Associates Inc. financial software for the Auditor's office pending the review of the contract by County Attorney Steve Downs; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Presented Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 12-19-11. Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented the United Fund invoice for 2-1-1 Information Network Funding for 2012. Commissioners unanimously approved.
4. Presented a letter from Lagro Township Trustee Andy Delong requesting the use of a retired courthouse computer server for Lagro Township. There is also an older server from the Assessor's office which is to be assessed by Intrasect Technologies. Commissioners would like to transfer the retired courthouse server at no (or low) cost. Hauptert made a motion to approve the transfer of the server to the Lagro Township Trustee pending review by Attorney Steve Downs; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, stated he had requested quotes from three (3) companies regarding replacement of the EMA vehicle. Brown stated he only received one (1) response. Brown presented the one (1) quote from Dorais Chevrolet totaling \$31,155 for a 2012 Chevy Tahoe 4-wheel drive. Hauptert made a motion to approve the lease purchase of the 2012 Chevy Tahoe; his motion will was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Brown stated the Tahoe will replace the Chevy Suburban which will be placed in the EMA vehicle pool. An Impala will be removed from that pool and the tentative plan is for it to be auctioned at the county surplus property sale in 2012.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, joined the meeting at 9:30 A.M. Downs had no report. Commissioners requested Downs review the Low Associates Inc. contract for the Auditor's financial software update. They also requested Downs amend the County Speed Limit Ordinance as recommended by Highway Superintendent John Martin. Downs stated he would address both requests.

Bill Konyha, President and CEO of EDG, Richard Starkey, Barnes & Thornburg and Matt Eckerle, Umbaugh & Associates, presented closing documents for the POET TIF Bonds. Starkey stated due to a weak market, POET will buy the bonds. No monies will be exchanged for the acquisition; instead credit will be given up to the amount of the bonds. Konyha stated he is working with the Indiana Economic Development Corp on reimbursement of an Infrastructure

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Grant that was awarded for this project totaling \$100,000. Auditor Ridgeway stated an outstanding balance of \$41,928 is due to the county for project costs not yet reimbursed. Eckerle said after the closing draw from the Allocation Funds, there will be sufficient funds in the TIF Allocation Fund to cover the remaining costs due Wabash County. Konyha stated the intent is to finalize the agreement by December 29, 2011. Commissioners reviewed, unanimously approved and signed the closing documents.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Auditor's Financial Report and County Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2011
Monthly Report – Clerk of the Courts – November 2011

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet informally in the Auditor's Office on December 30th to review and sign final year-end documents. The next regular meeting will be for reorganization of the Board of Commissioners for 2012 on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – January 3, 2012