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Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 29, 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. Haupert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the August 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented Toby Steffen of Butler Fairman & Seufert who submitted a Construction Inspection Agreement for Bridge #61 over Bachelor Creek and a cover letter stating that Wabash County does not have the capability to complete the project and must use an outside source, BF&S, to complete the project. Steffen stated County Attorney Steve Downs has reviewed and approved the agreement. Steffen stated BF&S Construction Engineer Chad Whitesel will be the inspector for the project. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement and letter; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed both the cover letter and the construction inspection contract with BF&S for Bridge #61.
2. Stated the 2011 chip and seal process will be finished today with a total of sixty-one (61) miles completed.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Presented a his report for the week ending 8/28/11. The average daily jail population was 74.57; seven (7) inmates are housed in Miami County.
2. Stated he had previously recommended Casey Springer and Brady Airgood for the two (2) merit officer positions. Land stated Springer has declined the position. Land recommended Eric Ryggs for the open merit deputy position. Commissioners unanimously approved.
3. Stated he will be teaching for the Indiana Drug Enforcement Association for the the next three (3) days and to contact First Deputy Randy Miller if the need arises.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, requested permission to attend three (3) upcoming conferences:

1. Hoosier Safety Conference on September 20th and 21st.
2. EMA Alliance Conference on October 6th and 7th in Indianapolis.
3. State Training Exercise at Camp Atterbury on October 11th.

Commissioners unanimously approved request.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, stated he has reviewed and approved the Region III-A resolution authorizing the submittal of the CFF application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the Local Match Commitment for the Grossnickle Drain Project. Haupert made a motion to approve the Resolution (2011-85-08); his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Givens signed the resolution. Auditor Jane Ridgeway stated the next public hearing for this project will be held September 7, 2011.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, stated a brief drop in the electrical power occurred last week which affected all three (3) main campus buildings and temporarily shut down the air conditioning units. Dils stated utility repairs behind the jail were occurring at the time. Both Dils and Sheriff Land stated this could have been caused by the utility company and if so inquired whether there may be recourse for expenses incurred. Sheriff Land stated five (5) of nine (9) air conditioning units at the jail were involved and had to be reset individually. Dils stated all air conditioning units at the courthouse and judicial center were also affected. He will continue to investigate the situation.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Indiana Election Division: Notice of County Objection Filed

IDEM: Sanitary Sewer Extension, Town of Lagro – DRP Investments, LLC

Notice of Claim: Richard & Ginger Fedewa.

Mediacom Letter – Channel Changes

Southern Health Partners Letter – Costs of Inmate Medical Program

Thomas Polk, Intraset Technologies, presented computer/IT upgrade recommendations and quotes. Polk stated he received e-mails from all department heads regarding computer workstation preferences. Polk stated the Surveyor, Planning and GIS offices wanted to wait until the end of 2011 and/or early 2012 to complete their portion of this upgrade. Polk stated he is requesting permission to move forward with the Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer's Office workstations and with the firewall, in-house e-mail and internet changes. Auditor Ridgeway stated \$20,000 was budgeted for this project from the CCD Fund. In addition, payment could be as follows:

1. Assessor's Office - \$1,500 from the Sales Disclosure Fee Fund and \$4,000 from the CCD Fund for a total of \$5,500.
2. Treasurer's Office - \$3,500 from the Solid Waste Administration Fee Fund and \$4,000 from the CCD Fund for a total of \$7,500.
3. Auditor's Office - \$1,500 paid from the Auditor's Plat Book Fund; \$3,000 from the General Fund IV-D Incentive Fund and \$7,000 from the CCD Fund for a total of \$11,500

This is a total cost for the workstation updates for these three (3) offices of \$24,500 with \$15,000 from the CCD Fund. This would leave \$5,000 in the CCD Fund for labor and other expenses not covered by the current IT maintenance agreement. Polk stated the firewall upgrade would be an additional \$4,340 and is a critical part of this process. Polk stated the cost for the in-house e-mail would be \$15,554. Commissioner Eppley stated the Cinergy MetroNet internet cost would be \$119.95 per month. Eppley made a motion to approve moving forward with the computer purchases for the Assessor, Treasurer and Auditor offices along with labor, the firewall and internet changes but to hold off on the

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in-house e-mail update until a later date; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kenneth Jones, President, Wightman Petrie, presented a Laketon Area Regional Sewer District Funding Request and an update memo regarding the Laketon RSD project. Jones stated the creation of the Laketon Area Regional Sewer Board was done approximately nine (9) months ahead of schedule which has put the project at a good pace. Jones stated the next step will require a reimbursable loan from the Commissioners for the following items:

1. Appraisal for the Laketon Refinery Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pipeline Easement totaling \$1,000
2. Phase I Environmental Assessment for the Laketon Refinery Treatment Plant Site totaling \$1,900 – Jones stated if any problems are found with this step a Phase II Geo Probe which may add cost but that cannot be calculated prior to initial assessment.
3. Appraisal for the pump station site and access road on Manchester Community School property totaling \$500
4. Small residential easement totaling \$500
5. Small agricultural easement totaling \$500
6. Aerial mapping of district's acreage (part of the sewer design process) totaling \$12,090 – Jones stated he is working with Surveyor Cheri Slee and Planning Director Mike Howard to coordinate the use of the GIS aerial data to be collected by the State for Wabash County in the spring of 2012. The State will use a six (6) inch resolution; Jones stated if this resolution is required then this part of the project will be completed in the spring of 2012. If a twelve (12) inch resolution is required, data capture will be completed this fall when all the leaves are off the trees. Jones stated they are still waiting for clarification of the resolution requirement.

Jones stated a total of \$16,490 is needed from the county; once the project is fully designed, permitted and the bids are opened for construction, the USDA will reimburse the county for the total amount; this is typically a one (1) year process. Haupert made a motion to approve a loan totaling \$16,490 from the Wabash County CREDIT Fund for the Laketon RSD; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Jones stated Wightman Petrie would assist the Laketon RSD board with acquiring a DUNS number and registering with the Central Contractor Registry as required. Ridgeway stated a \$500 advance appropriation to the Laketon RSD has been approved by the Commissioners; these funds can be transferred when a claim is submitted for payment to allow the board to open a checking account. Stan Bagley, President of the Laketon RSD, said a mass mailing was distributed to the Laketon area residents for a second income study; approximately 60% of the residents have responded and they are now in the process of going door-to-door to speak with the remaining 40%. For this project to be approved there must be approximately a 70% response from residents. Bagley also stated, in the past all similar grant requests, that qualified, have been awarded by the USDA.

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No other business, the meeting recessed. Due to the Labor Day holiday next week, Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – September 6, 2011.