

## MARCH 12, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 12, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the March 5, 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, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented two (2) utility requests from Frontier Communications to bury cable at:
  - a. 1260 N 200 W
  - b. 11107 N 175 EGivens made a motion to approve both requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a road cut request from Wabash County resident Scott Haupert at CR 300 N ½ mile west of SR 13. The cut will be 18 feet for which Haupert will pay \$10 per running foot for a total of \$180. Givens made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented a petition and letter from Wabash County resident Janet Quillen requesting a three-way stop at 600 W and Angling Road. Commissioners requested a visual of the intersection. Martin will obtain pictures for their review. Commissioners will take under advisement.
4. Presented a cost estimate from Butler, Fairman & Seufert for replacement of Bridge #155 totaling \$447,200; preliminary engineering \$127,100, construction estimates \$291,000 and construction inspection yet to be determined. Martin stated this total is without federal aid which is not expected to be available. Toby Steffen, BF&S, stated the road would be closed a maximum of three (3) months. Commissioners will take under advisement.
5. Bridge #61 (on 700 W over Bachelor Creek) is scheduled to be closed for repairs starting Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and is tentatively scheduled to be closed through the month of May.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land, stated the average daily jail population, for the week ending March 11, 2012 was 78.71; (1) inmate is housed at the Miami County Jail and one (1) at the Kosciusko County Jail.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, presented a Severe Weather Preparedness Week Proclamation which will begin March 18<sup>th</sup> and run through March 24<sup>th</sup>. Eppley made a motion to approve the proclamation; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented proposed Ordinance 85-03-2012 amending Ordinance 85-6-2010 prohibiting the use, purchase, possession, sale and offering for sale of substances containing synthetic cannabinoids. Downs stated the amendment contains two (2) changes:

- The 2010 ordinance provides for a Class B infraction where the amended 2012 ordinance provides for a Class A infraction.
- Increases the penalty for each violation from \$1,000 up to but not to exceed \$10,000.

Eppley made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 85-03-2012; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve the second reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and Ordinance 85-03-2012 was adopted by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated that Christine (Chrissy) Chamberlain has been hired for the part-time position in the Purdue Extension Office as approved on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Chamberlain began working this morning.
2. Stated five (5) employee meetings will be held Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to explain changes to the county's group health insurance. Dils extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend one of the meetings.
3. Presented an invoice from The Noisemaker for additional work in the Commissioners' meeting room which totaled \$535. Dils stated he previously obtained conditional approval from Commissioner Eppley. Dils also requested approval to purchase a spare projector bulb - \$160, a wireless microphone stand - \$35 and a recording flashcard and adapter - \$45. Terry LeMaster of The Noisemaker stated we currently have a feedback booster we do not need which could be exchanged for the recording flashcard and adaptor. Givens made a motion to approve the additional expenditures totaling \$730; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by 3-0 vote.
4. Stated the dumbwaiter at the Judicial Center stopped working last week. He and Commissioners' Custodian Dick Smith temporarily solved the problem. Oracle Elevator Company will review the cause during their next monthly maintenance visit.
5. Stated on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> the water valve pit outside Memorial Hall was filled with water. He called Indiana American Water Company which pumped out the water and found a 6" pipe had multiple holes. They recommended turning off the water to the sprinkler system which was done. Dils contacted SimplexGrinnel who completed repairs the next day.
6. Stated smoke was detected in the boiler room of the courthouse last Wednesday around 4:30 p.m. The Wabash City Fire Department investigated and found the cause was a rubber coupling on a water circulation pump. Dils turned it off and switched to the other pump.

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Quality Electric was on-site the next morning. They ordered a new coupling which should be installed this week.

7. Stated he has contacted Five Star Roofing regarding several minor leaks in Jail roof which need to be repaired.
8. Matthew Romary of Romary Associates will meet with the Wabash County Treasurer on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> to review possible office space planning changes.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented a Transfer of Funds Request for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for generators purchased from the Federal Surplus Property totaling \$2,010. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented a Wabash County CEDIT Fund claim from the Drainage Board for the Grossnickle Drain Project totaling \$209,523 for the local match. Eppley made a motion to approve the request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented the Group Administrators Run-off Claims Administration Agreement totaling \$7,527. This is a one (1) year agreement. Givens made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Stated the State Legislature's proposed retroactive change to the maximum levy calculation for capital and cumulative funds portion of the school cap calculations bill did not pass. Therefore counties can move forward with tax calculations for on-time property tax billing and collection of taxes should be on schedule.
5. Requested permission to hold an Executive Session with Commissioners and the Wabash County Council on Monday, March 26 at 4:00 P.M. Commissioners gave unanimous consensus.

### Items for Commissioners' review:

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs: CDBG Notice of Removal of Environmental Conditions  
Manatron Maintenance and Support for 2013: \$32,089.25 – Commissioners approved and signed agreement  
Oracle Elevator – Letters announcing maintenance fee increase: 4.10%  
IDEM: White's Residential and Family Services permit approval  
Clerk of the Courts monthly report – February 2012  
Mediacom – updates.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, March 19, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – March 19, 2012