

May 14, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 14, 2012. Vice-Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two (2) members present: Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 2-0.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a utility application from Frontier Communications requesting permission to bore under 50N for new service at 1288 W. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Presented Preliminary Engineering Supplemental Agreement No. 1 from Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc. for bridge #24 on Ogden Road over Otter Creek. The State has required additional engineering which increases the project cost by \$14,900 for a total not to exceed \$135,340. Commissioners gave approval and signed agreement.
3. Requested permission to attend the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors Conference on June 6th and 7th in Indianapolis. Commissioners approved his request.
4. Stated bridge #61 on 700 W is tentatively set to be opened on Friday, May 18th.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land stated the average daily population for the week ending May 13, 2012 was 89.28; one (1) inmate is housed at the Miami County Jail.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated he will be at the Heartland Career Center May 14th and 15th for outreach regarding the EMA program.
2. Stated he will be attending a meeting in Fort Wayne on Thursday, May 17th with the Director of Homeland Security.
3. Stated there is a pipe leaking in the EMA communication room above the radio console. The spot on the ceiling tile has increased from a six (6) inch to a twelve (12) inch area over the last two (2) weeks. Dils stated he would address the issue.
4. Requested permission to begin the replacment process on the second story windows at the old county highway building on Manchester Avenue. The metal on the windows is rusting and a few holes have been found. Commissioners gave unanimous approval to move forward.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

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1. Stated Five-Star Roofing was on-site at the Wabash County Jail last Thursday to make roof repairs.
2. Stated the Judicial Center elevator was restored to service last week.
3. Stated representatives from Romary Associates will be in the Treasurer's office on Wednesday, May 16th; no time has been set. Eppley stated he will be at the courthouse in the morning and could be present. Dils stated he will inform Eppley of the meeting time.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Maximus Consulting Cost Allocation Plan Agreement 2012-14. Commissioners requested review by County Attorney Steve Downs. Downs agreed.
2. Presented the IACC Registration for 2012 Spring District Meetings in Plymouth, Indiana.

Items for Commissioners' review:

IDEM: Notice of Public Comment – Manchester Metals

State Surplus Sale – May 24, 2012

Romary Associates- thank you notes

Poor Relief Appeal from Lagro Township – Monday, May 21 – 9:15 A.M. Andy Delong

Hearing to vacate an alley Monday, May 21 – 9:30 A.M.

City Council meeting at 6:00 P.M. this evening

Eppley presented a letter from Angela Hoffman, Community Development Planner of Region III-A to be submitted to OCRA requesting permission to extend the area covered by the contract for the Grossnickle Drain Project. OCRA set a cost allowance for the project and the quote/contract is lower than anticipated. The original cost allowed the project to extend to Baker Street. The request is to extend northeast beyond the baseball diamonds where the drain intersects State Road 13. Givens made a motion to proceed; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote

Steve Jones and Jon Clodfelter of United Consulting discussed Wabash County bridge #14 over Pony Creek on CR 800 E between 800 and 900 N. It is a pre-stressed concrete box bridge that was built in 1971. During the 2010 bridge inspection, bridge #14 was given a four (4) on the structural rating scale indicating it was in poor condition and was placed on the watch and replace list. On May 4, 2012 the biennial bridge inventory was completed. That inspection revealed that bridge #14 had severe deterioration on a pre-stressed slab beam on the substructure and was closed to traffic. Jones presented a proposed engineering report for the replacement of bridge #14 with a total project cost of \$461,200. The project is being developed by Wabash County with 100% local funding with construction in 2012/2013. Jones discussed the need to obtain assistance from surrounding landowners to replace bridge #14. United presented a professional service agreement between Wabash County Commissioners and United Consulting for the replacement of bridge #14 with a cost not to exceed \$106,100; this cost is included in the total project cost.

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Givens made a motion on the recommendation of County Highway Superintendent John Martin to proceed with replacing bridge #14; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

Auditor Ridgeway requested a date be set for the 2012 Commissioners' Tax Sale. Givens made a motion to set October 16, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. upon her recommendation; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, May 21, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

Approved as written – May 21, 2012