

May 21, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 21, 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 May 14, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed 2-0.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented an LPA Consulting Contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert for R-O-W services for Bridge #24 on Ogden Road over Otter Creek totaling \$28,510; not to exceed \$31,210. Martin also submitted a Statement of Compliance acknowledging all required regulations will be followed in the completion of the project. Givens made a motion to approve the contract and the Statement of Compliance; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed the contract and statement.
2. Presented two (2) utility permits:
 - a. Frontier Communication – request to bore under CR 900 S and under CR 500 W to provide service at 8996 S 500 W. Givens made a motion to approve; seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
 - b. NIPSCO – request to install plastic gas main along CR 1100 N for services at 2076 E. Givens made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated the average daily population for the week ending May 20, 2012 was 91; eight (8) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated the WC Sheriff's computer server went down last Thursday. Intrasect has created a temporary fix until the new server can be installed.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated the LEPC EMA Exercise in Table Top Format will be held Tuesday, May 22nd in the Nixon Room at the Honeywell Center. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M.
2. Recommended County Attorney Steve Downs review the new law regarding new regulations for community events which is in response to the Indiana State Fair tragedy. Downs agreed.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated last week Wabash County Prosecuting Attorney William Hartley had requested assistance with an invoice totaling \$1,000 for K-2 prosecution using State Guidelines. Downs stated the K-2 fund has a total of \$4,600 and the amount set to be reimbursed to the County General Fund is approximately \$5,300. He asked how the Commissioners would like to proceed with the request from the Prosecutor. Commissioners stated the fund will be depleted after payment to the county for costs it has incurred

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for County Ordinance violations and since the State statute now covers cases, funds will no longer be collected to place in this fund; there will be no extra monies to cover the cost of the Prosecutor's request. Downs stated he would inform the Prosecutor of this decision.

2. Downs stated the parties involved in the Siders versus Striker case have agreed to a settlement pursuant to the insurance company's recommendation. Givens made a motion to settle the case as recommended; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with no to report.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for Pay Period ended 5/12/12. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Stated training for the Auditor's Office is set for May 24th and 25th with LOW Associates for the new financial system.
3. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket as submitted for 5/21/12. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.
4. Presented 2012-2014 Maximus Cost Recovery Agreement. Givens made a motion to approve the agreement for the three (3) year period; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Presented a Property Tax Refund for the Bird Living Trust totaling \$2,257.85. Ridgeway stated that according Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel, the land was valued as excess acreage in error. Givens made a motion to approve the tax refund totaling \$2,257.85; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Stated at the Auditors' Spring Conference last week they discussed changes regarding the legislative changes in E-911 funds/fees starting July 1, 2012. Ridgeway informed Commissioners that the State will allow the county to transfer the unused appropriations as of June 30th in the current E-911 Landline and E-911 Wireless Funds into a completely new fund which is created by statute. This will allow the use of current 2012 budgets for the remainder of the year. They stated that no funds will need to be returned to the State. Ridgeway requested permission to establish this new fund. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

Commissioners signed a letter written by Angela Hoffman, Community Development Planner of Region III-A to be submitted to Kathleen Weisenburger, Grant Support Division of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs which was approved at last week's meeting. The letter is 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 letter requests extending northeast beyond the baseball diamonds where the drain intersects State Road 13.

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Givens presented the Landmark Association Award given to Wabash County for the preservation projects completed to the Wabash County Courthouse.

At 9:15 A.M. the Commissioners held the advertised Appeal Hearing to hear an appeal filed by Amanda McCracken for denial of assistance by Lagro Township. Lagro Township Trustee Andy Delong stated the request for assistance was denied on April 3, 2012 due to paperwork not being submitted in a timely manner. After discussion with McCracken and Delong, Eppley made a motion to uphold the denial decision submitted by Delong his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. The Board of Commissioners noted that McCracken may re-submit a request to the Lagro Township Trustee for assistance thirty (30) days after the denial date (which would be any time after May 3, 2012) and also suggested that she call the 2-1-1 Services line for information on other assistance that may be available.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Clerk's Monthly Report for April 2012

Auditor and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports as of April 30, 2012

County Council Packet for May 29, 2012

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M. due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Reminder: The Wabash County Council will meet Tuesday, May 29th at 5:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Wabash County Courthouse.

*Approved as written – MAY 29, 2012