

## JUNE 4, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 4, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two (2) members present: Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the May 29, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed 2-0.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented three (3) Additional Appropriation Requests to go before Council:
  - a. Design on replacement of Bridge #14 totaling \$62,000
  - b. Construction on replacement of Bridge #14 totaling \$371,000
  - c. Maintenance supplies to repair the North Manchester Covered Bridge totaling \$500

Eppley made a motion to approve all three to go before Council; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 2-0 vote.

2. The pre-final inspection of Bridge #61 is set for 1:00 P.M. today.
3. Stated he will be attending an INDOT meeting in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. to request additional funding for repairs to Bridge #24 and Bridge #645.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land stated the inmate population this morning is 93; eight (8) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.

Keith Walters, Assistant EMA Director was present with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with no report

Mike Howard, County Planning Director stated the U.S. Census Bureau is offering the opportunity for consolidating all county data reports. They are providing interested counties with a consolidation agreement in which the county can select one department to be the contact point for the annual Census Boundary Annexation to be completed. Howard stated the City of Wabash and the Town of North Manchester can be a part of the consolidation or may continue to process their own paperwork but all township trustees and remaining incorporated towns annual annexation surveys would be completed by one department. Howard recommended that the Plan Commission office and Surveyor's office be jointly responsible for completing and submitting the annual survey. Howard stated he will contact all the township trustees requesting their approval for the change. Howard stated there have been some discrepancies in the Annual Survey – Boundary Annexation and would like to work on correcting these errors. Eppley made a motion to approve moving forward with the consolidation agreement; his motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 2-0 vote.

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Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance for Pay Period ended 5/26/12. Ridgeway stated there were two (2) payouts this period for unused vacation days for employees leaving their positions: J. Boardman and C. Stroup. Commissioners approved Payroll Claims and Allowance.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 6/04/12. Commissioners approved all Accounts Payable Claims.
3. Presented a signed License Agreement for Use of the Roann Covered Bridge on June 16<sup>th</sup> – D. Reed. Commissioners accepted and signed.
4. Stated distribution of June settlement is set for June 7<sup>th</sup> for a total of approximately \$13,000,000; approval from the State was given on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. Requested that a date be set to begin preparing the Commissioners' 2013 budgets. Commissioners set June 11<sup>th</sup> following their regular meeting.

### **Items for Commissioners' review:**

Wright Express: Fleet Services Credit Card – State approved fuel card

Mayors' and Commissioners' Caucus of Northeast Indiana meetings

Congratulations from CVB for Historic Preservation Award for work on the County Courthouse

Commissioners requested all county buildings lower their flags to half-staff on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in remembrance of former County Councilman Paul Bergman.

Commissioner Haupert opened the floor for an advertised Hearing regarding a petition submitted by Gary E. and Jacalyn S. Wilson to vacate the east side of Bridge Street in the Town of Richvalley; the portion east of 700 W. Auditor Ridgeway stated she did not receive the documents prior to the hearing, but it appears that all necessary advertisement and mailing requirements have been met. Highway Superintendent John Martin stated he has no objections to the request. Eppley made a motion to approve the request to vacate the portion of Bridge Street east of 700 W; his motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 2-0 vote. County Attorney Steve Downs will review the documents and prepare the necessary deed.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, June 11, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – June 11, 2012