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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 25, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Hauptert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the June 18, 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, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance for Bridge # 650. Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented five (5) utility permit requests from NIPSCO:
 - a. 10855 N 200 W – bore under 200 W
 - b. 2817 E 250 S – bell-hole on south side of 250 S
 - c. 2511 E 250 S – bell-hole on south side of 250 S
 - d. 2265 E 250 S – bell-hole on south side of 250 S
 - e. 2913 E 250 S – bell-hole on south side of 250 SGivens made a motion to approve the five (5) utility permit requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Stated the average daily jail population for the week ending 6/24/12 was 87; twelve (12) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated the new server at the Sheriff's Department is up and running but Intrasect Technologies continues to work on a few remaining issues.
3. Requested permission to apply for a grant totaling \$6,000 to purchase bullet proof vests. Commissioners unanimously approved.
4. Stated Merit Deputy Ben Mota started training for the K-9 program which was reinstated on June 18th. All funds for this program have been provided by local businesses and other donations.
5. Stated the Wabash County Sheriff's Department is starting a new program with the Drug Task Force. The WCSD officers will work a one (1) month rotation with the DTF. Land stated long term he would like to have this established as a full-time position.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Requested permission to continue the current burn ban. Commissioners agreed to continue the burn ban until further notice.
2. Stated in an effort to enhance communications in the Wabash County Sheriff's Department squad room, an 800 mhz amplifier from North Manchester will be moved into the jail basement. Brown presented a quote from J&K Communications totaling \$2,092. Commissioners unanimously approved.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney presented proposed Resolution 2012-85-09; amending Section 505 of the employee handbook regarding a smoke-free environment.

“505. SMOKING. Smoking, as defined in I.C. 7.1-5-12-3, is prohibited in all County buildings or within eight (8) feet of any public entrance thereof, and in any motor vehicles owned, leased or operated by the County”

Eppley made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-85-09; his motion was seconded by Givens, passed by a 3-0 vote and Resolution 2012-85-09 was signed by Commissioners.

Lori Draper, Recorder requested permission to finalize a contract with Fidlar Corporation to convert current digitized records through a program called Crowdforce. Fidlar will hire a contractor to remotely convert records for the year 2000 onto the computer. The cost is \$.75 per document. Draper stated there are 6,287 documents for a total cost of \$4,715. Commissioners gave unanimous approval to move forward with the contract after it is reviewed and approved by County Attorney Downs. Draper agreed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented a renewal agreement with Simplex Grinnell for annual test and inspection of the sprinkler system, back flow preventers and fire pump at the judicial center. The current agreement is for an annual cost of \$1,094; the proposed renewal contract is for \$1,159.66 which is guaranteed for three (3) years. Commissioners gave unanimous approval to move forward with the agreement after it is reviewed and approved by County Attorney Downs. Dils agreed.
2. Stated the air conditioner for the Auditor's office was not working properly but has been repaired.
3. Stated the Commissioners' copier on the second floor of the courthouse is not working properly and will be serviced this morning.
4. Stated this morning Quality Electric is running a separate electrical circuit to one of the circulating pumps in the courthouse basement. Dils stated Havel recommended that the two (2) pumps be placed on separate circuits.
5. Stated the survey regarding current telephone needs, discussed at the June 18th meeting, was e-mailed to all department heads on June 22nd. He requested that responses be received by June 27th.

Bill Konyha, President & CEO, Economic Development Group of Wabash County, Inc.:

1. Stated EDG would like to join the America China Society of Indiana, an organization that promotes and markets Indiana businesses to China. Annual membership is \$500. Konyha also stated a trade mission to China is set to leave September 17th and return October 1st. The airfare, hotels, meals, and Chinese visa will cost a total of approximately \$6,000. An additional \$4,000 is required to design, translate and print brochures and other documents into Mandarin/Cantonese. Konyha stated twenty-five

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(25) economic development, business and government leaders will make the trip. Konyha requested permission to use CEDIT funds to cover the total cost of this EDG project totaling \$10,000. Konyha stated that this type of venture is a process of building relationships so that doors may be opened which could result in economic development in Wabash County. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Stated a special Wabash City Plan Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26th; a special economic development announcement will be made at that meeting.

Jane Ridgeway, Auditor:

1. Presented an Internal Transfer request to begin the funding for the first part of the three (3) year Capital and Economic Development Projects Plan – Project #12. This will transfer \$150,000 from the County Farm Structure and \$75,000 from the Jail Restoration, for a total of \$225,000, to Highway Improvement Projects, all within the CEDIT Fund. Eppley made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reviewed the Commissioners 2013 budgets. Commissioners will take 2013 budget under advisement.
3. Stated once again the e-mail in the courthouse has not been working properly. There have been repeated problems with the operation of the system and the response time of the provider. Ridgeway stated she favors moving toward an in-house e-mail system that could be maintained and serviced by a local business.
4. Informed Commissioners that the State Board of Accounts completed their annual audit on Friday, June 22nd. SBOA had no negative remarks and gave a good report.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Weights and Measure Monthly Report – May 2012

W&M Annual Report 2011

Indiana Association of Inspectors of Weights & Measures Conference – March 2013

The League for the blind & disabled – contribution request

Anonymous letter regarding agency funding

Phase I Environmental Assessment – All Appropriate Inquiry User Questionnaire (Brownfield Assessment)

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, July 2, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – July 2, 2012