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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 20, 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 August 13, 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 four (4) Appraisal Reports for Bridge #24 on Ogden Road over Otter Creek. Martin requested signature of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to begin the acquisition process for the Right-of-Way on Bridge #24; three (3) are permanent Right-of-Ways and one (1) is temporary:
 - a. .11 acres from Winger Family Trust on the southeast corner of the project - permanent
 - b. .058 acres from Travis Zile on the southwest corner of the project - permanent
 - c. 1.10 acres from William & Marsha Miller on the northwest corner of the project - permanent
 - d. .22 acres from George & Karla Seward on the northeast corner of the project - temporaryGivens made a motion to proceed with the Right-of-Way process; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert signed appraisal reports.
2. Stated the Highway Department has completed twenty-nine (29) miles of chip and seal to date.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land stated as of this morning there are eighty-six (86) inmates in the Wabash County Jail; sixteen (16) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail. The average daily population in the jail week ending 8/19/12 was 86.71.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Presented an official written recommendation regarding the use of CEDIT Funds for Highway Improvement Projects as discussed at the August 13, 2012 meeting. Downs states that the County may use CEDIT tax for maintenance of County highways, but only after it has first exhausted its funds derived from the gasoline tax, special fuel tax and the motor vehicle registration fees; as noted in recently amended IC 8-18-8-5. Second; the amendment also notes that once the funds derived from gasoline tax, special fuel tax and motor vehicle registration fees are exhausted, then the preferred source of monies for County Highway maintenance is from the funds derived from the seven (7) enumerated taxes: (1) County motor vehicle excise surtax; (2) County wheel tax; (3) County adjusted gross income tax; (4) County option income tax; (5) Riverboat admission tax; (6)

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Riverboat wagering tax; or (7) Property taxes and miscellaneous revenue deposited in the County General Fund. Downs states it would therefore be appropriate to use these seven mentioned funds to the extent it is reasonably prudent to do so, but in the event use of those funds is not reasonably prudent or those funds have been exhausted, the County may use funds generated from the CEDIT Tax.

2. Stated he is working on a second request regarding the use of CEDIT Funds with regards to the necessity of Council approval.
3. Presented a contract lease agreement between Wabash County, Indiana and the Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District; leasing the Wabash County Farm (1323 Manchester Avenue) for a term to begin on signing of contract and ending on December 31, 2015; as discussed at the March 5, 2012 meeting. Downs stated the contract includes the change requested by Commissioners which allows termination of the contract by the County if deemed necessary at the conclusion of any crop year no later than November 30th. Givens made a motion to approve Contract Agreement as presented; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated the DVR on the camera security system is experiencing technical difficulties. The DVR is at least six (6) years old and was purchased with Critical Infrastructure Grant Funds for the courthouse. Maintenance of this system would be a courthouse expense. Brown stated he will present a final analysis on the issue once completed.
2. Requested permission to increase limit on his county credit card from \$400 to \$1,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the credit card limit increase; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Ridgeway stated she would submit request.
3. Stated we purchased three (3) diesel generators from the Indiana Surplus Property in February of 2012. Part of that agreement upon purchase was to present a plan of action on installing the generators within one year of purchase date. Brown stated Novatek Corporation, our current generator maintenance company evaluated the generators and drew up a proposal stating it would be approximately \$5,000 per generator for testing and upgrading. Brown requested permission to move forward with getting the generators up and running. Givens made a motion to approve the testing and upgrading of the three (3) surplus generators purchased for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Stated the Trustee Bank for the North Manchester Ethanol LLC Revenue Bonds has sold the trust to the U.S. Bank. Ridgeway stated we received a Trustee under Trust Indenture Agreement from U.S. Bank. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Attorney Downs. Givens made

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- a motion to approve agreement; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert signed agreement.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 8/20/12. Eppley made a motion to approve; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
 3. Presented the Auditor's Monthly Financial Report for July 2012 and the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2012
 4. Presented a Letter that will be sent to the Indiana Historical Society regarding funding assistance with the restoration of a Wabash County 1915 Plat Map. Hauptert signed letter.
 5. Presented a revised Fidlar Technologies Contract from Recorder Lori Draper regarding conversion of current digitized records through a program called Crowdforce; approved at the June 25, 2012 meeting. The original cost per document was to be \$.75; covering 6,287 total documents. Draper has been able to negotiate with Fidlar for a cost of only \$.50 per document which will require a portion of the work to be completed by the Recorder's Office. This will lower the cost of the contract from \$4,715 to \$3,143.50. Commissioners agreed.
 6. Discussed the letter from Downs regarding funding for Highway Improvement Projects in reference to IC 8-18-8-5: The use of CAGIT funds is one of the recommended sources for such projects once the three (3) tax funds designated for highway maintenance have been exhausted. As discussed at the July 23, 2012 meeting, the DLGF and SBOA have requested that a separate fund be established for CAGIT Certified Shares instead of being deposited into General Fund. The amount for 2013 is approximately \$1.6 million. Ridgeway said originally the county's Mental Health Funding was designated to be paid from the new CAGIT fund, but since that budget was submitted to the Council, the SBOA and DLGF have recommended that Mental Health Funding (\$244,000 for Wabash County) be paid from the General Fund. This being the case, it would seem prudent to appropriate next year's portion of the three (3) year Capital Improvement Plan for Highway Improvements (\$225,000 for 2013) from the new CAGIT Fund. This would bring the total 2013 appropriations for the CAGIT Fund budget up closer to the estimated \$1.6 million. This may require revising of the original three (3) year Capital Improvement Plan (approved May 7, 2012). Commissioners will take under advisement.
 7. Reminded Commissioners that there is another new fund this year: the Wabash County Riverboat Revenue Fund which just received approximately \$85,000 and can be used for any legitimate government projects.
 8. Discussed the continuing 2013 Budget process. Ridgeway stated the second public hearing for adoption of the budgets is scheduled for the County Council meeting on September 10, 2012.

Eppley presented Change Order #1 for the Grossnickle Ditch Drainage Reconstruction Project with contractor Haskins Underground, Inc. for increases and decreases resulting in an additional net increase of \$33,546. Eppley made a

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motion to approve change order; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners Reviewed:

Wabash County Visitors Bureau: Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison and Minutes

Wabash County Treasurer Sharon Shaw requested permission to set a date of completion in early October for Romary Associates on the remodel of the Treasurer's Office. If set deadline cannot be met, Shaw requested permission also be granted to move the start date of remodel to after fall property tax collection in November. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, August 27, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

**Approved as written – August 27, 2012*