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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 9, 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 Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent, presented two (2) utility permit requests from NIPSCO:

1. Two (2) bell holes to bore under 300 E to run 5/8 service line to 1971 S 300 E Lot A
2. Two (2) bell holes to bore under 300 E to run 5/8 service line to 1971 S 300 E Lot B

Givens made a motion to approve requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated as of this morning there are ninety-four (94) inmates in the Wabash County Jail; twelve (12) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail. The average daily jail population for the week ending 10/7/12 was 88.62.
2. Introduced Christine Watson, a student at Heartland Career Center. Watson will be job shadowing Sheriff Land this week.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, received a notification from Butler Fairman & Seufert: They are asking for permission to waive Mortgage Company releases regarding portions of property obtained on the Bridge 24 Ogden Road project. They are also asking Wabash County to indemnify BF&S and the State in the event there are any claims against that land by mortgage companies at a later date. After much discussion, Downs stated he would work with Highway Superintendent Martin to investigate the situation further. Commissioners took under advisement.

Bill Konyha, President and CEO Wabash County Economic Development Group:

1. Presented a 2012-2013 Contract for Professional Economic Development Services Between Wabash County, Indiana, and Economic Development Group (EDG) of Wabash County Inc. Konyha stated the last agreement was signed in 2009. Konyha stated there were a few changes to this new written renewal:
  - a. The contract will renew automatically each year unless noted per the contract - compensation shows continued coverage... compensation has been increased from \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year starting in 2013. The contracts between the City of Wabash and Wabash County support approximately 45% of the EDG budget. The remainder of the budget is funded through donations from individuals and companies as well as administration and service fees.

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- b. There is a termination provision for both parties; based on thirty (30) days notice.
- c. Documents will be submitted to Commissioners to keep them apprised of business carried out by EDG on behalf of the county,
- d. An EDG representative will appear at meetings quarterly to update both the Commissioners and the County Council.

Konyha stated in the six (6) years that EDG has provided economic development to Wabash County they have assisted with bringing \$270 million in capital investment which has helped create over 1,100 private sector jobs with a total payroll sufficient to bring \$900,000 annually in local income taxes. Givens made a motion to proceed with the contract renewal; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert extended the Commissioners' appreciation for all the great work performed by EDG.

2. Stated there is a reception for Indiana Lieutenant Governor candidate Sue Ellspermann at 3:00 P.M. today in the Cloud Room at the Honeywell Center. Konyha extended an invitation to the Commissioners.
3. Invited Commissioners to a ground breaking at the business park on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 11:30 A.M.

### Wabash County Auditor, Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance for Pay Period ended 9/30/12. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.
2. Presented the Tiede Metz & Downs invoice for September 2012 totaling \$1,050. Commissioners reviewed and unanimously approved.
3. Requested permission to attend the State Board of Accounts called Auditors' Fall Conference on October 24-26, 2012 along with two (2) deputies; Linda Conrad and Marcie Shepherd. Commissioners approved.
4. Stated all Net Assessed Values have been filed and certified with the State. Wabash County received a letter stating it has been received and according to George Helton, Budget Representative for the Department of Local Government and Finance, Wabash County is 5<sup>th</sup> in line for 2013 Budget review.
5. Stated the Wabash County American Disabilities Act (ADA) Plan needs to be completed by December 31, 2012. Ridgeway presented copies of a plan from the City of Monticello as recommended by the City of Wabash; who they have patterned their plan after. Downs stated he continues to work on the ADA Plan.

### Commissioners Reviewed:

State Holidays for 2013: Office of the Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. – Eppley made a motion to adopt the State's 2013 Holiday Schedule; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Declaration, Writ of Praeipce received from Douglas-Alan

City of Wabash: Order to Remove Unsafe Building – Cathy Carr at 57 Huron Street, Wabash, Indiana

IDEM- Wabash Valley Landfill – Renewal Application

2011 EMA Performance Grant previously approved by Council and Commissioners – Commissioners signed grant

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Hauptert opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Dennis-Allen stated in July 2010, the Wabash County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 85-5 exercising the Home Rule Powers of Wabash County. Dennis-Alan discussed interest in implementing Common Law Court in Wabash County. County Attorney Downs stated according to the Constitution, Indiana Code and case law; a Common Law Court is prohibited.

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee:

1. Presented a payment application to be sent to the Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) totaling \$75,884.79 as part of the Grossnickle Drain Reconstruction Project; an invoice was submitted by Wessler Engineering for work to be completed by the contractor: Haskins Underground, Inc. Slee stated a 10% retainage totaling \$7,588.48 will be held by the County. On approval, the balance of \$68,050.60 will be paid to Haskins Underground, Inc. Givens made a motion to approve the payment application totaling \$75,884.78 to be sent to OCRA; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated the Drainage Board would like to establish a preliminary CEDIT project to be completed on the John Farr Ditch on US 24 in Noble Township west of SR 115. The approximate cost of the project will be \$225,000 to be funded upfront by CEDIT and later reimbursed by the State. Slee stated the projected cost will cover the cost of engineering and the jack and bore process. Ridgeway stated the Economic Development Three (3) year Comprehensive Plan will need to be amended. Commissioners agreed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator and Human Resources Director:

1. Noted he will send a memo to all department heads regarding the approved 2013 Holiday Schedule.
2. Requested permission to send a memo and literature to all employees encouraging them to support the Wabash County United Fund. Commissioners approved.
3. Stated a Hoosier START representative will hold Deferred Compensation meetings tomorrow at the Courthouse, Sheriff's Department and Highway Department.
4. Stated the elevator in the courthouse is out-of-service. Repair efforts are underway; completion is tentatively set for the end of the week.
5. Stated that two (2) weeks ago proposals for curb/sidewalk replacement around the courthouse square were placed under advisement pending the receipt of additional information regarding one (1) proposal. LAWson, Inc. responded that their pricing is good through May 2013 and no street repair is anticipated. LAWson's base bid, including four (4) alternatives, was a total of \$43,316. Gaunt & Sons was a total of \$52,345. Because the contractors indicated that placing salt on "green" concrete this winter would be harmful to the surface, Dils recommended approving the project but not starting the work until the spring of 2013. Eppley made a motion to

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approve the LAWson proposal totaling proposal \$43,316 to be completed in 2013; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners presented a quote from Troy Eads Excavating, Inc. for time and materials for emergency repairs outside the foundation of the Judicial Center. Repairs will begin on the east portion of the foundation and proceed along the north side. Dils stated the extent of the problem is unknown and will be assessed as they proceed. Commissioners stated the project is not to exceed \$25,000 and will be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Eppley made a motion to move forward with emergency repairs consisting of but not limited to the exposure of the foundation, sealing and repair/installation of a sub-surface drain; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

\*Approved as written – October 15, 2012