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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 22, 2012. Vice-Chairman, Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with two (2) members present: Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

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

1. Place a buried drop from pedestal to customer at 370 W Wayne Street, Laketon
2. Bore under E Ireland Road at Long Lake to repair the customer's telephone drop at 11 E Ireland Road, North Manchester.

Givens made a motion to approve both requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land stated that this morning there are ninety (90) inmates in the Wabash County Jail; twenty-five (25) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail. The average daily jail population for the week ending 10/21/12 was 85.57.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, stated he and Assistant EMA Director Keith Walters will be attending the Homeland Security Emergency Management Conference in Indianapolis on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

County Attorney Steve Downs:

1. Stated he continues to work with on the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan and a Resolution for Wabash County. Downs noted part of this process will require assigning an ADA Coordinator for Wabash County.
2. Presented a draft policy regarding access to public records. Commissioners took under advisement.
3. Stated Wabash City Attorney Doug Lehman submitted a request regarding amending Special Ordinance No. 1, 2011 annexing certain territory to the City of Wabash. The amendment would include County Road 100 N at the New Business Park just west of State Road 13. The improved portion of the road would be designated as a city street where the unimproved portion west to 100 W would be vacated. Downs stated the original ordinance did not include the street. Commissioners approved the request.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator and Human Resources Director:

1. Stated the electrical portion of the remodel project in the Treasurer's Office began last week. He also received an invoice from Romary and Associates totaling \$6,900.50 requesting it be paid as the first payment on the project. Commissioners gave approval to pay the invoice from Romary.

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2. Stated he and Ernie Ball of IntraSect Technologies met with departmental representatives from the Courthouse and Judicial Center last week to review the timeline for the installing new phone system. Dils stated hands-on training with the new phones will be available in a mini-lab in the Commissioners' Room throughout the day on Friday, October 26th. Dils also stated a memo was sent to all department heads informing them of a website with an instructional video that employees may view as needed. The new phones will be installed Saturday, October 27th. The "go live" transition will take place on Monday, October 29th.
3. Stated an Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) representative will be in the Courthouse on Thursday, October 25th to conduct two (2) mini-workshops at 12:30 and 2:30 P.M. The meetings will review PERF and provide general information about the programs, tools and resources which are available to eligible employees.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented Payroll Claims and Allowance for Pay Period ended 10/13/12. Commissioners approved.
2. Presented a Rainy Day Fund Additional Appropriation Request to go before Council totaling \$3,790 for vacation leave benefits for Deputy Recorder Donna Friedersdorf who is retiring November 30, 2012. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.
3. Presented a Commissioners General Fund Internal Transfer totaling \$10,000 to Postage. Ridgeway stated this account covers postage for the Courthouse and the Judicial Center. Funds will be transferred from the K-2 Testing account (\$5,000) and the DLGF Phase II account (\$5,000); neither account will need to be utilized this year. Givens made a motion to approve the internal transfer; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 2-0 vote.
4. Presented the Amended Application for Payment # 3 for the Grossnickle Drain Project.
5. Reported on the 2012 Commissioners' Property Tax Sale held Tuesday, October 16th:
 - a. There were sixty-five (65) properties offered to nineteen (19) bidders.
 - b. Fifteen (15) properties sold for a total of \$33,424.80; \$22,069.26 was to pay delinquent taxes and penalties due and \$11,355.60 was surplus.
 - c. Fifty-five (55) delinquent parcels had all taxes, penalties and costs paid-in-full prior to October 16th; collecting \$65,507.03 in delinquent taxes prior to the sale.
4. Presented a letter to be sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services allowing the receipt of Medicare and Medicaid payments to the Health Department starting in 2013. Commissioners approved and signed the letter.
5. Stated there may be an Additional Appropriation Request to go before Council at the December 3, 2012 meeting regarding payment changes

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made to PERF. In the past, PERF was paid quarterly with the final pay disbursed in January of the following year. Starting in November, payments will now be paid every pay day, bi-weekly. Since the 2011 4th quarter payment was made in January 2012, this year there will be five (5) payments to PERF instead of four (4); this will be a one (1) time occurrence. Since the budget was set for four (4) payments, an additional request of approximately \$90,000 may need to be submitted. Ridgeway stated she continues to review options for covering this cost.

Commissioners Reviewed:

Common Construction Hearing Report: Manchester Community Schools Construction Projects

AIC: ProLiance Natural Gas Purchase Program

IDEM: Receipt of Air Permit Application – Metal Source, LLC

Letter – RE Sutton & ASSOCIATES Employee Benefits Consultants

Indiana Commission on Public Records – Formal Complaint #12-FC-310 – Dennis-Allen

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Weights and Measures Report – August and September 2012

Clerk of the Courts Report – September 30, 2012

Beverly Ferry, Living Well In Wabash County COA:

1. Presented the 3rd Quarter Reports
2. Presented the 2013 5311 Contract. Commissioners approved and signed agreement.
3. Presented the 2012 3rd Quarter 5311 and PMTF Invoice totaling \$54,785 and the 2012 3rd Quarter 5317 Invoice totaling \$15,725. Commissioners approved and signed claim.

Tobias Steffen of Butler, Fairman & Seufert discussed mortgage release options on the Bridge 24 R-O-W Federal Aide Project on Ogden Road in Laketon. Steffen stated of the four (4) parcels that have R-O-W procurements, one (1) has a mortgage held by an out-of-state lender. The process for mortgage release on an out-of-state mortgage can take up to six (6) months. Steffen stated the other three (3) properties are held by local lenders and will take a much less time. The project is scheduled for letting in March 2013. Commissioners granted permission for BF&S to move forward obtaining a mortgage release through on the out-of-state lender. Steffen agreed.

Eppley opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Dennis-Allen presented a Request for Public Records and discussed the creation of the common law court in Wabash County. Commissioners stated they would release the Request for Public Records so Downs could review.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, October 29, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – October 29, 2012