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Executive Session

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in executive session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., prior to the regular meeting, to discuss personnel matters. Commissioners Barry J. Eppley, Scott E. Givens and Brian K. Hauptert met with former Wabash County Animal Shelter board members Pat Lynn and Jennifer Scott, county attorney Steve Downs, Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad and county coordinator Jim Dils.

Regular Session

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 14, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent: Present with no report

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated there are currently 81 inmates in the Wabash County Jail; 5 inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week's peak jail population was 84.
2. Stated that two (2) replacement personnel have been hired: Merit Deputy Matthew Cox and Records Clerk Kelly Roth.
3. Stated that the Sheriff's Department will receive \$1,000 in grant money for the inmate GED program from First Merchants Trust and the Pauline Barker Educational Trust Fund. This brings the total amount received for the GED program to \$5,000.

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee:

1. Reviewed a letter to be sent to the IN Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) because of an erroneous entry in the Local Match section of the budget for the Grossnickle Drain Grant. The bonds/insurance line item in the amount of \$16,230 should not have been included in the budget. The letter requests that \$8,390.96 be applied to the cost of soil borings and camera inspection expenses incurred by the county due to unforeseen soil issues. Chairman Eppley signed the letter.
2. Stated an amendment to the contract between the Commissioners and Wessler Engineering needs to be approved and signed to cover the cost of \$19,000 in additional compensation to be paid for the Grossnickle Drain Project. A motion was made by Hauptert and seconded by Givens to

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approve the amendment to the contract. The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. Stated she received the semi-annual report from Region III-A Development which updates the status of the Grossnickle Drain Project to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Chairman Eppley signed the report.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Reported that the Commissioners had received copies of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for review. Stated this plan is an updated version of the 2003 plan. Motion was made by Hauptert and seconded by Givens to accept the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan as presented. The motion passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Responded to Eppley's inquiry on January 7th regarding funding of service work on the portable generators. Brown stated this would be funded by the Cumulative Capital Development Fund as approved at the meeting on August 20, 2012. Eppley stated that funds would need to be encumbered into 2013 for renovation of these generators because the work was begun but not completed in 2012.

Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper:

1. Submitted (2) two quotes for four (4) new computers, a printer and a scanner for the front office. Draper reported that the quote from Intrasect Technologies totaled \$6,928.11 and from Fidlar Technologies \$10,328. She stated that \$5,000 of the costs will be paid from the Security Protection Fund and but she would need to request an additional appropriation of \$2,829 from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund. Givens made a motion to accept the lowest quote from Intrasect Technologies to provide the computer equipment to the Recorder's office. Hauptert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated she has determined that document watermarking could be done in-house with the computers being purchased.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Reported that the Commissioners' room was used Thursday evening by Painless Entertainment as the setting for an interview to be part of a program to be aired on The Travel Channel. The interview was not specifically about county government.
2. Reported that the county received \$1,060 from the sale of used phone equipment. Commissioners directed the Auditor's office to receipt the money into the Cumulative Capital Development Fund from which the new phone system was paid.

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Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad presented a notification letter from the Common Council, City of Wabash of a public hearing to be held January 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the passage of an ordinance to vacate a portion of 100 N within the city limits of Wabash. The City of Wabash is developing land located north and west of the intersection of U.S. 24 and IN 13 into a business complex. As part of that development, the City annexed land up to the center line of an unimproved county road known as 100 North; thus the need to notify the county of the intent to vacate.

Susi Stephan, Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation District Executive Director, Bobby Hettmansperger, SWC District Board member and Joe Updike, Natural Resources Conservation Services District Conservationist presented three (3) quotes for improvements to the barn at the Wabash County Farm. Each estimate included a steel roof, steel sidewalls and new doors. The totals of estimates presented were:

Matt Smith Construction - \$25,221

Mike Reiff Construction, Inc. - \$25,460

Randel Construction - \$25,185

Stephan also mentioned a separate estimate from A & A Cleaning of \$8,500 to repaint the barn. Stephan stated that the southwest corner of the barn roof was deteriorating rapidly. Givens asked for a recommendation from the Soil & Water representatives regarding these estimates but they offered none. Givens asked about possible funding from other sources. Updike stated that other sources are being explored and that the Wabash County Farm is becoming a central hub for the area. Hettmansperger stated that other improvements will be necessary for future development and that the farm will become a showplace within the state. Givens made a motion to take the quotes under advisement in order to explore all options and possible additional funding for all barn improvements. The motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Stephan also updated the Commissioners on other current and future activities of the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Commissioners reviewed/approved:

Treasurer's and Auditor's monthly reports for December 2012

Payroll claims for payment on January 16, 2013

Association of IN Counties legislative conference

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2013, (no meeting on Monday, January 21 because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday) in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.