

## JANUARY 22, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 22, 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 14, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented two (2) NIPSCO utility permits to install gas service in the county right-of-way:

1. At 4550 E 1000 N to bore under 1000 N.
2. At 11659 N 200 W to bore under 200 W.
3. Submitted a sales disclosure form on the Winger property, parcel #1 of the right-of-way needed for the Bridge 24 project on Ogden Road over the Otter Creek.

Givens made a motion to approve the permits; the motion was seconded by Hauptert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated there are currently 79 inmates in the Wabash County Jail; 3 inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Introduced Kelsey Custer, a Manchester High School senior who is interning with the Sheriff's Department for one semester.
3. Reported a Jail officer has been promoted to Assistant Jail Commander and requested to permission interview applicants to fill existing openings for two (2) Jail officers.
4. Submitted the Sheriff's Department statistics for 2012. He will provide the 2012 Jail Report at next meeting. Stated the department received a total of 11,564 calls in 2012.
5. Reported that the State legislature will be reviewing Indiana's criminal codes and he will be testifying at the Statehouse on Wednesday.

Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel requested the Board's decision on the Trending and New Construction bids received and taken under advisement on January 7. Hauptert made a motion to approve the bids submitted by Accurate Assessments. The motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners agreed that the bids could not be signed until after the County Council's meeting on January 28, 2013 because of the need to determine the funding source.

Kathryn Carter-Lower, Health Department:

1. Stated that Health Officer, Dr. James Rudolph has resigned effective March 1, 2013.

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2. Requested approval to open a checking account for the purpose of accepting credit and debit card payments collected from the public for permits, certificates and vaccinations. Carter-Lower stated the service would be provided by PayGov.us with no cost to the County. Fees charged to the customer would be \$2.00 for any transaction under \$67.00 and 3% for any transaction \$67.00 or above. Commissioners directed Carter-Lower to consult with the Treasurer's office and the Sheriff's Department which currently uses the same service.
3. Requested approval to use \$9,000 in remaining Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure (SPHI) grant funds. Carter-Lower explained that Wabash County has been participating in a multi-jurisdictional pilot program with the goal of public health accreditation readiness. She submitted quotes for the purchase of five (5) computer iPad "tablets" with Wi-Fi and iPad docks for use by all the Health Department staff at a cost of \$2,976.00 from the government site of Apple computers. Also asked to purchase an oak desk, credenza and hutch and two (2) oak filing cabinets at a cost of \$3,589.92 from K-Log for nurses' storage. Hauptert made a motion to take the grant purchases under advisement; motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Requested that the Health Department be added to the existing IT support agreement with Intrasect Technologies. Commissioners stated that Intrasect Technologies is prepared to work with the department and directed Carter-Lower to contact Intrasect.

Steve Downs, County Attorney submitted a proposed ordinance for first reading for yield signs to be placed on 200 N requiring motor vehicles to yield to school buses exiting the Northfield High School and Sharp Creek Elementary School properties.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Asked that the Commissioners schedule a date during the week of either February 25 or March 4 to review the group health plan renewal which will occur on April 1. The Board suggested February 25. Dils will coordinate.
2. Reported the courthouse elevator was repaired last week and a new phone dialer will be installed this week at a cost of \$92.
3. Reported that five (5) former separate phone lines are now being handled through the new PRI and two (2) additional lines, whose need could not be verified, have been disconnected. The elimination of these seven (7) lines will result in an annual saving of approximately \$4,200.
4. Stated that wall repairs and new flooring in two (2) rooms at the Health Department should be completed this week.
5. Stated a heat pump motor in the Clerk's office overheated and has to be replaced.

Dallas Dugan, Chief Probation Officer:

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1. Submitted the emergency shelter placement agreement with White's Institute (WRFS Services, LLC) for approval and signing. Agreement costs have already been budgeted. A motion was made by Hauptert and seconded by Givens to approve the agreement. The motion passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated the Probation Department would like to purchase a laptop computer from Computer Systems, Inc. (CSI) at a cost of \$2,207 to be paid from Probation User Fees. Hauptert made a motion to approve the purchase; the motion was seconded by Givens and passed with a 3-0 vote.
3. Dugan was given permission to obtain quotes for repainting the Probation offices with the cost to be paid from Probation User Fees.

Bill Konyha, President & CEO of EDG of Wabash County, Inc:

1. Reported on the economic development activity within Wabash County. Stated there are currently 19 active projects.
2. Requested \$5,000.00 in CEDIT funds for Bunn, Inc. to assist with the relocation of the company to a new site on Olive Street in Wabash and to support their business expansion. Stated that the company agrees to create a minimum of six (6) new jobs with average wages consistent with current wages. Hauptert made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 in CEDIT funds for Bunn, Inc. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested \$100,000.00 in CEDIT funds in equal installments over a period of (3) three years to support the installation of long haul fiber by Metronet to serve MSD Schools and Lafontaine Elementary School and the Town of LaFontaine. Explained that economic assistance in the form of fiber optics and high speed internet is essential for 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure. Konyha stated that the CEDIT funding would be in lieu of TIF so that property tax collections would not be affected. Hauptert made a motion to approve \$100,000.00 in CEDIT funds for this project over a period of three years on a reimbursement basis. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote. Konyha stated that EDG will draft incentive agreements that will establish the program requirements and conditions for both projects and present them to the county attorney approval.

### **Commissioners reviewed/approved:**

Accounts Payables claims for payment on January 22, 2013

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 28, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.