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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 23, 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 April 16, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed 3-0.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented two utility permit requests from NIPSCO:
 - a. To bury a gas line from 2,800 feet west of Meridian Road to just north of 1305 S 300 E.
 - b. To retire gas service at 97 W 250 S.Givens made a motion to approve both requests; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The bi-annual Wabash County Bridge Inspections are set to start today.
3. The City of Wabash Street Department has requested that the County Highway Department seal the city's portion of Division Road; the city will reimburse the cost. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated the average daily population for the week ending April 22, 2012 was 85; one (1) inmate is housed at the Miami County Jail.
2. Stated he has moved two (2) part-time jail officers into the full-time positions. Land stated both individuals have been doing a very good job and he is confident in their abilities as full-time employees. Land stated he will need to hire two (2) part-time jail officers. Commissioners agreed.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated Tuesday, April 24th the District III Task Force including the Law Enforcement Group, the Service and Support Group and the Incident Management Team will deploy an exercise in Fort Wayne at the Public Service Academy. Participants will then travel to the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center near Butlerville, Indiana for training. On Thursday the group will return to Fort Wayne for demobilization.
2. On Wednesday, all District III hospitals will run pandemic exercises. Brown stated he will assist at the Wabash County Hospital.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented Ordinance #2012-85-08 for a second reading: An Ordinance Amending General Ordinance #2012-85-2; Regulating Wind Energy Conservation Systems in Wabash County. Eppley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2012-85-08 on second reading; his motion was seconded by Givens and Ordinance #2012-85-08 was adopted by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Coroner Carol Whitesel stated that the proposed new Wabash County Hospital does not include plans to be equipped with a morgue and that a

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vehicle will need to be provided to the Coroner for transporting decedents to a Fort Wayne hospital for autopsies. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, was present with no report.

Stan Bagley, Laketon Area Regional Sewer District Board Member, stated Umbaugh & Associates presented a proposal to the Town of North Manchester for Laketon to connect to their sewer system. Negotiations are still in progress.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

1. Presented Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau's request for the Commissioners' board appointment to the CVB Board: Brittany Rager, Sales and Marketing Manager for Brandt's Harley Davidson. Givens made a motion to appoint Brittany Rager as their representative to the CVB; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented the Wabash County CVB: Monthly Financial Reports for March 2012 and minutes of their recent meeting.
3. Presented, from the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs, the Notice of Release of Funds Authorization to Incur Costs for the CDBG Grant award totaling \$500,000 for the Grossnickle Drain Project.
4. Presented the Wabash County Historical Museum claim request for the student admission program totaling \$500. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.
5. Presented a request from the Wabash County Historical Museum for the first half of the 2012 allocation totaling \$7,500. Commissioners unanimously approved.
6. Presented a request from the Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District for the first half of the 2012 Supplies Allocation totaling \$1,000. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.
7. Presented a letter of support from the Otis R. Bowen Center for an application to receive a grant for Safe and Affordable Housing for Poor and Handicapped Citizens of Wabash County. Hauptert stated a similar letter has been signed by Superior Court Judge Christopher Goff. Commissioners unanimously agreed and Hauptert signed the letter of support.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Wabash Fire Department 2012 First Quarter Ambulance Report

IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval – Wastewater Mgt. Permit # 812: G&L Plumbing, LLC

IDEM Notice of Decision: Issue a General Permit – West Plains Mining, LLC

Weights & Measures Report – April 15, 2012

Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee stated the next step in the Grossnickle Drain Project, now that the letter of release of funds has been received, is a Notice of Award needs to be signed and presented to the accepted lowest bid

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contractor: Haskins Underground, Inc. from Plymouth, Indiana whose bid totaled \$606,897. Commissioners signed Notice of Award for the contract.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, April 30, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – April 30, 2012