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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 11, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three 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 March 4, 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:

1. Presented a CenturyLink utility application for approval to replace buried cable from the intersection of SR 13 and Whites Drive in Somerset, west on the south side of Whites Drive for 100 feet. Givens made a motion to approve the permit as requested. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated that he would like to receive and open sealed salt bids on April 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners agreed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Stated there are 72 inmates in the Wabash County Jail; no inmates are housed in the Miami County Jail. Peak jail population last week was 74.
2. Stated he met with a representative from Novatek Corporation last Thursday regarding the emergency generator needs at the jail. He will present additional information as it becomes available.

Bob Brown, EMA & Central Dispatch Director stated that Central Dispatch has a locking problem with the CAD system and recommended installing a separate server for the system that will link back to the main server. The cost will be approximately \$5,000 and the money is already budgeted. Brown submitted to an agreement for the purchase of the server, which includes support service, to County Attorney Steve Downs for his review.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator: Present with no report

Mike Howard, Plan Director submitted a replat of the Shadow Creek subdivision for approval. He stated there is no change in the total size of the subdivision just changes in lot sizes. Givens made a motion to approve the replat as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Elaine Martin, Clerk of the Courts:

1. Informed the Commissioners that she and a deputy clerk will be attending a voter registration meeting in Indianapolis on July 23rd and 24th.
2. Presented a county election board request to increase the pay for election poll workers from \$100 to \$125 for judges and clerks and from \$125 to

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\$150 for inspectors to be incorporated in the 2014 budget request. Givens made a motion to approve the increase subject to Council approval. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed an executive order approving the increase.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court reporter and Dallas Duggan, Chief Probation Officer requested replacement of the recording equipment in both courtrooms. Stroup submitted a quote from Word Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$10,208.68 with \$1,000 to be paid from the County Title IV-D Incentive Fund and \$9,208.68 to be paid from the Adult Probation User Fees Fund. Hauptert made a motion to approve the purchase as requested subject to Council approval. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court reporter and Charles Malinowski with Malinowski Consulting, Inc. presented a professional services agreement explaining the scope of proposed services to recover a portion of the Circuit Court's Title IV-D/Child Support monthly expenses from the state of Indiana. Malinowski explained that these services would relieve the court staff of the preparation of state reimbursement applications. The courts are not currently pursuing reimbursements through his company but his firm's services are being used by the Wabash County Clerk to recover child support expenses with the fee being paid from the Clerk's Title IV-D Incentive Fund. He proposed that the monthly service fee of \$650 could be paid from the County Title IV-D Incentive Fund since the current balance is over \$39,000. Stroup added that she contacted the Grant County Circuit Court judge and they are satisfied with Malinowski Consulting services. Wabash County Clerk Elaine Martin is also satisfied with the service. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Malinowski Consulting professional services agreement subject to attorney Downs review and Council appropriation, if required. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

:Dennis-Allen submitted information to the Board in regard to the former Celotex property in Lagro and related legal issues.

Commissioners' review/approval:

March 13th payroll claims approved.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor, B.J. Grube, County Health Board member Dr. Robert Becker, County Health Officer Dr. David Rowe and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter, Sheila Rhoades.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was recessed. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 18, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.