

MARCH 25, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 25, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three members present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Haupert and passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent reported that the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is working with Norfolk Southern Railway on a statewide project to improve safety at passive highway-rail grade crossings throughout the state. A twenty-year study was conducted to examine various warning devices for safety effectiveness. The conclusion indicated that crossings where stop signs had been installed were more likely to have collisions than any other form of warning system. If the railroad has an engineering study on file determining that a full stop is essential, the railroad will install a stop sign in place of a yield sign. INDOT is requesting assistance from highway departments to determine where railroads should install stop signs rather than yield signs if they have been determined to be essential. INDOT is also working with railroads to upgrade their warning systems. Martin stated that these improvements are at no cost to counties and are the responsibility of INDOT and the railroads.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Stated there are 66 inmates housed in the Wabash County Jail; no inmates housed in the Miami County Jail.
2. Reported that the 2013 Annual Jail Inspection Report was the best one the department has had in several years. A few issues remain related to: lighting, storage, and medical and exercise space. Also a staff analysis was recommended at no cost to the County.
3. Requested to trade-in a transportation van which would require \$1,700 in mechanical repairs for a used Dodge Caravan at a net purchase price of \$6,375 to be paid from the County Misdemeanant Fund. Haupert made a motion to approve the vehicle purchase. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Received permission to hire a jail officer to fill a recent vacancy.

Bob Brown, EMA & Central Dispatch Director:

1. Submitted the final copy of the Central Dispatch server agreement, approved at a previous meeting, for Commissioners' signatures.
2. Presented the Emergency Management Performance Salaries Grant in the amount of \$29,174 which reimburses the county for 50% of Emergency Management staff salaries. Commissioners signed the grant agreement.
3. Requested permission to issue a county-wide travel advisory due to the winter storm that developed overnight.

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Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Reported he had been contacted by "Make Believe Entertainment" seeking permission to film the exterior of the Courthouse and Memorial Hall. Commissioners had no objection.
2. Reported he still had not received signed affidavits that had been requested from Mr. Moorman for his livestock damage claim. Commissioners agreed to waive the affidavits and to pay the damage claim in the amount of \$1,358 from the Rainy Day Fund since there is no longer a Dog Tax Fund.
3. Reported that in conjunction with the pre-closing of the Manchester University bond financing, the County could invoice an issuance fee for granting the use of its tax exempt status. Commissioners recommended that the County Council establish the issuance fee and that the fee be invoiced.

Mike Howard, Planning Director updated the Commissioners on the status of the new flood insurance rate maps. He stated the county flood areas have been reviewed, public input has been sought and the mapping changes have been identified. FEMA has notified him that the flood plain maps will become official September 18, 2013. He stated that attorney Downs will need to prepare a document to be submitted to each incorporated town to approve the flood plain maps and a new flood plain ordinance. He stated that after those approvals, the Plan Commission and the Commissioners can officially adopt the new flood plain ordinance.

Susi Stephan, Executive Director of the Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation District requested approval of the quote for County Farm barn repairs from Randel Construction in the amount of \$25,185. Estimates had been presented at a previous Commissioners' meeting. Givens made a motion to approve the repairs to the County Farm barn as quoted by Randel Construction. Hauptert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote. Joe Updike, NRCS district conservationist explained the details of the County Farm Infrastructure Improvement Proposal to the Commissioners. The proposal includes new drainage tiles, a relief well, and a waterway for an estimated total cost of \$40,422. Commissioners stated that monies had been budgeted for the project in the 2013 CEDIT Fund.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated he received quotes from five insurance carriers, including the current carrier, for the employee group life insurance renewal effective April 1, 2013. He recommended approval of the quote from OneAmerica that included a three-year rate guarantee with no increase in the present rate. Hauptert made a motion to approve the OneAmerica quote for the county's group life insurance. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Linda Conrad, County Auditor presented the March 25, 2013 payable claims for payment. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners' review/approval:

IDEM revocation notice of Primco/Speedway Redi Mix #169

IDEM CFO amendment approved for Lazy E, LLC for the Schuler site 3562W SR 16

IDEM CFO amendment approved for Lazy E, LLC for the Servia site, 7524N 300E

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was recessed. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 1, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.