

## MAY 13, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 13, 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 May 6, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Hauptert was not present at the previous meeting.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Submitted a NIPSCO utility permit to dig a bell-hole in the right-of-way to install gas service at 8716 N 200 W. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated United Consulting is requesting that the Commissioners set a date of June 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. for the bid opening for Bridge #14 construction located on 800 E between 800 N and 900 N with bids to be due in the Auditor's office by 9:00 a.m. on June 10th. Commissioners approved.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff stated there are 79 inmates housed in the Wabash County Jail and none housed in the Miami County Jail. He stated the jail population as of today is 79 and there are 13 inmates available for transport to the Department of Corrections.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Stated he received the disaster declaration from the State including all contiguous counties. He reported that individual and business claims for assistance are being accepted at City Hall in Marion, IN. All public municipal and county disaster claim information is due in the State office today in order to determine disaster qualification.
2. Reported the main power feed at Central Dispatch broke in half at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday and the department was on the emergency generator for over 14 hours. Duke Energy installed a new power line due to the age of the previous line.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report.

Lori Draper, County Recorder, stated she had planned to submit a quote from Computer System Inc. (CSI) for the replacement of the Recorder's software but has since reconsidered the change. She would like to change from Fidlar to CSI because of their online software services but the initial cost of \$46,000 is prohibitive even though the annual maintenance is \$1,500 less.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Requested that the Commissioners set June 3, 2013 at 9:45 a.m. to receive bids for the possible replacement of the jail generator. Commissioners approved.

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2. Reported he has received a proposal from Scarce Rudisel for an assessment of the old jail building. He has not yet received a proposal Pyramid, Inc. Eppley stated that when the Board receives both proposals they will decide how to proceed.
3. Reported that replacement of deteriorating sidewalks around the courthouse square, as approved last fall, is expected to begin next week. He is meeting with Alan Weitzel at 10:00 a.m. today to complete a final walk-thru of the project.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor submitted an IDEM - Notice for Public Comment concerning the proposed Thermafiber air permit.

Jerry Frost, President, Frost Engineering introduced himself and his firm's services to the Commissioners. He stated that in his opinion, after inspecting 17 county bridges, three Bridges #495, 135, and 525 are specifically in need of load rating rechecks and bridge posting reviews. He also shared information concerning the deterioration of certain bridge types which may help with future planning and funding.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Joe Slacian.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was recessed. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 20, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.