

**July 1, 2013**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 1, 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 June 24, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Submitted a NIPSCO utility permit to bury cable under 1100 N to provide service to 3154 E 1100 N. Givens made a motion to approve the utility permit. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reported that a meeting is scheduled at the highway department with United Consulting on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. to discuss both Bridge 645 (North Manchester Covered Bridge) and Bridge 14 (on 800 E between 800 and 900 N)

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff stated the Wabash County jail currently has 86 inmates with 8 inmates at the Miami County jail. The peak population during the previous week was 89 inmates.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director explained a letter that had been received about the annual EMA assessment which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. The assessment is used to determine the percentage of salary match which will be received from the state for the three EMA employees. They always receive the maximum match of 50%.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator: Present with no report.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor submitted payroll claims for the pay period ending June 22, 2013 and payable claims for July 1, 2013.

After taking a financial request from the Wabash River Defenders under advisement at the previous meeting, Hauptert made a motion to approve paying \$500 out of the CEDIT Fund to support the clean-up of the Wabash River.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court reporter and Matthew Romary and Kari Simcoe of Romary Associates presented a proposal to reconfigure the Circuit Court outer office workstations at a cost of \$3,050. Romary explained that the proposal includes using existing desks and wall outlets. Stroup stated that the project would be 90% funded from General Fund/Circuit Court monies with 10% coming from the Title IV-D County Incentive Fund. She stated a local vendor was asked to provide a quote but no response was received. Givens made a motion to approve the Circuit Court's workstation reconfiguration as requested. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Teresa Witkoske, County Extension Director, requested support from the Commissioners to eliminate a part-time clerical position, but add a full-time position in the County Extension 2014 proposed budget. She explained that a full-time assistant is needed due to the workload and to cover the office when Purdue educators are in the field. She stated a summer intern and volunteers have been used to help with the 4-H program. Commissioners had no objection to the position changes being included in the County Extension 2014 proposed budget. The Commissioners reminded Witkoske that approval would depend on the total funding available for 2014 and that the County Council will have to approve.

Witkoske also requested support for the 4-H program in the amount of \$5,000 in the Commissioners' 2014 budget. Commissioners approved the \$5,000 request to be included in their 2014 proposed budget.

Commissioners Approved/Reviewed:

- Received IDEM notice of decision for approval of Manchester Metals air quality permit.
- Received IDEM notice of decision for approval of Laketon Refining Corp. air quality permit.
- Received IDEM notice of public comment for Thermafiber, Inc. air quality permit application.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Sheila Rhoades.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 8, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.