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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 22, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all 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 July 15, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Submitted a NIPSCO utility permit to dig two bell-holes and bore under Lakeside Drive to install gas service at 30 W Lakeside Drive, N. Manchester (Sandy Beach).
2. Submitted a Frontier Communications utility permit to bore under Singer Road to install phone service to 2128 E. Singer Road, N. Manchester. Givens made a motion to approve both utility permits. Haupert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Submitted a road-cut permit application to install a drainage tile on 800 E for Reed Farms. Givens made a motion to approve the road-cut. Haupert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Reported that construction on Bridge 14 is scheduled to begin September 15, 2013. The bridge should be reopened by Thanksgiving.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Stated the Wabash County jail currently has 82 inmates with 14 inmates at the Miami County jail. Peak population last week was 94.
2. Introduced Jake Halderman, a 4th grade student at St. Bernard School, as "Sheriff for the Day" in cooperation with the school program.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director invited the commissioners to a statewide training exercise scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2013 in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) at the courthouse.

Steve Downs, County Attorney reported that Metronet has requested modification to the incentive agreement approved earlier in the year to provide a million-dollar investment for the installation of high speed internet to the southern part of the county. In the agreement, Metronet guaranteed that the project would result in an increase of \$150,000 in tax revenue during the first ten (10) years or Metronet would pay back the \$100,000 in CEDIT money the county had provided to help defray project costs. Downs explained that Metronet is now requesting a modification to the agreement to accommodate anything the state or county may change in the current tax formula or calculation that would interfere with Metronet reaching the \$150,000 increase in tax revenue during the first 10 years. Discussion included extension of the obligation to 15 years, but the commissioners agreed that monitoring the tax revenue over 15 years would be problematic. Commissioner Eppley suggested that the incentive agreement be revised to accommodate a change in the tax formula calculation and/or a

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decrease in tax rates by pro-rating the CEDIT reimbursement to the county. Commissioners agreed the pro-rated revision would be acceptable. Downs stated he will draft a revision for the Board's approval.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator: Present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor submitted an IDEM notice of approval of the air quality operating permit for the Manchester Metals, LLC.

Commissioner Eppley requested approval of an encumbrance of \$1,900 from the 2012 budget of the CEDIT fund into the 2013 budget in order to assist in funding an archeological study in compliance with the USDA grant for the Laketon Regional Sewer District. Hauptert made a motion to approve the encumbrance in the amount of \$1,900. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Eppley convened the scheduled 9:30 a.m. public hearing for consideration of the petition to vacate a portion of county road 100 N. County Attorney Downs stated that the adjacent property owners had been notified by mail of the petition to vacate and of the scheduled public hearing. He stated that the City of Wabash had vacated the south portion of 100 N earlier in 2013. There were no objectors present or heard at the hearing. Hauptert made a motion to approve the vacation of the north portion of county road 100 N. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote. Downs stated that the ordinance would be ready for signatures at next week's meeting. Hauptert made a motion to close the public hearing. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, EMA assistant director Keith Walters, 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 29, 2013 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.