

June 10, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 10, 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 June 3, 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.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor was present for the bridge replacement bid openings but had no departmental report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff stated that the Wabash County Jail currently has 95 inmates with 6 inmates at the Miami County Jail. There were 27 new bookings and 14 transports June 4-10.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director presented the proposed Emergency Management ordinance for reading and approval. Givens made a motion to approve proposed Ordinance #85-2013-05 Concerning Emergency Powers of the Wabash County Department of Emergency Management. Haupert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote. Haupert made a motion to suspend the rules and go immediately to second reading of the ordinance. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to approve Ordinance #85-2013-05. Haupert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed the ordinance.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated the sidewalk repair project has been completed incorporating handicapped accessibility at several locations. There were minimal disruptions to pedestrian traffic in and out of the Courthouse.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor was present with no report.

Barry Eppley explained the need for a feasibility study to review possible uses of the vacant Wabash County Sheriff/Jail building and/or the site located on West Main Street in Wabash. He reported that Pyramid Architecture/Engineering submitted a quote in the amount of \$4,000 to conduct a feasibility study with the work estimated to take two months to complete. Givens made a motion to hire Pyramid Architecture to conduct the feasibility study. Haupert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Eppley presented a proposed agreement with the City of Wabash allowing the City to post information on the county's geographical information system (GIS) with the City to pay any costs incurred. Haupert made a motion to approve the agreement with the City of Wabash. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Commissioners received and opened bids as advertised for the replacement of Bridge 14, on County Road 800 East over the Carroll Ditch:

John T. Camden Construction, Inc.....	245,591.00
Pioneer Associates, Inc.....	237,773.00
R.L. McCoy, Inc.....	256,641.00
Primco, Inc.....	226,659.00
H.I.S. Constructors, Inc.....	464,677.00

Hauptert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jack Krouse, President of Construction Control inc. reported on the bids received last Monday for a new emergency generator at the Wabash County Jail. He stated it would take approximately four months to manufacture and install the 350kw generator. He recommended accepting the lowest bid from L-A Electric in the amount of \$119,433.00. Commissioners asked about awarding the contract to a local vendor even though it was not the lowest bid. Krouse explained that the State’s bidding statutes allow for awarding to a local vendor, if that bid is within 1% of the lowest bid and that vendor specifically requests consideration according to the State statute. Krouse stated that no local vendor met those two requirements. No decision was made by the Commissioners.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Joe Slacian, United Consulting representative Scott Minnich and several vendor representatives who were present for the bridge replacement bid opening.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was recessed. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 17, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.