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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 12, 2013. Chairman Barry Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three members present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert, and Scott Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the August 5, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Eppley did not vote because he was not present at the previous meeting.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Submitted a contract in the amount of \$264,888 with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. to provide bridge inspection services through the year 2017. Also submitted a sub-consultant agreement with Highway Safety Services Inc. to provide flagging services as needed during the routine inspection of Wabash County bridges. Givens made a motion to approve and sign both the contract and the sub-agreement. Haupert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reported the completion of 12 miles of chip and sealed roads out of a total of 48 miles scheduled for this year.
3. Stated that a progress meeting for the N. Manchester covered bridge has been scheduled for Aug. 21, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Reported the Wabash County jail had 86 inmates currently and 16 inmates at the Miami County jail. The peak population was 98 with 32 bookings last week.
2. Stated that he had been contacted by Wabash Marketplace and the Chamber of Commerce to request placement of two small backflow dishes on the Sheriff's department communication tower in order to extend Wi-Fi service in the downtown area. Commissioners approved the request.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director stated that Central Dispatch Coordinator Sandy Beeks has returned to work after recovering from non-work related injuries.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor submitted payroll claims for August 14, 2013 for approval.

Renata Robinson, Executive Director of North Manchester Main Street (MMS) explained that the N. Manchester Town Council granted approval to Manchester Main Street and N. Manchester Parks & Recreation to launch the North Manchester Community Trail Network (CTN) with a summer 2013 installation of the Phase I-IV signage and sharrows portion of the plan. She stated that MMS is requesting permission to install double-sided CTN signage below the existing

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street signs at three locations outside the North Manchester corporate boundaries and within the Wabash County Commissioners' District 1 Chester Township jurisdiction. She explained that all signs have retro-reflective surfacing and are in accordance with INDOT regulations and specifications. MMS is also requesting the replacement of two existing U-channel posts with 10 ft. galvanized square tube posts at no cost to the County. Hauptert made a motion to approve the placement of the signs and to replace the two posts as requested by Manchester Main Street. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3/0 vote.

Chairman Eppley convened the scheduled public hearing at 9:30 A.M. to consider the vacating of a portion of Railroad Street and a portion of an alley in Comstock's Second Addition in the town of Liberty Mills. The petitioner, Nicole Walls, 371N 4th Street, Liberty Mills was present and stated that she had given notice of the petition and hearing date by certified mail to all abutting landowners of the area to be vacated. The petition stated that the street was located on the south end of the petitioner's parcel and that the rest of the street had been previously vacated. The petition stated the same reason applied to the alley. There was no one present in opposition. Betty Brainard was in attendance at the hearing, but it was determined that she was interested in a vacating petition yet to be scheduled for public hearing. Hauptert made a motion to close the public hearing. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3/0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve the vacating of the street and the alley as described. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3/0 vote. The signing of the ordinance to vacate was held pending the submission of the newspaper affidavit verifying the publication of the hearing notice by the petitioner.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, Planning Director Mike Howard, Toby Steffens, civil engineer with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. and Joe Slacian, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 19, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.