

August 5, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 5, 2013. Vice-Chairman Scott Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with two members present: Givens and Brian K. Hauptert. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley was on vacation. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent submitted utility permit applications for approval:

1. NIPSCO – retire service at 2297 W 900 N
2. Frontier Communications – install cable for new service to 1726 N 100 W.
3. CenturyLink – install cable on the north side of 800 S east of America Road and east side of America Road, south of 800 S.
4. CenturyLink - install cable on south side of 1100 S from SR 15 to AT&T cell tower.

Hauptert made a motion to approve all utility permits. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Martin submitted a bridge inspection contract for Commissioners' approval in the amount of \$211,910.40 between Wabash County and INDOT for the four-year bridge inspection beginning in 2014. Hauptert made a motion to approve the bridge inspection contract. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County jail had 80 inmates the week of July 23-29 with 12 inmates at the Miami County jail. Peak population was 84. For the week of July 30–August 5, 2013, he reported 85 inmates with 12 inmates at the Miami County jail. Peak population was 85.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director stated he had been called for jury duty and may be out of the office if selected to serve as a juror.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Reported the ordinance for vacating 100 North, already approved by the Commissioners, has been prepared. Commissioners signed.
2. Reported that Metronet had 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. Stated that he had created a draft of the modifications to the agreement as requested by Metronet including a 1/3 pro-rata payback to the county based on the amount of new personal property taxes generated each year, but that he needed to consult with the Auditor's office to see what is possible to be able to track the increase in personal property taxes each year.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Submitted a request by the Roann Covered Bridge Beautification Committee to use the bridge on October 19th from 3:00-11:00 p.m. Commissioners approved and an agreement will be prepared for this event.
2. Reported that seven employee meetings were held last week and another one will be held this week to offer voluntary life insurance benefits to all full-time county employees.
3. Requested permission for Intraset to run computer cabling to the Surveyor's office at a cost of \$257.35. Commissioners approved and gave permission to proceed.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Submitted payable claims for August 5, 2013 and payroll claims from July 31, 2013 for approval.
2. Submitted an IDEM notice of public comment for air quality operating permit for the Manchester Metals, LLC and a notice of decision approval for an air quality operating permit for Ford Meter Box.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc. asked that the Commissioners set a date for a public hearing for the purchase of 2014 transit vehicles to be in compliance with the state's grant capital purchasing contract. Ferry stated that the capital portion of the grant is competitive with no guarantee of receiving the funds. Commissioners set the date of the public hearing for August 19, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Tim Wall, senior architect with Donohue/Herceg & Associates introduced himself and the company's civil engineering as well as architectural services. He listed county and municipal projects that the company has completed throughout the state.

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, August 12, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.