

## August 19, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 19, 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 August 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert 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. Requested approval of two utility permit applications:
  - NIPSCO - to retire gas service at 695 E 900 N.
  - CenturyLink - to replace buried cable along 500 N west of 150 E.Givens made a motion to approve both permits. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reported that 30 miles of roadway have been chip and sealed. A total of 48 miles are scheduled to be completed this year.
3. Reminded the Board of a North Manchester Covered Bridge progress meeting on Wednesday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the job-site trailer.
4. Received notice from INDOT that Bridge 24 on Ogden Road will be let for construction on September 11.
5. Reported that a Butler, Fairman & Seufert engineer has completed inspection of the silt under the east end of Bridge 103 on Cooper Road over Mill Creek. The report stated it would be cost prohibitive to remove the silt when compared to the amount of waterway obstructed and that no maintenance action is required; only monitoring of the silt accumulation during routine inspections.
6. Requested permission to proceed to County Council with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$1,000 from the Covered Bridge Fund to pay utilities and sprinkler inspection costs for the remainder of 2013 for the Roann Covered Bridge. Martin stated that sprinkler system repairs have over-extended the original appropriation. Commissioners approved the request to proceed to Council.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County jail has 87 inmates with 24 inmates in the Miami County jail. The peak population was 90 with 25 new bookings last week.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director stated that the District 3 Task Force annual "large disaster" exercise will be held September 22-24, 2013 and encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

Steve Downs, County Attorney reported that the Auditor's office has received the petitioner's proof of publication required for the pending approval of vacating of an alley and Railroad Street in Liberty Mills. Commissioners signed Ordinance 2013-85-07 which was approved on August 12, 2013.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator: Present with no report.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested approval to proceed with a server upgrade in the amount of \$1,500 in order to accommodate E-reporting service for the submission of documents. She stated that the cost of the upgrade will be paid from budgeted funds. Hauptert made a motion to approve the upgrade. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Submitted payable claims for August 19, 2013 for approval.
2. Submitted Auditor's and Treasurer's financial reports for July 2013.
3. IDEM notice received regarding construction permit for White's Residential and Family Services wastewater treatment plant improvements.
4. IDEM notice received regarding air quality operating permit renewal for Aleris Specification Alloys, Inc.

Chairman Eppley opened a public hearing as advertised at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of taking public comment regarding the application for 5311 federal grant funding for the possible purchase of two 2014 transit vehicles by Wabash County Transit/Wabash County Board of Commissioners. Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc. was present and stated that the capital purchasing portion of the grant is competitive with no guarantee of receiving funds. There were no public comments heard regarding the grant application for funding the vehicle purchases. 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 direct Ferry to proceed with the application for federal grant funding. Givens seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, 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 26, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.