

## September 3, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 3, 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 26, 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 NIPSCO permits for gas service at:

- 175 Grafton, Ijamsville/North Manchester
- 2931 E 1425 N, North Manchester
- 15 Wren Road, Sandy Beach Estates/North Manchester

Givens made a motion to approve the permits. Hauptert seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Proposed the date of October 28, 2013 to receive annual bids for supplies and materials and equipment rental for 2014. Commissioners approved.
3. Received a request from MSD of Wabash County to place stone at the bus turn-around at 6090 S and 650 W because of an uneven entrance following the recent chip and seal of the road. Commissioners approved.
4. Reported that the highway department has completed 53 miles of chip and seal. Martin stated that all appropriations for this project have been spent.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County jail has 82 inmates with 17 inmates at the Miami County jail. During the past week the peak population was 83 with 23 new bookings.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Reported that EMA has received re-certification from the National Weather Service which relieves some liability in the county's flood insurance plan.
2. Reported that September is "Storm Preparedness Month" and that Homeland Security is offering an on-line citizen preparedness survey for individual assessments of storm readiness.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported that 42% of 134 full-time employees elected the additional voluntary life insurance benefit which was offered last month.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor submitted vendor claims for September 5, 2013 for approval.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc. presented a letter of request regarding possible county funding assistance for Wabash Transit vehicles and Transit needs.

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The first request is for 20% local matching funds for the purchase of two medium transit buses for which Wabash Transit is applying through the 5311 Grant process for a total of \$20,800. The proposal stated that these capital purchase funds would also be needed in 2014 for vehicles.

The second request is for Wabash County to provide the same public transportation funding as the City of Wabash; \$10,000 allocation for 2014 expenses. Ferry outlined the content of the proposal and stated that Commissioners and all council members should have received copies of the proposal. Commissioner Eppley stated that \$26,000, not \$20,000 as the proposal stated, had been allocated for 2013 and that \$27,000 has been requested for 2014, which is part of the proposed budget that Council is currently deliberating. He stated that at this time, the proposed 2014 budget contained only the additional \$1,000. Hauptert made a motion to take the matter under advisement until the proposal could be reviewed by County Council. Givens seconded the motion and it passed with a 3-0 vote. Ferry was advised to attend the next Commissioners meeting.

Also present: 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, September 9, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.