

September 16, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 16, 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 September 9, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Requested approval of three NIPSCO utility permit applications for gas service to:

- 5572 W 200 S Wabash
- 1657 S 300 E Wabash (bore under road)
- 4230 S 150 W Wabash

Givens made a motion to approve the permits. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed with a 3-0 vote.

2. Reported that INDOT received five bids for construction on Bridge 24 on Ogden Road over Otter Creek. The low bid of \$387,917 from R.L. McCoy, Columbia City, Indiana is under the engineer's estimate of \$391,000. INDOT will review the bids and inform Martin when the bid has been officially awarded.
3. Stated that the next progress meeting for Bridge 545, North Manchester Covered Bridge is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Reported the Wabash County jail has 80 inmates with 13 inmates at the Miami County jail. During the past week the peak population was 81 with 10 transports.
2. Reported that installation of the emergency generator will begin soon.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director reported at the previous meeting that the EMA/Central Dispatch emergency notification and weather warning system known as CodeRED is scheduled for renewal with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. Brown submitted the contract for approval at a cost \$15,000 per year for three years for a total of \$45,000. He also recommended approval of the CodeRED Weather Warning which alerts residents who have signed-up to approaching severe weather at a cost of \$2,000 per year for three years for a total of \$6,000. All costs would be paid from the Statewide 911 Fund. County Attorney Steve Downs stated he had reviewed the contract and recommended approval. Haupert made a motion to approve renewal of the warning system with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. and add the IPAWS option. Givens seconded the motion; it passed with a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney: Present with no report.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator requested the addition of the Solid Waste Management District to the county's liability insurance. Hauptert made a motion to approve the addition to the liability coverage as requested. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor submitted accounts payable claims for September 16, 2013 for approval. Commissioners approved. Conrad submitted the Auditor and Treasurer's financial reports for August 2013 for review.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc. and Bill Konyha of EDG of Wabash County were present to request an amendment of the county's three-year Capital Improvement Plan to include \$20,800 from the county's CEDIT funds for a local match of the total cost of \$64,400 to purchase two new vehicles for Wabash County Transportation. The remainder of the cost, \$43,600 will be funded by federal sources. Konyha stated that the EDG board recommended the local match in order to promote public transportation which is necessary for economic development in Wabash County. Commissioner Givens stated he would support the request this year, but suggested that the City of Wabash should split the local matching costs with the County for any future funding requests. Hauptert made a motion to amend the Capital Improvement Plan and approve the local match of \$20,800 from the CEDIT fund to assist with the transit vehicle purchase. Givens seconded the motion; it passed with a 3-0 vote.

Bill Konyha presented a progress report and a year-to-date summary of the activities of the Economic Development Group of Wabash County (EDG). He requested a one-time amendment to the county's Capital Improvement Plan from the CEDIT Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid in addition to the amount already in the Plan in support of this year's marketing efforts made by EDG. Givens made a motion to amend the Capital Improvement Plan and to approve the additional \$10,000 to be paid to EDG out of the CEDIT Fund. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Chairman Eppley signed the OCRA civil rights section of the Grossnickle Drain project grant form in compliance and acknowledgement of the completion of the project and the closing out of the CF-11-215 grant requirements.

Also present: B.J. Grube, Chief Deputy Auditor 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, September 23, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.