

## October 15, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all 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 October 7, 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 two NIPSCO permit applications to:
  - install gas service at 2249 W 1000 N
  - install a monitoring station across from 5992 S Old State Road 15.Givens made a motion to approve both permits. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated a progress meeting is scheduled for Bridge 645 (North Manchester Covered Bridge) on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the job site trailer.
3. Completed the striping of W Old State Road 24 and Meridian Road on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Reported that United Consulting has identified a rehabilitation project on Bridge 96 on Hanging Rock Road over the Salamonie River for the call of federal funding projects that opens in November. United Consulting will create a preliminary engineering scope and estimate for the project application. Commissioners approved.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Reported the Wabash County jail currently has 91 inmates with 9 inmates at the Miami County jail. During the past week, the peak population was 92 with 19 new bookings. Land stated that the Department of Corrections has notified the Sheriff's Department that no more prisoners will be accepted until the end of October therefore, he is planning to transport more inmates to the Miami County jail.
2. Stated he will be attending the meeting of the State Legislature today and hopes to receive an update regarding possible state funding due to changes in the Indiana criminal codes which become effective July 1, 2014.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director:

1. Reported that Emergency Radio Service will be re-banding the Motorola radio equipment this week.
2. Received a notice from Indiana Department of Homeland Security that the county has been award a grant for \$10,000 to purchase dual-band radios. The County Council will need to approve the upfront funding as it is a federal reimbursement grant. Haupert made a motion to proceed to County Council for the approval of the funding. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Reported the jail generator was set on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with testing scheduled for Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. Requested a designation for the funding source for the three (3) IT projects presented by Tom Polk of Intrasect at the previous meeting. Hauptert made a motion to pay the cost of these IT projects (totaling \$9,882.84) from the computer equipment account within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Reported that Quality Electric completed work last week to repair a crack in the geothermal cooling tower piping at the courthouse. Repairs were made so water and glycol may be added to restore the system to normal operation.
4. Requested approval of a proposed reimbursement agreement related to road improvements requested for Cherry Springs Estates. Commissioners approved the agreement to be sent to Gloria and Ralph Bolinger.
5. Reported an area business requested written approval to incorporate a graphic of the courthouse on a T-shirt they plan to sell. Commissioners did not agree to sign the release pending review by County Attorney Steve Downs.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor:

1. Submitted the September 2013 Auditor's and Treasurer's financial reports for approval.
2. Submitted an amendment to the Economic Development Group contract for additional funding of \$10,000 as previously approved by the Commissioners. Chairman Eppley signed the agreement.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, Chief Probation Officer Sarah Lochner, Central Dispatch coordinator Sandy Beeks, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest, and The Paper reporter Ashley Flynn.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 21, 2013 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.