

November 12, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all 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 November 4, 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 submitted a construction claim for Bridge 14 located on 800 E over Carroll Ditch in the amount of \$48,558.64. Hauptert made the motion to accept and pay the invoice. Givens seconded; motion passed by a 3-0 vote. Martin also informed the commissioners of an upcoming progress meeting for Bridge 645 (North Manchester Covered Bridge) at the job site trailer on Wednesday November 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County jail currently has 91 inmates with 10 inmates at the Miami County jail. During the past week, there were 27 new bookings, 11 transports and the peak population was 94.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director submitted an equipment acquisition plan to the commissioner's for their approval before he presents it to the Wabash County Council. The plan is part of the requirement for the reimbursable grant that the EMA was awarded last week. Brown plans to spend \$5,109.77 on: computer upgrades including a newer version of Homeland Security software, larger monitors for the EOC room and P25 radios for vehicles. Hauptert made the motion to approve the plan and to send it on to council. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported that on Monday several repairs and maintenance issues were addressed and resolved:

1. Drain and refill the geothermal system for the courthouse and judicial center - Quality Electric
2. Evaluate and reconfigure equipment in courthouse server room - Intrasect.
3. Modify four sets of double doors at judicial center - Draper Construction.
4. Restore judicial center elevator to service - Dils and security officer Martin.

Dils reported that Metronet will update Internet service at the courthouse and judicial center from 20/5 to 30/10 at no additional cost. A static IP address will need to be added for a cost of \$10 per month. Commissioners approved.

Dils presented a previously approved reimbursement agreement, which has been signed by Gloria and Ralph Bolinger, requesting an intersection improvement on SR 15 at 895 N. Givens made a motion to sign the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it was approved by a 3-0 vote and signed by the commissioners. He reminded the commissioners of a meeting with Gallagher Benefit Services representatives to conduct a mid-year review of the employee group health insurance. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 14th in the commissioners' room.

Linda Conrad, County Auditor presented a request for an additional appropriation of \$80,000 to the Wards of the Court. Hauptert made a motion to present the additional appropriation to the council. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest and auditor's office deputies Marcie Shepherd and Tiffany Frank.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 18, 2013 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.