

**November 25, 2013**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 25, 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 November 18, 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 updated the progress on Bridge 14, over the Carroll Ditch on 800 E. Asphalt has been laid for the approaches and everything is moving along.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County jail currently has 80 inmates with 21 at the Miami County jail. During the past week there were 19 new bookings and 10 transports. The peak population was 83.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director reported that following the storm last week, it was confirmed that a tornado touched down in southeast Wabash County causing damage to a barn and a number of trees.

Steve Downs, County Attorney reported he has drafted a new ordinance with regard to fees being established and collected by the Wabash County Health Department. He has received suggestions for a few minor changes and will present the proposed ordinance during the meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Downs also stated he received a new ambulance and emergency medical services contract from the Town of North Manchester. The current contract expires at the end of the year. The new contract states the amount will remain the same for the first year then increase the following years. It is a five year contract running from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018. Downs will present the contract at the next meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor was present with no report.

Mike Howard, County Planning Director and GIS Chairman requested permission to place an order with the Indiana State Wide Imagery Program for the 2014 Ortho Photography for Wabash County. He would like to use the 12 inch imagery (which is what is currently used) at the cost of \$41 per square mile. Monies to pay the total project cost of \$17,260 have already accumulated in a GIS account. The commissioners instructed Howard to place the order.

Ericka Cain, Transportation Manager for Living Well in Wabash County COA, Inc. presented the 5311 Capital Grant contract. The grant will provide \$93,380 for the purpose of purchasing two medium size transit vans. The 20% local match will be

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covered by a federal grant. The commissioner's approved and signed the agreement.

Terry Burnworth, President, Pyramid Architecture/Engineering presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding a feasibility study of the former county jail building. Exterior issues are water infiltration, roof/cornice deterioration, sandstone system degraded and sprawling and back corners are dropping and require foundation work. Interior issues are no insulation, mold, electrical not to code, no heating or cooling, no fire alarm system, plaster falling, some joists and rafters are rotten the building is not ADA compliant either interior or exterior. Burnworth rated the exterior at 50% and the interior at 30%. He presented several options including restoration for county use, sale of the property and demolition to accommodate 12 parking spaces. He will return on December 16<sup>th</sup> to provide cost estimates.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was recessed. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 2, 2013 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest, The Paper reporter Ashley Flynn.