

December 2, 2013

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 2, 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 25, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent informed the commissioners that a progress meeting, regarding the North Manchester Covered Bridge, will be held at 1:00 p.m. today at the project's job-site trailer.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The Wabash County jail currently has 88 inmates with 19 inmates at the Miami County jail. During the past week there were 10 new bookings and 11 transports. The peak population was 91.
2. The Sheriff's department will change its merit officer uniforms to a "class b" style at the beginning of 2014. After the initial expense to purchase related equipment the switch will save money because shirts will cost \$36 vs. \$75 and pants will cost \$39 vs. \$100.
3. Tonight he will ask the council to approve an additional appropriation of \$86,000 for inmate transfers.
4. Tonight he will ask the council to approve an additional appropriation of \$18,200 to be placed in specific line items to help pay building utilities. This is the amount his department received from Community Corrections to help pay their portion of the building utility bills for 2013.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director presented a transition plan due to his retirement early in 2014. He recommended that:

1. Keith Walters be promoted to full-time EMA Director as recommended by the EMA Advisory Council. Givens made the motion to appoint Walters as EMA Director following Brown's retirement; Haupert seconded the motion, it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Sandy Beeks be promoted to Central Dispatch Director. Givens made the motion to promote Beeks to Central Dispatch Director following Brown's retirement; Haupert seconded the motion, it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated:

1. He reviewed an e-Learning service contract provided by Sheriff Land and suggested some changes may be needed.
2. Presented a proposed ordinance to clarify approval of the fees charged by the Wabash County Health Department. It would repeal and replace Ordinance 2004-85-04. Givens motioned to adopt the proposed ordinance; seconded by Haupert and passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens motioned to suspend the rules for a second reading; Haupert seconded and motion

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passed 3-0. Hauptert made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 2013-85-11; seconded by Givens, motion passed by 3-0 vote.

3. The contract with the Town of North Manchester to provide ambulance and emergency medical services will end on December 31, 2013. He suggested changes to the proposed new contract and noted the fee will increase substantially beginning in 2015. Hauptert is currently continuing talks with the town and will report back at a later date.
4. A proposed ordinance regarding changes to the possible uses of the Rainy Day Fund will be placed on hold until after tonight's council meeting.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with no report.

Linda Conrad presented the payroll claims for November 23, 2013 and the payable claims for December 2, 2013.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was recessed. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 9, 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 and Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd.