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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 27, 2014. Chairman Scott E Givens called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with all three members present: Givens, Brian K. Hauptert, and Barry J Eppley. (The meeting was started two hours later than normal due to a weather advisory.) The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported:

1. The Wabash County jail currently has 84 inmates with 10 inmates at the Miami County jail. Last week there were 4 transports. The peak population was 85.
2. Received a contract from Correctional Healthcare Companies to provide health care services for inmates in 2014. It is a 3.07% increase over 2013. Land had contacted other vendors but CHC offered the lowest total cost. Eppley made the motion to accept the contract from Correctional Healthcare Companies. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, EMA Director stated that due to the county being under a red travel advisory (warning) during the past three days he needs to submit a signed declaration to the State. Commissioners signed the declaration.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated:

1. The annual review of the employee health plan, with representatives from Gallagher Benefits, will be held in the commissioners' room on Tuesday, February 11 at 10 a.m.
2. Thomas Chekouras requested access to the courthouse to obtain electrical power and to an assembly on the courthouse property as part of the Lincoln Day Pilgrimage on Sunday, February 9. Commissioners approved.
3. The x-ray machine used to scan packages at the Judicial Center is not working. A repair quote has been approved. We are waiting for a technician to be scheduled to complete the repair.

Linda Conrad, Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims for period ending January 18, 2014.
2. Asked for the appointment of Gayle Becker to the Wabash County Board of Health. Givens made the motion to accept the appointment. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Joe Edwards, Vice President of SRI presented a contract for the 2013 Commissioners Certificate Sale to be held April 17 through April 28. Seventy seven properties will be offered through the online auction. The minimum bid for each will be \$200. Edwards also presented a proposed resolution 2014-85-01 to

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conduct the certificate sale. Eppley made the motion to conduct the sale and to set the minimum bid at \$200. Hauptert seconded the motion; it carried by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners signed the resolution.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor stated she had previously written a letter and provided a copy to the commissioners. In the letter, she recommended that Accurate Assessments be awarded the contract to complete county property re-assessments during the next four years (even though they submitted the highest bid). While attending the recent assessor's conference Schenkel heard the other company has a tendency to add charges later and some counties had performance concerns. The commissioners took her recommendation under advisement.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was recessed. The commissioners will meet on Monday, February 3, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest, Treasurer Sharon Shaw & Councilman Jim Kaltenmark.