

## February 24, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 24, 2014. Chairman Scott E Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three members present: Givens, Brian K Hauptert and Barry J Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the February 17, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Submitted a utility permit from NIPSCO to dig a bell-hole in the right-of-way to install gas service at 4287 E 800 N. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Bay Geophysical requested permission to do a seismic survey across 800 N approximately one half mile east of 500 E. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission for department supervisor Phil Adams and himself to attend the Purdue Road School on March 11-13, 2014. Commissioners approved the request.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 77 inmates with 13 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were seven transports and 21 bookings. The peak population was 86.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated the Wabash County Hospital Board is requesting that Howard Halderman be re-appointed to the board. His term will expire in March 2014. Hauptert made the motion to re-appoint Howard Halderman to the Wabash County Hospital Board. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, EMA Director: Present with no report.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder:

1. Submitted amounts for a microfilm printer/reader and two computers. The microfilm printer/reader is a demo machine with the same warranties and maintenance agreement as a new one at the cost of \$9,116. The two computers will be purchased through Gov Connection at the cost of \$1,335.04.
2. Purposed to implement a new program called Directsearch. It will allow individuals to see if there are documents prior to purchasing a search. There will be a rate increase for searches and copies which will be paid by the customers. The cost of the upgraded program is \$1,000 which will be paid from the Recorder's Enhanced Access Fund.

Hauptert made the motion to purchase the equipment, upgrade the search program and present the requests to council for approval. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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3. Requested approval to attend a three day vendor conference in May 2014. Commissioners approved the request.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Submitted the accounts payroll claims and allowances for February 15, 2014. Commissioners approved.
2. Submitted an IDEM notice: Frito-Lay approved permit for industrial food processing waste.

A petition was received to vacate unimproved Walnut Street and alleys in the original plat of Mount Vernon. The 17 petitioners all own property which abuts the street and alleys and will benefit from the vacation. A draft ordinance has been prepared. Hauptert made the motion to approve the vacation pending review from the county attorney. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Pat Lynn and Doug Bogert with the Wabash County Animal Shelter, Inc. presented an update on the shelter and their projected 2014 budget. They are requesting an allocation of \$90,000. They will take their request before the Wabash County Council on February 24, 2014.

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

Also present: Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd Deputy and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest.