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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 4, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three members present: Givens, Brian K. Haupert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley 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 presented four utility permits from NIPSCO:

1. 1104 W 800 N to bore under a ditch and 800 N to run service.
2. 1334 W 800 N to bore under 800 N to run service.
3. 4030 E 1000 N to bore under 1000 N to run service.
4. 4071 E 1000 N to bore under 1000 N to run service.

Haupert made a motion to approve all four permits. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also stated that the chip and seal of county roads will begin this morning.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 20 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 9 transports and 24 bookings. The peak population was 87.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Jennifer Scott, County Health Department, Environmental Specialist requested the creation of an amendment to the 2004 tattoo ordinance which would allow for mobile units and guest artists. The current ordinance does not address these issues. The request would allow for mobile units which would have permit fees and inspection guidelines similar to the brick and mortar locations. Guest artists would also have an option to pay a reduced fee for up to four weeks instead of paying for an entire year. Haupert made the motion to take the request under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated that today, the Laketon Area Sewer District will mail a letter and a first bill to the owners of all residential properties in the district. This billing is necessary to address financial obligations of the district. All residences will pay ½ of the standard rate until July 1, 2015 or until the system is fully operational, whichever is first. The standard residential rate will be then be \$59.40.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated that ads will appear in the two county subscriber newspapers on August 6 and 13 to request bids on the jail's kitchen storage expansion project. A pre-bid meeting will be held in the commissioners' room on August 15 at 10:00 am. to review the project and answer questions. Bids

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are due August 28 at 10:00 am. The project is slated to be completed by December 15.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for the pay period ending 8/04/2014.
2. Mediacom notice of a seasonal rate increase.

Commissioner Scott Givens convened an advertised public hearing at 9:30 a.m. for consideration of the petition to vacate an alley. Mike Howard, County Plan Director presented the request on behalf of Robert and Janice Craig to vacate an alley in Laketon east of lots 6 through 15 in the Daniel VanBuskirk Addition, Block 1. He stated that all but one adjacent property owner had signed the petition but that property owner did receive a notice of the petition and the scheduled hearing. The current alley is not accessible to the public. There were no objectors present at the hearing. Eppley made a motion to approve the vacation of the alley. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The commissioners signed Ordinance 2014-85-05.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, August 11, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Joe Slacian, Matthew Mize, Robert and Janice Craig and Daniel Grizzle.