

**August 18, 2014**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 18, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 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 August 11, 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 presented two proposals:

1. Replace the bridge at Harrison Avenue and Wabash Street (Bridge 510). Work to be completed includes replacing the deck and improving the turning radius on the southwest corner. The substructure will remain in place. Cracks will be injected with epoxy to deter further deterioration. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$790,000. The project will require a road closure of between 90 and 120 days. Construction is to begin in 2015.
2. Realign the reverse curves on 200 W just north of U.S. 24 to improve the geometry of those two curves. This includes increasing the radius of the curves from 200' to 510'. The travel lane will remain at 22' with a 1' shoulder added on each side. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$332,085 with construction to begin in 2015. This proposal will require some right-of-way acquisitions.

Hauptert made a motion to approve both proposals. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also stated the county has now completed 24 miles of chip and seal.

Major Randy Miller, reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 15 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 13 transports and 25 bookings. The peak population was 92.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested permission to replace a computer monitor that quit working. The new monitor needs to be high definition. She is in the process of collecting quotes but needs to acquire the monitor now. At the present time she does not have money in the proper line item and will need to ask council's permission to transfer funds to pay for the monitor. The cost will be no more than \$262. Hauptert made the motion to proceed with the purchase of the monitor and to ask the council to transfer funds to cover the cost. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney reported he had sent the commissioners the draft of an ordinance to create a county health immunization fund. The original request came from the Wabash County Health Board. They want to set-up an immunization fund to divert all fees collected for immunizations and vaccinations into this separate account rather than placing them in the county health fund. All

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fees acquired currently go into the county health fund, pursuant to statute. According to Health Board President Dr. Jeff Pyle other counties have created an immunization fund and divert those revenues into that fund. The purpose would be to keep the state from reducing its contribution to the county health fund. Council would still control appropriations into the fund. It was decided that the health board should go back to the state and secure written authorization to create this fund since it appears to be in contradiction to the statute.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported:

1. Received a request for a gathering on the courthouse lawn at noon on Tuesday, August 26 for Woman's Equality Day. This is to commemorate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution. Commissioners gave their approval.
2. Received three quotes to clean, seal and stripe the courthouse parking lot.
  - MasterSeal - Unlimited \$2,873.52
  - Ranger Materials \$2,901.00
  - Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc. \$4,700.00

The work is to be completed on a weekend. MasterSeal completed the work four years ago. Hauptert made a motion for MasterSeal to clean, seal and stripe the parking lot for \$2,873.52. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. A pre-bid meeting for the jail kitchen storage project was held last Friday, followed by a site visit. Four potential bidders attended. Bids are due on Thursday, August 28. Construction Control, Inc. will pick-up the sealed envelopes, review the contents and come before the commissioners on September 8 to present their recommendation.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented accounts payable claims and allowances for period 8/18/2014.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc. presented for signatures the 2015 5311 operating grant which includes a capital request for two vehicles (one low floor minivan and a small transit vehicle via 5339).

Commissioner Givens read the motion to approve the Pass Thru Agreement which names Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc. as the operator and authorizing Living Well's CEO Beverly Ferry to act on behalf of the county to run the Wabash County Transportation Program. Eppley made the motion to pass Resolution 2014-85-10. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The commissioners signed the above documents.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, August 25, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

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Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Joe Slacian.