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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 29, 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 September 22, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented two requests to amend the sign ordinance:

- 1) Make the intersection of 600 E and 900 S a four-way stop. Visibility is extremely limited when crops are in the fields.
- 2) Add a stop sign at intersection of 1000 S and 50 E to make 1000 S eastbound a stop. The current stop sign on 50 E southbound will remain.

Hauptert made a motion to amend the sign ordinance to reflect both changes. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

- 3) Requested that October 27, 2014 be the date to accept annual bids for highway supplies and materials and highway equipment rental.

Givens stated that during the Association of Indiana Counties 2014 Annual Conference John Martin was named Highway Superintendent of the Year and was presented with a plaque. The Commissioners congratulated Martin for receiving this award.

Sheriff Bob Land reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 96 inmates with 15 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week, there were 15 transports and 19 bookings. The peak population was 98.

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

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk presented for signatures a notice to advertise the establishment of vote centers for the November General Election. The centers are in the same locations as in the spring with two exceptions: Laketon location has been moved to the Pleasant Township Fire Department, and North Manchester location has been moved to the Public Safety Complex.

Steve Downs County Attorney stated:

- 1) He has retained the services of Barnes and Thornburg to assist with drafting an ordinance for consideration of the tax rate changes to be presented to the Council this evening. He has a retention letter that needs approval. Eppley made a motion to approve the retention letter. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 2) He has two concerns regarding the contract with Bowman Construction for the jail kitchen expansion project. It states the contractor shall purchase

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and maintain insurance and provide bonds as set forth in the general conditions. They have now stated that if we require the bonds there will be an additional charge of \$931.95. This is a payment and performance bond. Downs noted he did not think either bond was necessary because of the amount of the total project. Also, he did not believe it should be added on because the document clearly states the contractor will purchase and maintain the bonds. The other issue is the contract states Wabash County is to maintain general liability and property insurance which the county already maintains. Hauptert made a motion to waive the bonding requirements. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with nothing to report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Given convened two public hearings as advertised:

Matthew Mize, attorney, representing Jonathan D Sare, presented a request to vacate a portion of Circle Drive in the platted continuation of Kingston Park Addition to Lukens Lake. Sare is planning an addition to his home and is requesting the road be closed. The abutting neighbors have relinquished any right to split the vacated street and consented to have the entire vacation attached to the Sare property. Hauptert made a motion to approve the vacation. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mike Howard, County Planning Director presented a request from the Wabash County Planning Commission Board to amend Ordinance 2010-85-02 to increase the set-back requirement for a commercial wind energy conservation system from 1,500 feet to 2,640 feet. This will not affect individual wind conservation systems. Eppley made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect this change. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, October 6, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Joe Slacian.