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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 26, 2015. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent submitted:

1. Basis of Just Compensation and Waiver Valuation Report to begin the right-of-way acquisition required for 200 W improvement project. Three parcels will need to be acquired for this project.
2. A utility permit from NIPSCO to install service to 2330 S 300 E. Installation will require a bell hole on the west side of 300 E. Givens made a motion to approve the utility permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 89 inmates with 8 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail.

Land stated he received the 2014 Annual Jail Report from Bennett & Associates. He noted that when comparing 2013 to 2014, the numbers in every category had increased. According to the report, there were 352 days when the jail was over capacity. A staffing analysis was also completed which recommended there should be 22 jailer officers. Land, however, stated he believed that number would be excessive. At the present time there are 13 jail officers with two positions open. Interviews are being conducted to fill the vacant positions.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

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

Wabash County Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd presented:

1. Payroll claims for the period ending January 17, 2015. The commissioners approved and signed.
2. IDEM Notice of Decision Approval - Registration: Manchester Tool and Die.
3. The Wabash County Clerk's bond for the commissioners' signatures.
4. Notice from the City of Wabash for demolition of a property located at 7 Elmwood Drive.

Sandy Beeks, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director presented a quote from J & K Communications for the purchase of a two-way communications digital repeater. It will eliminate interference which has been making it difficult to hear calls from Wabash City police officers. The city will then purchase new radios for

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their officers. Beeks stated the Statewide 911 budget has funds to cover the \$11,537.01 cost of the repeater. Eppley made a motion to purchase the digital repeater. Givens 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 next meet on Monday, February 2, 2015.

Also present at the meeting was The Paper of Wabash County reporter Joe Slacian, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Lauren Winterfeld.