

## April 20, 2015

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 20, 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 Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Givens 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 utility permits from Frontier Communications:

1. Bore under Skyline Drive to replace a damaged cable at 10619 N 275 W.
2. Bore under Division Road to repair a drop at 3215 W Division Road.

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

Martin also requested:

1. Permission to receive bids for Bridge 510 on Harrison Ave. over Charley Creek on May 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with the public bid opening at 9:30 a.m. The commissioners approved.
2. Signatures on the cover sheet for Bridge 510 plans. Commissioners signed the cover sheet.

Martin stated that timber rails estimates for the North Manchester Covered Bridge from American Timber Bridge were:

1. 264 linear feet of 4"x10" timber with blocks for all four corners of the bridge, including buried ends. Delivered price - \$17,598.95.
2. 264 linear feet of 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"x6" Glu-lam rails for all four corners. Delivered price - \$26,653.71.

He is attempting to obtain other estimates.

Martin recommended accepting the Cargill Incorporated Deicing Technology bid of \$125,344 for 1,600 tons of salt at \$78.34 per ton for the 2015-2016 winter season. It was the lowest price of those received last week. Givens made a motion to approve the bid from Cargill Incorporated. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 24 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. There were 10 transports and 12 new book-ins last week. The peak population was 85.

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

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

Trisha Hanes, Assistant Chief Probation Officer presented a new emergency shelter agreement with White's Residential and Family Services. Hanes stated the county

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is only charged per bed as needed. She thought the price did go up around two dollars per day per bed. Givens made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dr. Beckett, Vice President, Wabash County Board of Health recommended that Jane Skeans be appointed to the board to fill a vacancy. Skeans currently is a part-time contractual employee which creates a potential conflict of interest. After some discussion Skeans decided to become a volunteer for the department so she could accept appointment to the board. Eppley made a motion to appoint Jane Skeans to the board of health. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Susi Stephan, Executive Director, Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District requested that their lease of the Wabash County Farm be extended through 2018. The farm is a Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative Hub for training and soil health measurements. They would like to be able to continue the program which is slated to be completed by 2018. Eppley made a motion to extend the lease through 2018. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad presented the accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 4/11/2015 and the payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 4/20/2015 for signatures. The commissioners signed both dockets.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 27, 2015.

Also present were: Rob Shellhamer, Jane Skeans, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, The Paper editor Joe Slacian, and 105.9 The Bash reporters Brayden Ogan and Tim Arnett.