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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 11, 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 May 4, 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 stated NIPSCO will be begin relocation of a gas main on Wednesday, May 13th at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Wabash Street. It will require a temporary closure of this intersection. The main is being moved in preparation for construction work which is scheduled to occur on Bridge 510 later this summer.

Major Randy Miller reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 24 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. There were 8 transports and 18 new book-ins last week. The peak population was 84.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated the revised tattoo ordinance he planned to present today will be delayed until next week due to several last minute changes he has been asked to consider.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated there have been repeated instances of the computer tax server in the courthouse shutting down expectedly. Intrasect has scheduled HP to come onsite at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday to replace two components. The server is covered by a maintenance agreement.

Dils also presented a quote on behalf of Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee. He requested the commissioners help to purchase a LL400 laser purchase from Seiler Instrument & Mfg. a LL400 laser. The current device cannot be repaired. The laser is needed to measure land topography. The quote was for \$1,195. Other quotes were requested but no other company has responded. Givens made a motion to approve the quote from Seiler for \$1,195 to be paid from the Cum Cap Fund. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. (Later in the day, Accurate Laser Systems submitted a quote of \$1,265 for the same laser.)

Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel spoke on a new law concerning heritage barns. According to IC 6-1.1-12-26.2 a person that has a barn that was built before 1950, retains sufficient integrity of design and materials to clearly identify as a barn, is not being use for agricultural purposes in the operation of agricultural enterprise, and is not being used as a business may be eligible for a heritage barn exemption, if filed with the county auditor. The law states that the county fiscal body may adopt a resolution to charge an annual public safety fee (not to exceed \$50) for each heritage barn that receives the deduction. The fees

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charged will be distributed to each police and fire department within the heritage barn taxing location. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed that further information was needed before proceeding.

Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad presented:

1. IDEM notice – approval and authorization for construction of water pollution treatment/control facility in North Manchester.
2. Mediacom notice of launching Xtream in June 2015

Wabash Marketplace President Jason Callahan presented a brief update regarding the efforts to find a buyer to repurpose the old jail building. Callahan asked for a 90-day extension to last year's request. The additional time will be used to complete a site survey and continue to try and locate a suitable buyer. The commissioners agreed to the 90-day extension.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 18, 2015.

Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett and The Paper editor Joe Slacian, Jennifer Scott and Dr. Robert Beckett.