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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 19, 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 L Conrad. The minutes of the October 13, 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 presented:

1. Revised contract for Bridge 510 (Wabash St./Harrison Ave. intersection) with Primco Inc. County attorney Steve Downs has reviewed the language changes from the original contract. Eppley made a motion to approve the revised contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Request that the October 5th discussion of a proposed new drive at the Wabash County Animal Shelter be removed from the table. Eppley made a motion that it be removed. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Martin stated if a gate is installed on the north end (east side), minimal stone will be needed because some stone and asphalt are already there. In addition, several Solid Waste dumpsters will need to be moved back to use the drive that already exists. These steps will assist the shelter to be added to the Purdue University Spay and Neuter program, which requires easy entrance and exit for their large mobile unit. Givens made a motion to precede with Martin's recommendations. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 38 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 11 new book-ins and 8 transports to the DOC. Land stated out of the total population, only 20 inmates are currently serving sentences.

Land also requested:

1. \$300 in additional funds for the DVR system (June 22, 2015 for \$24,000). Eppley made a motion to approve the additional \$300 to come from Cum Cap. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Permission to ask the Wabash County Council for an appropriation of the \$18,200 which Community Corrections has contributed toward building utilities to be split as follows: \$1,400 water, \$2,000 janitorial supplies and \$14,800 electricity. The commissioners approved taking the request to council.

Land stated the refurbished voice-mail system will be slightly less than the \$1,500 requested on October 5, 2015. The cost will be \$1,318.89.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director requested signatures on an approved foundation grant (Department of Homeland Security) for the purchase of a VHF repeater. The grant is in the amount of \$14,000.37. Eppley made a motion to

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proceed with acquiring the grant. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented Resolution 2015-85-14 establishing a policy against excessive use of force in dealing with non-violent civil rights demonstrations. Eppley made a motion to approve the resolution. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 10/19/2015.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay ending 10/10/2015.
3. IDEM notice for Manchester Metals, LLC - Title V administrative amendment approval.
4. IDEM notice for PaperWorks Industries, Inc. - product land application permit approved.
5. Hearing notice for an unsafe building located at 758 N. Spring St. on November 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was recessed until 9:30 a.m. for a scheduled Region III-A public hearing regarding a Community Development Block Grant.

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened for the public hearing.

David Keuhl, Community Development Planner for the Region III-A Development and Regional Planning Commission stated Huntington County will apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund workforce development. The application will be submitted October 23, 2015. The county is pursuing a \$250,000 grant through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). This is a federal grant offered through a HUD program.

The total project cost is \$377,500 of which \$127,500 is to benefit low-to-moderate income persons. Partners in the program will expend \$127,500 local match towards completion of the project as follows: Wabash County Commissioners \$10,000 (approved August 24, 2015), Northeast Indiana Works \$50,000, Community Foundation of Wabash County \$20,000 and Huntington County Learning Center Development Team \$10,000. In addition, in-kind donations of space and equipment will be made by Heartland Career Center \$18,750 and Huntington County Community Learning Center \$18,750.

The workforce development program is very straight-forward. The focus will be on unemployed and underemployed individuals. Six different classes will be offered over a period of 24 months.

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- Huntington County: CNC Machining (2 courses) and Gas Metal Arc Welding (2 courses).
- Wabash County: Industrial Maintenance (2 courses), MIG Welding (2 courses) and ServSafe (1 course).
- Fort Wayne: CDL (4 individuals)

A total of 80 students will be trained in the above courses of whom 41 will be low-to-moderate income. Three pieces of industrial equipment will be purchased; Huntington County – CNC lathe and Wabash County – 2 portable Programmable Logic Controller trainers.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the project; Kimberly Pinkerton, Wabash County Chamber of Commerce; Keith Gillenwater, Economic Development Group of Wabash County; Gary Getman, Northeast Indiana Works; Mark Hobbs, Heartland Career Center; Julie Garber, Community Foundation of Wabash County and Tiffanney Drummond, Huntington County Learn Center - and on behalf of the Huntington County commissioners. Givens made a motion to close the public hearing. Eppley 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, October 26, 2015.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann and 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett.