

August 15, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 15, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Gillenwater, President & CEO, EDG of Wabash County, requested support for Wabash County to be the lead applicant to apply to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a \$250,000 grant, in conjunction with Kosciusko County Economic Development and Huntington County Economic Development. There is a local match of \$20,000 per county. EDG of Wabash County has received a commitment of \$10,000 from the Wabash Community Foundation and is asking for \$10,000 from CEDIT funds for the remainder of the local match. Gillenwater stated the grant is for industrial maintenance, welding, technology and CNC training for the workforce within these three counties.

Hauptert made a motion to approve the request for Wabash County to be the lead applicant and support the program by a local match of \$10,000 from CEDIT funds. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert made a motion to recess the commissioners meeting and proceed to a public hearing. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The advertised public hearing for the proposed Community Development Block Grant was conducted by Lori Shipman, Lori Shipman Consulting, LLC. She is an OCRA certified grant administrator and was present to answer questions the public may have regarding the grant. The following individuals spoke:

- Keith Gillenwater expressed support of the grant to help train individuals to fill some of the technical jobs within county.
- Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of the Huntington County Economic Development Corporation stated how this program will benefit the region and how working together as a region is a benefit. Wickersham stated that Huntington County approved their matching funds request at their last meeting.
- Gary Gatlin, Executive Vice-President of Northeast Indiana Works stated they are in favor of the grant in order to grow the workforce to be able to obtain employment within the counties. Northeast Indiana Works has committed \$50,000 toward the local match grant.

Hauptert made a motion to close the public hearing. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley called the regular commissioners' meeting back in order.

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John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to install gas service at 2454 W 1300 N in North Manchester. One bell hole will be dug. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also requested on behalf of Brent McKillip and Doug Pennington permission to place horse crossing signs on 150 S between America Road and 500 E and on 500 E between 150 S and 250 S. The state forest bridle trails cross both roads. Martin stated that posting the signs would be for the public's safety. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 47 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 14 transports to the DOC and 31 new book-ins. The peak population was 81.

Land stated that Randy Miller has retired and he is requesting that Miller's 240 hours of unused vacation be paid out of the Rainy Day Fund for a total payment of \$5,354.07. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

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 stated that two firms were interviewed to help analyze funding options for the possible construction of a new county jail. Based on those meetings, he recommended that H.J. Umbaugh be hired to serve as the financial advisor for this project. Hauptert made a motion to approve the recommendation. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested permission to revise her previous request to add new computer stations instead of two. (July 18 & August 8, 2016) Fidlar quoted \$9,649.00 but that did not include labor or Microsoft packages. Intrasect quoted \$8,102.25 which included labor and Microsoft packages. One piece of equipment will still need to be purchased through Fidlar, a printer for \$983. Givens made a motion to approve the quote from Intrasect and the printer from Fidlar for a total of \$9,085.25 to be paid from Cum Cap. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 8/15/2016

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2. IDEM notice - notice of approval, Title V renewal – Real Alloy Specification, INC.

The commissioners approved.

Givens made a motion to advertise a notice to bidders for two county vehicles.

1. 2010 Dodge Charger from the Sheriff's department, mileage 195,657, as is condition.
2. 2001 Impala from the EMA department, mileage 121,445, as is condition. A minimum bid of \$1,000 is required.

Sealed bids will be accepted from August 15 through August 25. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

Mike Dials, Vice-President of Operations with ACM Engineering and Environmental Services requested permission to conduct asbestos testing of materials in the old jail. That information will be used to prepare bids to remove all hazardous materials, which will also include items such as lead paint and pigeon droppings. The cost of the asbestos testing will be \$1,345. Hauptert made a motion to proceed with the analysis. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dials requested guidance on how to proceed once the environmental issues have been identified. He asked if the county would prefer a bid process or to receive quotes. The commissioners stated they would want to receive quotes.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 22, 2016.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News-Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker and Phil Dale.