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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 23, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Clerk presented the fall 2020 vote center locations for approval. One vote center has been changed. Timbercrest Retirement Community will replace the Public Safety Building in North Manchester. Hauptert made a motion; to approve the locations. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County COA presented the 2020 5311 Grant for operating and capital projects. The commissioners signed the grant contracts. Ferry stated new bus routes are scheduled to be advertised for October. There will be four housing clusters. The routes will be re-evaluated each month based on the information received from the previous month. The routes will be ADA compliant. Riders requesting ADA assistance will need to complete and submit an information packet.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent requested:

1. Approval to replace Bridge 110 (500 S over Mill Creek). It is on the rehabilitation list and one that requires an annual inspection. The projected replacement cost is \$1,130,050, which includes engineering and construction costs. He presented a contract with USI Consultants not to exceed \$255,050, which is included in the \$1,130,050. The funds are budgeted for this project. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Approval of a utility permit from Frontier Communications to run a cable along 600 W to provide service to 9486 N 600 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Approval of a contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. for engineering services for Bridge 909 (America Road over Treaty Creek) which was approved September 16, 2019. The contract is not to exceed \$87,730. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Approval to purchase two dump beds; one for a single axle truck for \$23,987 and one for a tandem axle truck for \$25,672. W.A. Jones submitted the lowest quote for each. Both dump beds are budgeted. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 106 inmates with 52 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Noble

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County Jail, 9 in the Elkhart County Jail and 1 in the Adams County Jail. Last week there were 25 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities with a peak population of 112. The total prisoner count was 171.

Keith Walters, EMA Director was present with nothing to report. The commissioners thanked him for his assistance with the Founder's Day Parade.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented:

1. A contract with Banning Engineering for a feasibility study and a planning/environmental study of the Wabash County Farm. The total cost is not to exceed \$40,050 and will be paid out of EDIT - economic development. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Two contracts with West Plains Mining for a tunnel under Old SR 24 in conjunction with a railroad spur and the construction of a span over the Lola Jackson regulated drain. The contracts set forth West Plains' obligations with regard to the highway, payment of county expenses and general construction obligations for the tunnel and span. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contracts. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated:

1. The door sensors on elevator in the judicial center are not working properly. Oracle Elevator has recommended replacing the current sensors on both the front and back elevator doors with microscan sensors that would extend the entire length of the doors. The cost of \$3,467 is covered in the current budget. Dawes made a motion to approve replacing the sensors on both elevator doors. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The commissioners are scheduled to meet to review liability insurance coverages on Wednesday, September 25th at 9:45 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room. The highway superintendent and sheriff have been invited to attend.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer stated:

1. A contract for TRECS (Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System) has been received. She will give it to Downs to review. A webinar is scheduled in mid-October to provide more information about the program. Layman would like commissioners to approve the MOU after Downs review so she can be ready to implement after the webinar.
2. The company the Treasurer's office previously used to print tax statements is no longer printing such statements. This year, Worrell Corp charged the county \$12,387. Two other companies have provided quotes for 2020; Master's Touch LLC for \$10,100 and L & D Mail Masters for \$14,880. Next

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week, Layman will present the Master's Touch contract and ask permission to sign it pending Downs' approval.

With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 30, 2019.

Also present: First Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Butler Fairman & Seufert representative Toby Steffen, USI Consulting representative Kevin Woodward and RQAW representative Josh Goodman.