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## Sewage board declines \$500K

By Millicent Martin Emery

After hoping Wayne County officials would contribute as much as \$3 million toward the cost of upcoming construction, an offer of \$500,000 was rejected by all six of the board members present at the July 15 Western Wayne Regional Sewage District meeting.

County officials said in a letter to the sewage board that the county is interested in supporting the growth of the Gateway Industrial Park on

Indiana 1 in Cambridge City, and therefore would be willing to contribute \$500,000 to the cost of the force main and lift station project currently under construction.

The \$500,000 amount was determined during a meeting of county council members and commissioners.

However, in exchange for the \$500,000 contribution, county officials requested these four conditions:

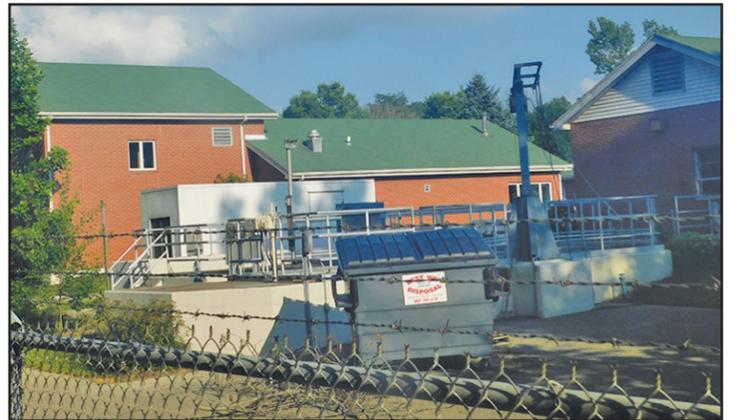
- The WWRSD agrees to

build a new 1.8 million gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant in Cambridge City.

- Wayne County Commissioners will get to appoint four seats to the WWRSD board of directors.

- Engineering for the next two 600,000 gallons-per-day expansions must be completed while the engineering for the new treatment plant is completed so it is shelf ready. The WWRSD board must agree

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Western Wayne Regional Sewage District can be found at 200 S. Plum St. in Cambridge City. Photo by Millie Emery

### \$1 MILLION EXPANSION PLANNED; REGION GETS \$1.5 MILLION GRANT

## Recovery Works doubling its beds

By Millicent Martin Emery

Recovery Works Cambridge City, a Pinnacle Treatment Center Network residential facility, soon plans to double the number of inpatients it can serve as well as add staff to help in the fight against addiction.

PTC RE LLC and applicant Tim Christensen of Obsidian Development have received a special exception from Wayne County's Board of Zoning Appeals to build an addition onto the 30-day residential health facility at 2060 N. Indiana 1 in Cambridge City.

The overall construction cost will be more than \$1 million, and is expected to be complete in early 2020.

The local Recovery Works campus now will be able to treat 64 patients working to overcome dependency on alcohol, opioids and other illegal and prescription drugs. It will increase its staff to as many as 75 to 80 employees.

Pinnacle Treatment Centers CEO Joe Pritchard told Western Wayne News that many people pass by the campus on Indiana 1 but don't get a chance to see what takes place there.

"We want people to feel good about what we have to offer there," Pritchard said of the Cambridge City location.



File photo by Millicent Martin Emery

Local community leaders, health care and social service officials and media were among those invited to tour Recovery Works Cambridge City last fall.

The board's approval means Pinnacle can amend the plan it agreed to with the BZA in 2015 that approved 32 patients and a maximum of 60 employees.

Pritchard said when the company entered Indiana, its staff met with state leadership to talk about Hoosiers' treatment needs and where to go, and the area had a lot of need and not many services available within a 90-minute drive

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Grant will help those impacted by opioid crisis

Eastern Indiana Works, Inc., which serves Wayne and surrounding counties, announced Friday that it is the recipient of an National Health Emergency Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor via a pass-through from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

This grant award is for \$1.5 million over three years and will serve eligible participants directly impacted by the opioid addiction crisis.

This strategic initiative is the first of its kind in Eastern Indiana and will focus on the provision of recovery and workforce reintegration services that include work experience, skills enhancement, career counseling and work-ready

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