

**April 17, 2017**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 17, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Givens, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 90 inmates with 55 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 8 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 11 transports to the DOC and 33 new book-ins. The peak population was 85.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 4/17/2017
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay ending 4/8/2017

The commissioners approved all claims.

Kristie Bone, Lagro Clerk-Treasurer stated that the Town of Lagro would like to take possession of a property at 220 Benton Street. It has already gone through two tax sales and has not sold. The town would like to clean up the property and then sell it to hopefully re-coup the funds the town has invested. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request and for the title work to be completed. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer Living Well in Wabash County COA, Inc. presented the 5311 Public Transportation 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report for signatures. Ferry stated that at the previous audit the State Board of Accounts noted they would like to see more oversight by the commissioners regarding the public transportation financials. Ferry and Eppley will discuss the report in more depth at a later date. The commissioners signed the report for submission.

Michael Beauchamp, INGUARD Chairman spoke about the differences of an insurance policy having replacement versus reproduction coverage. Currently the county has replacement coverage and is scheduled to have a full appraisal for each of the seven buildings. The total cost would be \$2,520. To provide reproduction coverage on the courthouse and judicial center would require a more extensive appraisal. The additional cost would be approximately \$3,125.

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Beauchamp stated he knows of only two counties where the current carrier covers reproduction costs. The commissioners took the information under advisement.

Beauchamp spoke about county's new cyber insurance and presented three quotes for higher coverage options. Cyber ransoms are happening regularly and he feels the county would be better protected if the coverage was more extensive.

Beauchamp also spoke about the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. Several years ago, the county highway department installed signs around the county to identify the corridor. The WRHC is now implementing a digital map which will replace these signs. Beauchamp noted that the current markers are worn, are non-reflective and may now be removed. The county highway was asked to assist with removal. The commissioners agreed and thanked Beauchamp for all of his work with the WRHC.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 24, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, INGUARD account manager Jackie Hurst, Glenn Butcher, Ron Bakehorn and Virgil Ozenbaugh.