

April 24, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 24, 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 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent requested:

1. A bid date of May 22, 2017 to receive and open construction bids for Bridge 118. All bids must be received by 9:00 a.m. in the auditor's office with the opening at 9:30 a.m. The commissioners approved.
2. Signatures on a sales disclosure form for the right-of-way parcel #4 for the Bridge 118 project. Commissioner Givens signed the form.
3. Permission to attend the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors summer conference on May 31 and June 1 in Indianapolis. The commissioners approved.
4. Approval for two road-cut permits from Earthworks to install new private tiles across 550 W (just north of SR 114) and 300 N (1/4 mile west of 600 W). Eppley made a motion to approve both permits. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 80 inmates with 60 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 15 transports to the DOC and 24 new bookings. The peak population was 90.

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 was present with nothing to report.

Bob Ferguson, Roann Clerk-Treasurer provided an update regarding the status of the old Roann School (October 24, 2016). He was accompanied by Kristina Lynn, Roann Town Attorney and Jennifer Vandeburg, OCRA North Central Community Liaison. Ferguson stated the town would like to raze the building but grant funding is not available because it is in the name of the Roann Family Recreation Center, an obsolete 501(c)(3). In order to apply, the property needs to be in the name of a governmental entity. The town would like to put the property in the name of both the town and county in order to be eligible to apply for a blight clearance grant through OCRA. If a grant is awarded, 10% of the total needs to be from matching funds, which may come from entities other than the lead applicant.

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Ferguson estimated the cost to demolish the building could be up to \$400,000. An environmental hazards study has been completed. Vandeburg spoke of several deadlines that would need to be met in order to apply for the upcoming grant cycle. She stated a city and county are each allowed to have three active block grants at one time. Currently the town and the county each have one active grant. Whichever would be the lead applicant would lose one of their remaining grant spots (if awarded).

Downs stated the first step would be to get the building out of the 501(c)(3) name. The courts have already appointed a receiver. A petition of the courts would need to be completed to get the property into a different name. Eppley made a motion to authorize the county to take joint ownership of the old school with the Town of Roann contingent on a resolution being signed stating the town would be the lead applicant for grant funds. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

At 9:30 a.m. the commissioners received calcium chloride or rock salt bids as advertised for 2017-2018 season. Hauptert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Three bids were received for 1,600 tons of calcium chloride or rock salt. The following bids were opened:

Compass Minerals America, Inc.	Overland Park Kansas,	\$130,608
Cargill, Inc.	North Olmsted Ohio,	\$125,344
Morton Salt, Inc.	Chicago, Illinois	\$129,952

Hauptert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. 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, May 1, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker and Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.