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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 1, 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 24, 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 recommended awarding the lowest salt bid to Cargill, Inc. for the 2017-2018 winter season. They submitted the lowest unit price of \$78.34 per ton for 1,600 tons and a total of \$125,344. Hauptert made a motion to award the bid to Cargill, Inc. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated the request for proposal for the 2018-2021 Countywide Bridge Inspection contract has been completed and approved by INDOT. It is posted on INDOT's website. Proposals are due May 26, 2017.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 76 inmates with 54 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 9 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 8 transports to the DOC and 24 new book-ins. The peak population was 80.

Land stated there have been a few issues converting radios to the new P25 system. They hope to have all problems resolved by the end of the day.

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk requested permission to purchase a new copier through Perry ProTech. The current copier is old and not performing well. The new copier will cost \$4,800. Martin stated it is cheaper to buy the copier outright than to make payments on it. Martin would like to pay 90% of the purchase price out of the Clerk's record perpetuation and 10% out of the Clerk's IV-D account. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director requested follow-up on three items:

1. Building appraisals (April 17, 2017) – The commissioners agreed to continue having all seven county buildings appraised based on replacement rather than reproduction values.
2. Cyber insurance (April 17, 2017) – INGUARD recommended that the current policy be increased due to the amount of cyber ransom being committed and offered three options. The commissioners agreed to implement option #1.
3. Storage sheds for the jail and courthouse (April 10, 2017). – There is no savings by purchasing two sheds at the same time except the company would donate two ramps valued at \$200 each. The commissioners decided

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to purchase only one shed stating the location at the courthouse still needs to be resolved before proceeding with the possible purchase of a second shed.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 5/1/2017.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay ending 4/22/2017.

The commissioners approved all claims.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder stated that Senate Bill 505 has been passed. She asked permission to work with the county attorney Downs to prepare an ordinance and a user agreement which reflect the changes permitted by the new legislation. The commissioners agreed.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 8, 2017.

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