

May 8, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 8, 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 May 1, 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 was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 50 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 8 transports to the DOC and 23 new book-ins. The peak population was 83.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director and Health Board Chairman stated that David Erickson has resigned from the Wabash County Health Board and recommended that Nick Hentgen be appointed to fill the vacancy. Hauptert made a motion to appoint Nick Hentgen to the health board to complete the remainder to the current term of office for Mr. Erickson (which will end December 31, 2017). Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Walters will follow up with the appropriate paperwork for signatures at the next commissioners' meeting.

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.

Teresa Witkoske, Wabash County Extension Director – Purdue University announced she will be retiring on May 31, 2017. Angela Christopher will be taking over her director responsibilities. The commissioners wished her luck in her new endeavors and expressed their appreciation for her years of service.

Mike Howard, County Plan Commission Director requested approval to vacate a portion of an alley in Urbana. Lori Siders with Siders Premiere Properties stated the current owner was not aware an alley was located there, owns the properties on both sides and has mowed and maintained the alley. Hauptert made a motion to approve vacating the alley. 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 15, 2017.

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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.