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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 30, 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 22, 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 contract for the reconstruction of Bridge 118 (75 E over Burr Creek) to the lowest bidder which was Primco, Inc. for \$323,144.28. Hauptert made a motion to award the reconstruction contract for Bridge 118 to Primco, Inc. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also received a proposal from USI Consultants to replace the superstructure of Bridge 701 (Walnut Street over Grant Creek in LaFontaine). The deck on the bridge is in need of replacement and currently is on the 12 month inspection because the box beams are deteriorating. The cost to replace the superstructure railing to meet current standards is estimated at \$262,000. Hauptert made a motion to proceed with the bidding process. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated the county has received four Letters of Interest for the county-wide bridge inspection for the 2018 – 2021 cycle. Letters were received from Butler Fairman & Seufert, Inc., GS Infrastructure, United Consulting and USI Consultants.

This afternoon, Martin will be attending an INDOT informational meeting in Fort Wayne regarding the Community Crossing Matching Grant. He invited the commissioners to accompany him.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 57 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 6 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 15 transports to the DOC and 27 new book-ins. The peak population was 91.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented a proposal from Universal Valuations to conduct an appraisal of the county's personal property within the courthouse, judicial center, jail and highway department. The purpose would be to document the contents for insurance purposes in the event of a loss. The cost would not exceed \$4,150 plus expenses. Dils explained that county vehicles and the computer equipment would not be included in the appraisal and that information would need to be documented separately. Hauptert made a motion to

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take the proposal under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dils stated he had been contacted by the county insurance agent (INGUARD) about the new location of CASA and the possibility of needing to add that location to the county's liability and personal property insurance. Downs stated he would need to look at the lease agreement signed by CASA and the landlord before he could render an opinion.

Dils stated the Personnel Administration Committee met and recommends that all department heads include a 1% pay increase for all employees in their 2018 budget. Hauptert made a motion to approve the recommendation. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowance for pay ending 5/20/2017. The commissioners approved all claims.

Randy Harris and Ryan Olbin with Perry ProTech stated they have spoken with most department heads about the proposed lease of new printers and the managed print services agreement (April 10, 2017). However, they still need to follow-up with a few offices. According to their revised proposal, the total savings to the county would be \$200 a month and they will maintain all printers for five years. At the end of the contract, the county can either buyout the printers or sign another agreement. The commissioners stated the contract would need to be reviewed by the county attorney. A copy was given to Mr. Downs.

The commissioners reviewed an IDEM Notice for CM Swine, LLC – approval of construction.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 5, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, The Paper editor Joe Slacian.