

**August 28, 2017**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 28, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with two commissioners present: Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent submitted copies of the final report for the Phase 2-A Bridge Inspection from Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. The inspections were for 11 bridges on the Wabash and Eel Rivers. The bridge piers, which are in and underwater, were examined to look for scouring and undermining. A special inspection report for Bridge 18 (Roann Covered Bridge) was also included in the report.

Martin also reported that he had received the traffic counts which we requested Region 3-A to conduct as part of their contract with INDOT. Region 3-A is allowed to count 15 locations, which the county requests, along with the INDOT mandated count in their traffic study of local roads. This year the mandate was for railroad crossings. All railroad crossings on the local system were counted and compiled in the report.

Finally, Martin reported that approximately 20 miles of chip and seal have been completed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 83 inmates with 44 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 4 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there 25 new book-ins and 9 transports to the DOC.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director stated the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has opened up some grant funds that have been returned. To qualify for the 2016 EMPG de-obligated funding, applicants must be able to complete all project actives including purchasing, receiving goods and services and finalizing all invoices by September 30, 2017. Five Dell Windows XP computers would be replaced with five HP Windows 10 Pro and Office 16 computers. Intrasect quoted \$5,235 for the project. The commissioners gave approval to proceed with the grant application.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented for signatures a lease agreement for building now occupied by CASA (10 W. Hill Street). The initial lease is from April 15, 2017 through April 14, 2018.

**August 28, 2017**

Christine Flohr, Executive Director of Tourism, Visit Wabash County gave an update on the activities in which Visit Wabash County has been involved. She also provided a budget showing the use of the CEDIT funds which the Wabash County Council approved on April 25, 2016.

Jim Zellman, Account Manager with Honeywell Building Solutions gave a brief overview on how his company could assist the county with long term energy management. The first step would be to conduct an energy assessment which would be at no cost to the county. Givens stated he would like to discuss this request with the other commissioners before they make a decision.

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

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker.