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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 19, 2018. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Givens 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 presented:

1. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under 850 N to restore service to 3080 W 850 N. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The Wabash County Highway Department Annual Report for 2017.

Martin also recommended that all bids for Bridge #155 on Meridian Road over Clear Creek (February 5, 2018) be rejected and the project be resubmitted for bids at a later date. The recommendation was made because all bids were at least 5% higher than the engineer's estimate. Eppley made a motion to reject all bids. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 98 inmates with 42 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 22 book-ins and 15 transports to other facilities.

Land stated he has obtained quotes for two Dodge Chargers for \$24,887 each and one pick-up truck for \$26,534. A quote from Dorais Chevrolet for a transport van was \$26,000. The cost to equip the van is estimated to be \$15,475, which would be paid from commissary.

Land reported due to shooting incident last week, three deputies are currently on administrative leave. Because of this reduction in manpower the Indiana State Police are providing one officer per shift until the county prosecutor makes a determination regarding the case.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 2/19/2018.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 2/10/2018.

The commissioners approved all claims.

Bob Ferguson, Roann Clerk-Treasurer provided an update on the Community Block Grant for the old Roann School. Included in report was the timeframe for

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the school to be razed. Ferguson stated the soft start date has been pushed back to the end of May which will allow the ball field to be used prior the razing of the building. The commissioners thanked Ferguson for all of his work on this project.

Sam Daughtery, Veteran Service Officer requested permission to create a new fund that would allow donations to be received for the war memorial on the courthouse lawn. The donations would be used to add additional names and possibly other wars to the monument. The commissioners agreed.

Review Items: IDEM Notice Public Comment for Manchester Metals Inc.
IDEM Notice – Approval – Wabash Valley Landfill - modifications
IDEM Notice – Approval – Wabash Valley Landfill – waste tire transporter

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Maciejewski, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Butler Seifert & Fairman representative Toby Steffen, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin and Hank Eilts.