

**April 2, 2018**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 2, 2018. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. (Hauptert was absent the previous week and did not vote.)

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 41 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Blackford County Jail and 2 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 18 book-ins and 23 transports to other facilities. The peak population last was 93.

Land stated two quotes were received for a new transport van: Dorais \$25,531 and Shepherd's \$25,529. Since the amounts are similar, before making a decision, Givens asked Land to find out what each business would offer for a trade-in of the old transport van. Land will investigate. Land also stated he received a quote from Mavron, Inc. for an insert inside the new van. The quoted price is \$18,595.

Land asked for permission to order two Dodge Chargers and a pickup truck on the lease program. The commissioners agreed to the request. Land stated he may have up to four vehicles to trade in for equipment as he has done in the past. The commissioners agreed to proceed with the lease.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director stated that last week he and Phil Adams, county highway department supervisor met with a FEMA representative concerning Bridge 144 (over Grant Creek). Portions of the approach were washed away during recent rains. The circumstances and damages were reviewed. FEMA will report back in the near future regarding any eligibility for financial assistance.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented a one-year lease agreement between CASA and the McCallen Family Trust. It will renew the current agreement to continue renting the building at 10 W. Hill Street for \$500 per month. Eppley made a motion to approve renewing the lease agreement for the amount of \$500 per month. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 3/24/2018.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 4/2/2018.

The commissioners approved all claims.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 9, 2018.

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Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Maciejewski and Wabash County Council Chairman Randy Curless.