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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 11, 2018. Vice Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with commissioner Scott E. Givens present. Brian K. Haupert was on vacation. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County COA presented the 5311 Operating and Capital Grant for fiscal year 2018 for signatures. Attachments five through ten were signed by commissioners. Givens made a motion to approve the pass-through agreement (Resolution 2018-85-04) between Wabash County and Living Well in Wabash County COA. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Dale Bliss and Brad Spaulding with Advantage Housing spoke about the various programs available to provide housing for those who have encountered barriers finding a home. Advantage Housing is a 501(c)(3) organization working within a five county region to assist with housing needs. The programs are grant based and require a dollar for dollar match. A HAWC (Housing Action of Wabash County) group has been formed to work toward securing both short-term and long-term housing for individuals and families. HAWC is looking for properties within Wabash County to rehabilitate for short-term housing. This would not be a shelter but a home that would provide a place for an individual or family to stay for up to 30 days while working with Advantage Housing to secure permanent housing. The commissioners thanked them for their presentation.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to install 60' of 4" and 2" gas mains along 300 E and a regulator station on the east side at 11389 N with four bell holes to make the connections. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 90 inmates with 37 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in Elkhart County and 2 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 23 book-ins and 23 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 85.

Land presented a new contract between Wabash County and Miami County for the housing of inmates. Givens made a motion to accept the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Land stated that two recently hired deputies will be attending the academy (Indiana Law Enforcement) from mid-June thru September. He asked about a modification of the department's holiday use policy. Because of probationary training and the academy schedule these deputies will earn but won't be able to

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take their holidays within the required time-frame. After some discussion it was tabled for further review.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director requested permission for the county highway department to assist with three tasks:

1. Remove from the hospital and store the coroner's mobile refrigeration unit.
2. Load and transport approximately 130 boxes of documents from various county offices to be destroyed at the local paper mill.
3. Remove several shrubs on the east side of the judicial center.

Givens made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 6/2/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

The commissioners reviewed the following item:

1. IDEM Notice – Office of Water Quality – Sanitary Sewer Construction permit
- North Manchester

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 18, 2018.

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Chrisman, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis and Wabash Plan Director Mike Howard.