

July 30, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 30, 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 July 23, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to:

1. Install 600' of 6" a gas main along the west side of Ogden Road (under Otter Creek) to connect the existing gas main on both sides of Otter Creek.
2. Install 400' of 6" gas main along the west side of 200 W and remove the existing line from the bridge and run it under Otter Creek.

Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 39 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in the Elkhart County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 17 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 90.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented the Professional Tourism Services contract for signatures. The contract is \$75,000 annually for three years. (The current contribution is also \$75,000 per year.) Eppley made a motion to approve the contract and for it to be paid from EDIT funds. 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 a master agreement with SRI Inc. to conduct the county property tax sales. The contract is for one year. SRI will be paid \$75 for each parcel sold in the 2018 tax sale. An amendment to provide additional services was also presented. Givens made a motion to approve the contract and amendment. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 6, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman and County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.