

## August 13, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 13, 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 August 6, 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:

1. A petition to extend the 30 mph speed zone on W. Old Slocum Trail, (east of State Road 13). It currently ends 1763 W Old Slocum Trail but the request is to extend it to 859 W Old Slocum Trail. Roger Hornaday spoke on behalf of the petition stating several drivers speed down that portion of the road and residents are concerned about the safety of the children who live in the area. Sheriff Land stated he agrees the speed zone needs to be extended. Eppley made a motion to take the petition under advisement but noted it would take time to review and revise the current ordinance. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested to double chip seal 250 S just north of Richvalley to improve safety and help with the removal of ice in the winter. The road has steep hills and curves which periodically causes a school bus to get stuck at the bottom of the hill during the winter months. Several years ago there was a petition to improve this road but it did not happen due to funding issues. Eppley made a motion to double chip seal the road. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Your Parts Department has requested that 500 N (Mill Street) in Urbana be closed on August 25 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual car show and cookout. The closure will be from State Road 13 to Washington Street. The commissioners approved the request.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 94 inmates with 41 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 6 in the Elkhart County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail.

Land requested approval to take an additional appropriation request of \$215,000 to the County Council in August for inmate transfer. The commissioners agreed.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director presented the 2018 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for signatures. The plan is reviewed and revised annually. The commissioners signed the updated plan.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented a Memorandum of Understanding with regard to personnel policies applicable to employees of the Community Corrections program. Community Corrections and the Probation have combined into one department. Currently Community Corrections follows the county handbook but with the MOU will now follow the Probation manual. Givens made a motion to approve the MOU. 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 20, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, The Paper reporter David Fenker, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Trisha Haines and Sheriff elect Ryan Baker.