

October 22, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 22, 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 October 15, 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 statement of just compensation for parcel #5 for the 1100 N project. Hauptert signed the statement.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 104 inmates with 40 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 10 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 14 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 108.

Land stated that three new merit deputies will be starting on November 4. The deputies are Devin Bechtold, Corey Phillipy and Justin Crousore.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director:

1. Presented a quote of \$6,700 from Quality Electric to install a 10KW emergency generator at the County Coroner building. Givens made a motion to approve the quote with the exact pending source to be determined. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated that Lighthouse Missions has withdrawn their request for the county to be the lead applicant on a grant to purchase a new building. (September 24, 2018)

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

The meeting was held in recess until the 9:15 a.m. for a public hearing to vacate two alleys in Laketon.

At the designated time the meeting was reconvened for the public hearing. Mike Howard, Area Plan Director spoke on behalf of James Taylor who is petitioning to vacate two alleys in the town of Laketon.

- A 10' wide alley located between lots 32, 33, 31 & 34 (east & west).
- A 16' wide alley located between lots 18, 17, 31, 32, 34, 33, 47 and 48 (north & south) all in the original plat.

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Each alley is unapproved and has been maintained for many years by the adjacent property owners. Givens made a motion to approve vacating of the above mentioned alleys. The alleys will be divided equally among the adjoining landowners. 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, October 29, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, North Manchester News-Journal reporter Amanda Bridgman, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis and James Taylor.