

May 12, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 12, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three members present: Givens, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with no report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff Department:

1. Reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates with 7 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 19 bookings and the peak population was 86.
2. Submitted a contract for the leasing of three new vehicles for approval by the commissioners. Land introduced Barry Grossman, senior vice-president with Crossroads Bank who stated that the semi-annual lease payments would be \$12,275.79. Hauptert made a motion to approve the lease as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed with a 2-0 vote. Givens abstained from the vote.
3. Land stated that the most recent jail standards require the use of a licensed mental health facility to assess and release an inmate from suicide watch. The county jail nurse can no longer release an inmate from a watch. Land requested approval of an agreement with the Bowen Center to pay \$100 per assessment from the Sheriff's Commissary Fund. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, EMA Director was present with no report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with no report.

Cameron Lochner, Veterans Service Officer presented a comparison of 2012 and 2013 total expenditures that were paid by the State to Wabash County veterans. This was an update of information presented the previous week. Total expenditures paid in 2012 were \$11,021,000 compared to \$13,426,000; a difference of \$2,405,000. The local county office assisted a veteran population of 2,950 in 2012 and 2,833 in 2013.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented the 2014 SRI Tax Sale contract for approval by the commissioners. She stated the cost has decreased from a \$75 fee per tax parcel to \$70 per parcel and that county attorney Downs has reviewed the contract. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Kimberly Pinkerton and Jason Callahan representing the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce were present to explain the Leadership Development Program sponsored by the Chamber. Pinkerton stated it is intended to introduce existing and emerging leaders to the community and its issues. They requested a \$2,500 donation to partner in the cost and promotion of the program. Hauptert stated that such funding is not included in the 2014 budget. They agreed to consider the request, along with others, when preparing for the 2015 budget but stated that approval could not be given at this time.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Nick Van Heest, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter