

March 18, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 18, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation Officer presented an authorization letter to apply for an IDOC (Indiana Department of Corrections) grant. The letter must be submitted with the grant application. The grant covers programs for Community Corrections, Probation, Court Recidivism/Reduction and Jail Treatment. The application is due March 29, 2019 and is still being finalized. It is estimated to be for approximately \$550,000. Dawes made a motion to approve the grant application. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor presented a request from the Metropolitan School District to replace stone in a bus turn-around located at 3550 W 700 S. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 110 inmates with 51 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 14 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 18 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 112. The total prisoner count was 179.

Baker requested permission to present to Council a request to add two additional Dodge Chargers to his fleet. Several cars have high mileage and two of those vehicles will be assigned to the new school resource officers because they will not be putting a large number of miles on their cars.

Baker stated due to some unforeseen circumstances, sheriff's deputies knocked down a door at a private residence that was not the intended location. The door needs to be replaced. Quotes were received for \$4,273 to purchase a new door (with side lights) and \$400 for installation. Hauptert made a motion to approve the payments with 50% being paid from the sheriff's commissary and 50% from the Cum Cap building repairs. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, EMA Director presented a severe weather awareness proclamation.

Severe Weather Awareness Week March 17-23, 2019

Whereas: the months of March through June present the highest risk for severe thunderstorms and tornados to strike Wabash County; and

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Whereas: Wabash County is located within the nation's "Tornado Belt", becoming a prime target of devastating tornado outbreaks and other types of severe weather; and

Whereas: A statewide tornado warning exercise will be held on March 19, 2019 for the purpose of testing communication systems, equipment and procedures; and

Whereas: During this week, the Wabash County Emergency Management Agency is emphasizing its safety procedures involving tornado and severe weather activity:

Now, therefore, I, Barry Eppley, President of the Wabash County Commissioners, Wabash County, Indiana do hereby proclaim March 17-23, 2019 as

"Severe Weather Awareness Week" for Wabash County and encourage all citizens to become aware of tornado danger signs, and to learn how to safeguard the lives of their families and friends in the event of severe weather activity in our area.

Signed this 18th day of March, 2019.

Hauptert made a motion to approve the proclamation. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative presented:

1. Ordinance 2019-85-02, which provides for two additional stop signs to be installed at the intersection of Mill Creek Pike, Pike Street and 300 W to make it a three-way stop. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-02. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-02 on seconded reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A contract with Phend and Brown for the reconstruction of county road 1100 North. (February 11, 2019) Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes 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:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 3/18/2019
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 3/9/2019

The commissioners approved all claims.

Shepherd requested permission for the National Day of Prayer to be held on the north lawn of the courthouse on May 2, 2019 between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. The commissioners approved.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Clerk requested signatures on an advertisement for Election Day vote center locations. For the city/town elections there will be six locations: First United Methodist Church – Wabash, Wellbrooke of Wabash, Zion Lutheran Church - Wabash, Liberty Township Fire Department, North Manchester

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Public Safety Building and North Manchester Public Library. Dawes made a motion to approve the advertisement. Hauptert 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, March 25, 2019.

Also, present: Wabash Plain Dealer editor Kaitlyn Gebby.