

**July 15, 2019**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 15, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners' present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 130 inmates with 35 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 5 in the Noble County Jail. Last week there were 35 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities with a peak population of 136. The total prisoner count was 172.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative presented an ordinance creating a prosecuting attorney's forfeiture and law enforcement fund. It permits proceeds from the sale of seized property to be distributed to the fund, which then may be used by the prosecutor as permitted by law. Dawes asked about oversight of the fund. Frantz stated he would find out and report back. Hauptert made a motion to approve the ordinance. 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 the ordinance on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. (It will be Ordinance 2019-85-05.)

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented accounts payable claims for docket ending 07/15/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

With no public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 22, 2019.

Also present: First Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin, The Paper reporter Josh Sigler, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Rob Burgess.