

September 3, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 3, 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 August 26, 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.

Eppley presented a contract with Banning Engineering to complete a feasibility study and site analysis of the Wabash County Farm. They will develop various site plan options for a cost of \$40,050. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract pending approval by County Attorney Steve Downs to be paid for out of Edit - economic development. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. An agreement with Butler Fairman and Seufert Inc. to complete a re-analysis of the pavement of Wabash County roads using the PASER rating system. This analysis has to be completed every two years to remain eligible for the Community Crossing Grant fund money. The cost is \$47,800. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Final plans for Bridge 144 (1050 S over Grant Creek) should be completed within the next two weeks.
3. Utility permit from NIPSCO to repair service to 79 and 203 E Old Wabash Road along with installing new service to 800 E Old Wabash Road. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Stated 23 miles of chip seal have been completed. The goal is 70 miles.
5. Martin presented a letter announcing his retirement. October 11, 2019 will be his last workday. Martin stated it has been his pleasure to serve the people of Wabash County for the last 37 years, the last nine as Superintendent, and thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to do so. The commissioners thanked Martin for his service.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 109 inmates with 48 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Noble County Jail, 10 in the Elkhart County Jail, 2 in the Noble County Jail and 1 in the Adams County Jail. Last week there were 25 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities with a peak population of 111. The total prisoner count was 174.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director presented Resolution 2019-85-08 Hazard Mitigation Plan. In order to apply to FEMA for federal funding, a Hazard Mitigation Plan must be in place. The plan has been approved by FEMA but it must also be approved by the county and all of the cities and towns in the county. The plan is available in the EMA office and on the EMA website. Hauptert made a

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motion to approve Resolution 2019-85-08. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated he is reviewing a final draft of the construction agreement with West Plains Mining for the tunnel and the span across it. It should be finalized and ready for signatures within a couple of weeks.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated:

1. D-T Construction has presented a proposal to complete the courthouse porch repair which began in May but has been delayed due to an irregular surface under the old tile. The solution will require additional materials and labor totaling \$1,560. Hauptert made a motion to approve the additional cost being paid from the Cum Cap Development – courthouse historic preservation. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented quotes for painting in the Judicial Center (corridors on the second and third floors and two restrooms in the clerk's office). The lowest labor quote was \$920. The cost of the paint is unknown because it depends on the number of gallons used, however, all three painters would use the same paint source. The paint cost should not exceed \$1,000 so Dils suggested \$2,200 for the total project. Hauptert made a motion to approve the quote lowest labor quote with up to \$2,200 being paid from Courthouse Complex - building repairs. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 9/3/2019.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 8/24/2019.

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 September 9, 2019.

Also present: First Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Crossroads Bank representative Nate Fansher and Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Attest: _____
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor