

November 12, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with commissioners Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Josh Winrotte, Purdue Extension Director reported that the process of hiring a new Ag and Natural Resource educator is progressing well. They hope to offer the position to a prospective candidate by next Monday and for the candidate to be in the position by the beginning of 2020. The director position is a little more difficult to fill. The right person needs to be able to do the job and excel in the position and that is a little harder to find the right fit.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A letter for signatures to INDOT stating the primary contact for ITAP will now be Cole Wyatt. Dawes made a motion to approve the letter. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Contractor's progress estimate #2 from Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. for approval on the 1100 N project. Dawes made a motion to approve the transmittal. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 100 inmates, with 51 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail and 21 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 22 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 102. The total inmate count was 176.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 11/2/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 18, 2019.

Also present: First Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco and Wabash Plain Dealer editor Rob Burgess.

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