

November 18, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 18, 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 November 12, 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. Hauptert abstained due to being absent.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Utility permit from Frontier Communications for a right-of-way located at N. Blue Gill Road and SR 114. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Change order for the 1100 N project for approval. The change order was for concrete work, soil stabilization and signs. The commissioners were under the impression the change order was already approved. Auditor Shepherd will research and report back.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 99 inmates, with 56 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail and 21 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 23 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 105. The total inmate count was 181.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for pay period ending 11/18/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.
2. Stated the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting on September 3, 2019 failed to reflect that a lease had been presented and signed but not acknowledged or approved in the minutes. To correct the minutes, it was noted that on September 3, 2019 Crossroads Bank presented Lease Schedule #14 to purchase a Dodge Ram truck for the Sheriff's department. The lease amount was for \$31,014.42 with an annual percentage rate of 2.9%. Hauptert made a motion to approve Lease Schedule #14. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A request for the appointment of John A. Adams to the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District board to fill the remainder of the term of Mike Wallis (thru December 31, 2019) who moved and resigned. Dawes made a motion to appoint John A. Adams to the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Richard Dennis Reust stated he would like to know the policy behind donating hardback non-violent books to the county jail for inmate use. He presented books to the jail previously, which were accepted, but the next day his offer to donate books was declined citing that inmates are able to purchase books if they want them. Reust is requesting clarification of the policy. Commissioner Eppley stated they would look into the matter and would be in touch with Reust.

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 25, 2019.

Also present: First Deputy Auditor Shelly and Steve Jones with United Consulting.

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