

**January 20, 2015**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent submitted:

1. A supplemental agreement #1 with Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. for additional bridge inspections due to a change in federal highway regulations. Any bridge with a rating of 4 or lower on the deck, super-structure or sub-structure must now be inspected every 12 months instead of the standard 24 month cycle. Wabash County has 11 of these bridges. The agreement is for \$14,308 which increases the original contract to \$279,196 for both phase 1 and phase 2 inspections. Eppley made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A supplemental agreement with INDOT which reimburses Wabash County for 80% of the increased cost of the additional bridge inspections. The reimbursement amount will be \$11,446.40. Givens made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. The annual Covered Bridge Certification for signatures. There are two covered bridges in Wabash County.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 80 inmates with 7 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 10 transports and 20 bookings. The peak population was 92.

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

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

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

Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad presented:

1. Accounts payable claims for the period ending January 20, 2015. The Commissioners approved and signed.
2. A request to re-appoint Stewart Hawley to the Wabash County Alcohol Beverage Board. Givens made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Quotes to install carpet in the portion of the Veterans Service office which has no carpet. Quotes were presented. Givens made a motion to purchase the carpet from Miller Furniture for the amount of \$513.13, which was the

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low quote. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. It will be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

4. An invoice from London Witte for \$9,763.75 for services performed related to the preparation of the 2015 budget. Givens made a motion to pay the invoice from contractual services in the CEDIT budget. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sandy Beeks, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director presented a certification for signatures from the Statewide 911 Board to verify there are two public safety points in the county. The Commissioners signed the certification.

Dwight Walls, (who lives at 534 E 1200 S) spoke about snow removal concerns on the road in front of his house. He stated the county highway truck travels too fast which has caused his mailbox to be knocked down by flying snow four times during the past year. Last week the driver came past and threw snow and ice on him and knocked his glasses off. Walls asked that the driver be removed from his road. Givens stated that traveling 30 to 35 miles per hour is not going too fast when plowing snow off county roads. Martin concurred. Givens stated he knows the driver personally and believes he would never intentionally pelt anyone with plowed snow. Givens stated the commissioners would speak with Martin, but most likely nothing should or will be changed.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, January 26, 2015.

Also present at the meeting was The Paper of Wabash County reporter Joe Slacian, Wabash Plain Dealer managing editor Eric Seaman, Tiede Metz & Downs attorney Mark Frantz, Phil Adams and Roger Harber,