

March 30, 2015

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 30, 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 Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the March 23, 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 presented a letter of understanding from IDOT concerning an unofficial detour due to the closure of State Road 15 for a bridge repair slated to begin in June. The detour will be west on 400 N to 600 W, north on 600 W to 500 N, then east to State Road 15. Givens made a motion to approve the unofficial detour. Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 42 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. There were 17 transports and 27 new book-ins last week. The peak population was 87.

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/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad was present with nothing to report.

Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper requested permission to ask the county council for an additional appropriation of \$800 from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. She is anticipating it will be needed to replace two computer monitors and purchase a battery back-up for her office. She also requested permission to attend Fiddler's Educational Symposium later this year. The commissioners approved both requests.

Keith Gillenwater, CEO, Economic Group of Wabash County requested a total of \$45,000 from the county CREDIT fund for:

1. Re-development of the Economic Group of Wabash County website, not to exceed \$25,000.
2. Payment for a marketing package to site selection consultants, not to exceed \$15,000.
3. Support for the Regional Cities initiative in the amount of \$5,000. This will be a buy-in on the ground floor for a ten county study that, if selected, could lead to a significant amount of money for two different regions.

Eppley made a motion to approve up to \$45,000 be paid from the CREDIT fund for these three projects. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Amy Ford, Wabash River Bike Trail, Inc. requested permission to place signs along county roads which are part of the Wabash River Bike Trail. The signs will be provided. The trail closely follows the Wabash River from Huntington to Peru. The signage is to remind vehicle drivers that the road will be shared with cyclists. Givens made a motion to approve installation of the signs by the county highway department. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Also present at the meeting were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann; The Paper editor Joe Slacian; 105.9 The Bash reporter Brayden Ogan Christine Flohr, Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Kim Pinkerton, Wabash County Chamber of Commerce and Mark Frantz, Tiede Metz and Downs.