

**November 2, 2015**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 2, 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 L Conrad. The minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented the Annual Bridge Inspection Report - Phase 1A for 11 bridges in Wabash County. These bridges are rated at a level which requires them to be inspected every 12 months. The inspections were performed by Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc.

Martin also stated a pre-construction meeting for Bridge 510 (on Harrison Ave.) will be held on November 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioners' room.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 94 inmates with 36 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 35 new book-ins and 4 transports to the DOC, with a peak population of 95. Land stated the jail's annual fire inspection has been completed.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director:

1. Requested permission to replace an E.F. Johnson 800 mobile radio that cannot be repaired. The cost of the new mobile is \$3,953.50, however, a trade-in of \$1,216 lowers the net cost to \$2,737.50. Eppley made a motion to purchase the new mobile from the Narrow Band account. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Received a reimbursable grant from Homeland Security for \$11,487.30 for the purchase of 15 VHF handheld radios. The new radios will be compatible with the local law enforcement's new system. The commissioners signed the grant.
3. Received notification of the reimbursable Emergency Management Performance Grant award of \$5,105.88 to replace 4 VHF handheld radios and 2 VHF mobiles. Walters will request signatures once the contract has been received.

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

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

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 11/02/2015.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 10/24/2015.

The commissioners approved both dockets.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann and 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett.