

November 9, 2015

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 9, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the November 2, 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, Wabash County Highway Superintendent:

1. Requested permission to inquire about purchasing one or two single axle dump trucks from Stoops Freightliner for the same price that Kosciusko County is paying. Kosciusko County's low bid was \$92,682 per truck. The commissioners agreed he should investigate trying to obtain the same price.
2. Presented a contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. (BSF) for engineering services to remove the railroad overpass on 700 W south of State Road 114. The project is not to exceed \$25,940. All work under the contract is to be completed no later than 105 days after the Notice to Proceed is issued. County Attorney Steve Downs has reviewed the contract. Given made a motion to accept the contract and for the project to be paid from CEDIT funds. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Reported a pre-construction meeting for Bridge 510 (Harrison Avenue over Charley Creek) was held on November 6, 2015. The road closure will begin Monday, November 30, 2015 and is expected to continue through May 22, 2016. Primco Inc. is the contractor for the project.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 43 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 12 new book-ins and 9 transports to the DOC with a peak population of 96.

Jim Dils County Coordinator/HR Director presented the 2016 Contractual Services Agreement from Purdue University. The total of \$106,270 was previously approved by the county council. It helps cover the wages and benefits for three full-time educators in the Purdue Extension Office throughout 2016. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Chief Deputy Auditor was present with nothing to report.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections Director presented an Amendment #1 to Grant Agreement EDS #D25-16-060. Community Corrections and the Probation previously applied for an additional supplemental grant which has now been awarded by the state. The additional grant of \$228,000 will allow the Probation Department to hire three additional probation officers. Eppley made a motion to sign the amendment. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Sarah Lochner, County Chief Probation Officer requested funds from Cumulative Capital Development for office equipment and furniture for the additional probation officers who will be hired as a result of the supplemental grant awarded to Community Corrections. Eppley made a motion to take the request under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley made a motion to approve for the surveyor's office the purchase a new 2016 4-wheel drive Silverado pick-up truck from Dorais Chevrolet. The total cost of \$23,828 will be paid from Cumulative Capital Development in 2016. (It was the lowest of two bids received.) The purchase will not occur until January 2016 but approval is needed now in order to secure that price. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 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, November 16, 2015.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett and BFS civil engineer Toby Steffen.