

February 8, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 8, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent stated that the Metropolitan School District has requested that two road signs be placed on 700 S. The request was for a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign to be placed west of 50 E and a "School Bus Stop" sign to be placed between SR 15 and 50 E. Givens made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Martin also presented progress photos of the Bridge 510 project.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 39 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 23 book-ins and 6 transports to the DOC with a peak population of 86. Currently there are 23 inmates serving sentences in Wabash County.

Land introduced Barry Grossman with Crossroads Bank. Grossman presented for signatures a lease agreement for three Dodge Chargers for the Sheriff's Department. The lease is for \$71,762 at 2½% interest. The commissioners signed the lease. Land also stated work has begun on a jail feasibility study.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented:

1. Ordinance 2016-85-01 which is an amendment to Ordinance 2002-VI. The closure of a 650 foot section of 750 E was in error. Only a portion of the road should have been closed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the ordinance. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-85-01 on second reading. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A resolution is being finalized to establish limits for monetary losses above which the county must notify the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Downs stated he will present the resolution at the next meeting.
3. Presented the INdigital support and maintenance contract with Central Dispatch. The annual fee is \$12,060.90, for each of the next three years, beginning January 1, 2016. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

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Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented payroll claims and allowance for pay ending 1-30-2016. The commissioners approved the claims.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County COA presented the 5311 grant fourth quarter report for 2015. It showed a slight decrease in transportation rides. She believes this is due to a program they no longer can offer and the lack of affordability for elderly clients. Ferry presented a claim for the next quarter for signatures. The claim was signed.

Ferry stated that Wabash County is one of five counties in the nation selected for National Rural Transportation Assistance funding. Part of the process requires that surveys need to be completed to identify the needs within the county and how to run the transportation program more efficiently. Ferry is asking that one person be appointed to take the survey on the behalf of Wabash County Government as an employer. She also asked that community and rider surveys be placed on the county website and that county employees be encouraged to participate in the appropriate survey. The commissioners asked Jim Dils to complete the survey on behalf of county government and also agreed to place links to the surveys on the county website.

Eppley presented a proposal from Intersect Technologies to migrate the county's email service from various in-house servers to Microsoft cloud based hosting. The setup and migration will be \$9,640 with a recurring monthly fee of \$2,012.35 (depending on the number of users). Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated there is a request to appoint an individual to the Wabash City Library board to replace a board member who has resigned. Hauptert made a motion to appoint Susan Baker to the board. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated there is a request to appoint City of Wabash Fire Chief Barry Stroup to the District Planning Council for Indiana Homeland Security District 3. Givens made a motion to approve the request. Hauptert 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, February 15, 2016.

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