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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 9, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with two commissioners present: Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Givens 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 presented:

1. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under 250 S to install service at 423 W 250 S. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by 2-0 vote.
2. A contract with Smith Excavating for removal of an abandoned overhead railroad viaduct. Givens made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
3. A request to ask the Wabash County Council for a \$500,000 additional appropriation for reconstruction of Bridge #118 (on 75 E over Burr Creek). The commissioners approved the request.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 47 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 4 transports to the DOC and 19 new book-ins. The peak population was 82.

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

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested permission to;

1. Attend a vendor conference.
2. Transfer funds into the travel/mileage line within her budget.

The commissioners approved both requests.

Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation Officer stated that the Indiana Judicial Center has awarded the probation department a \$55,000 grant with an additional \$5,000 provided for implementation. It is a three-year grant that will expand to include programming, in addition to coordination funding in the second and third year, to address the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. The goal is to reduce the average population in the juvenile justice system and change how juvenile offenders are handled. The commissioners approved for the grant to be signed by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad.

Jeff Hobson, Community Corrections Director presented 2016-2017 DOC Grant Agreement for signatures. Hobson stated community corrections will receive grant monies for a new Field Services Coordinator position, a jail treatment program and additional funds for the Re-entry Court. Wabash County will receive a total of \$539,864 in grant funds from the DOC. He also stated Wabash County received

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an outstanding rating on its collaboration plan. Givens made a motion to approve and sign the grant agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented Ordinance 2016-85-02 Adopting the State Board of Accounts Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions. Givens made a motion to approve the ordinance pending the correction of several minor typographical errors. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Givens made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a seconded reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Givens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-85-02 on second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. (A corrected copy will be signed next Monday.)

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

Marcie Shepherd, Deputy County Auditor presented for review an IDEM notice – Generation Swine LLC hog barn application.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County COA presented the 5311 first quarter 2016 report for Wabash County Transit. The commissioners signed the report.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 16, 2016.

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