

September 19, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 19, 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 September 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert 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 stated 46 miles of chip and seal have been completed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates with 56 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 6 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented an ordinance amending the Fair Housing Ordinance (2010-85-04). The amendment expands the definition of a family. Givens made a motion to approve proposed ordinance (2016-85-06). Hauptert 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. Givens made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

In a separate matter, Downs stated that at the next meeting he will present a new agreement with EDG of Wabash County.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated a second public hearing will be held on October 3, 2016 for the proposed Community Development Block Grant. (The first hearing was held on August 15, 2016.)

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 9/19/2016.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 9/10/2016.

Eppley stated he received a signed license agreement requesting permission to use the Roann Covered Bridge for a wedding on November 5, 2016. 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, September 26, 2016.

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Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann and News Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker.