

**October 11, 2016**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 11, 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 October 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 60 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 8 transports to the DOC and 27 new book-ins. The peak population for last week was 92.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director presented the 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant award letter for signatures. The \$4,019 grant award will be used to replace obsolete ID card making software and a printer. (The system is used to produce ID cards for city/county law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency management and other agencies that require personnel to have identification to perform their jobs.) Hauptert made a motion to sign the grant agreement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented a contract from DLZ for the new Jail Study for signatures. The study will review three possible sites, an analysis of probable project cost for each option and an executive summary and recommendations for a new jail facility. The cost of the contract will be \$24,500. Hauptert made the motion to accept the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented a contract for a preventative maintenance inspection for \$984 per year for signatures. Commissioners requested more information as to the scope of work being performed for the inspection. Hauptert made the motion to take the contract under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. IDEM notice for POET Refining for approval of Title V
2. IDEM notice for Wabash Castings for approval of Title V

Mike Howard, County Plan Director requested that Patty Godfroy (Liberty Township Trustee) be appointed to the Plan Commission Board. She will replace Sue Ridenour as the township trustees' representative. Hauptert made a motion to appoint Patty Godfroy to the Plan Commission Board. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Bob Brown, Aviation Board member for the City of Wabash presented a resolution agreement to allow the purchase of a 2002 Chevrolet C8500 dump truck from the county highway department for \$5,000. Givens made a motion to approve the resolution and sale. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated that the commissioners have determined that the conversion of radios for the Sheriff's Department, which was approved on October 3, 2016, should be paid from Cum Cap Jail Complex line item.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann and The Paper editor Joe Slacian.