

## December 5, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 5, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the November 28, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor presented a utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under 1400 N to repair service to 365 W 1400 N. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 56 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 3 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. The peak population for last week was 91. There were 8 transports to the DOC and 11 new book-ins.

Land stated on December 3 he received state ID's for the new radios. J & K Communications will complete the installation for law enforcement. Keith Walters will complete the installation for the fire departments. Land stated he would like all installations to be completed by the end of the year but that goal may not be obtainable.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director presented a grant from Indiana Department of Homeland Security for an interactive whiteboard. The award is \$7,989. Walters stated he applied in June but was initially denied due to a lack of funds. The state recently contacted him and reported that additional funds are now available. It will allow EMA personnel to view the board on their smart phones. Haupert made a motion to approve the grant for signatures. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 12/5/2016.
2. IDEM notice of permit application to construct a sanitary sewer for Wabash CSO (Phase 2 mitigation project).

The commissioners approved the claims.

Christine Flohr, Executive Director of Tourism gave a brief overview of the 2015 Economic Impact Study of Tourism conducted by Rockport Analytics. She provided each commissioner with a 15 page summary.

Eppley stated a transfer of appropriation request will be presented to the Council tonight for approval to transfer \$20,000 from professional services to PERF.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, December 12, 2016.

Also present was Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker and County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.