

## February 6, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 6, 2017. Commissioner Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Givens, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 30, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Eppley 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 presented:

1. Utility permit from Indiana Fiber Network to install two fiber optic cables along the north side of 800 N from SR 13 east to the main drive into Poet. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A letter of understanding with INDOT for an unofficial detour. This is needed due to INDOT's planned replacement of two small structures on SR 15 between 200 N and 300 N. The route will be from SR 15 east on 200 N, north on 400 W and west on 300 N to SR 15. Hauptert made a motion to approve the unofficial detour. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A request for an ordinance to temporarily post no commercial truck signs on 400 W (SR 15 to 300 N), 300 N (SR 15 to 400 W), 200 N (SR 15 to 400 W) and Old SR 15 (between SR 15 and SR 15) during the closure described above. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 76 inmates with 54 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 7 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 23 new book-ins and 26 transports to the DOC. The peak population was 88.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented a license agreement with the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana for use of the Roann Covered Bridge on April 27, 2017 for Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference dinner. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Downs also stated he has spoken with Indiana Landmarks concerning the purchase of the old Wabash County jail. He stated Landmarks has inquired about a land survey. After some discussion, Eppley made a motion to approve paying up to \$700 for a survey of the old jail property. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 2-6-2017.

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2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 1/28/2017.  
Commissioners approved all claims.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County COA presented the Wabash County Transit 5311 Grant - 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report. The report will be sent to the Indiana Department of Transportation with a reimbursement request of \$28,609. The commissioners signed the report.

Review Item: IDEM Public comment notice – Ford meter Box (Air permit).

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 13, 2017.

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

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